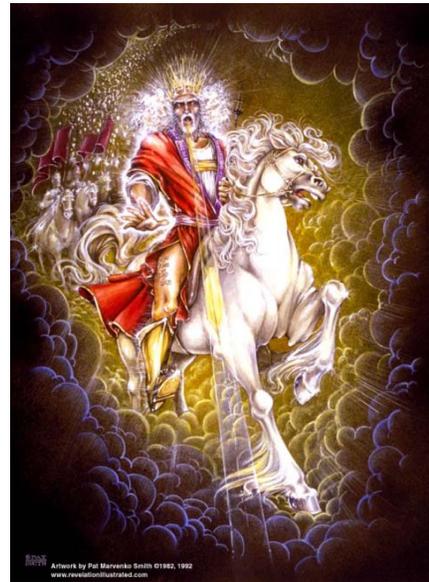
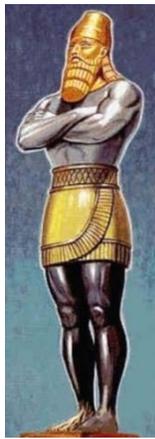
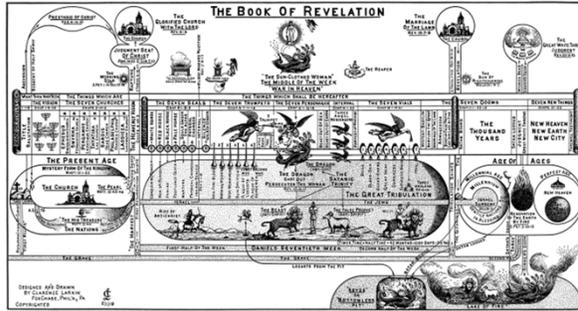
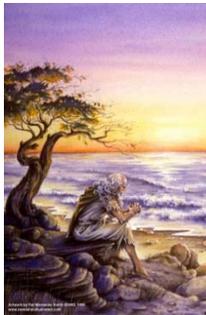
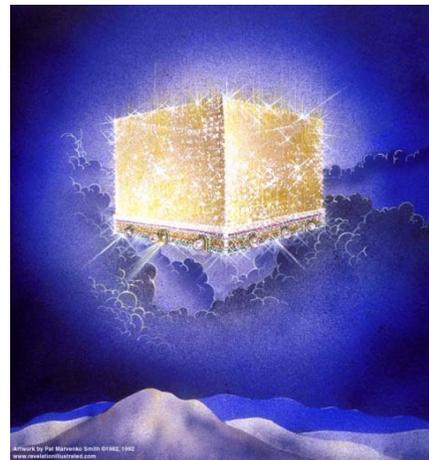


Study of the End Times



"The wolf will live with the lamb..." (Isa. 11:6)



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May 2	Review / Q and A
May 9	Review / Q and A

Location: Grace Church

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Lesson Descriptions

<p>Lesson 1 – Understanding the End Times</p>	<p>Why do we study the end times? What does the future hold for believers? What is the believer’s hope? God has declared his plan for the end times throughout Scripture. By studying the details of His plan, we come to trust the Planner more!</p> <p>Handouts: Descriptions of Jesus in the Bible</p>
<p>Lesson 2 - Daniel 9</p>	<p>An understanding of Daniel chapter 9 is critical to understanding the end times. We will study this truly amazing prophecy for the first coming of Christ and how Daniel’s 70th Week (or ‘seven’) of judgment fits into the end times.</p> <p>Handouts: Daniel Overview Chart</p>
<p>Lesson 3 – The Book of Revelation</p>	<p>In the book of Revelation, John is told to write “the things he sees, the things that are, and the things which will take place after these things.” He is then caught up to heaven and shown the things which “must take place” and sees the things “which must shortly come to pass”.</p> <p>Handouts: Revelation 1 – 5 at a Glance Letters to the Churches – Summary</p>
<p>Lesson 4 – Matthew 24</p>	<p>At the beginning of Matthew 24, the disciples ask Jesus “when will this happen and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?” Jesus’ longest answer to any question in Scripture follows. He never answers ‘when’, but says the signs of the end will be obvious.</p> <p>Handouts: 6th Seal References</p>
<p>Lesson 5 – Characters of the Tribulation</p>	<p>There are a variety of different characters and people groups during the end times including: Satan (the Dragon); the beast (anti-christ); the false prophet; the 144,000; the great multitude (GM) in heaven; the two witnesses; the earth dwellers (ED); those from every tribe tongue people and language (ttn); Babylon the Great; and Israel.</p> <p>Handouts: The Two Witnesses The Beast The 144,000 A City on Seven Hills Earth Dwellers The TTPN / Great Multitude</p>
<p>Lesson 6 – Events of the End Times</p>	<p>The 7 year period commonly called the tribulation is broken into two distinct halves. The first half (3 ½ years) with the trumpet judgments and the second half (3 ½ years) with the bowl judgments. In the middle is the abomination of desolation that both Daniel and Jesus refer. Understanding a few key events during the tribulation is critical to piecing the puzzle together.</p> <p>Handouts: Anchor Points Timeline 21 Anchor Points of the “End Times” Seal, Trumpets and Bowl Judgments</p>

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<p>Lesson 7 – Israel’s Future</p>	<p>God’s covenant with Abram is call “everlasting”. One of the promises God makes is that the land of Canaan will be given to Abram descendants as an “everlasting possession”. This covenant was passed to Isaac and to Jacob. Is God now done with Israel or is there yet salvation ahead for the nation of Israel?</p> <p>Handouts: God’s New Covenant with Israel The Promise Land</p>
<p>Lesson 8 – Body, Soul and Spirit</p>	<p>What happens when you die? Where does a believer go? Where does an unbeliever go? What happens to the physical body? What is the resurrected body? Every Christian should have a firm grasp of these fundamental truths from God’s Word.</p> <p>Handouts: The Three-Part Nature of Man Hades Diagram</p>
<p>Lesson 9 – The Rapture</p>	<p>There are two key passages in Scripture concerning the rapture. But really, the rapture of the church to heaven is all over Scripture. The “day of Christ Jesus” is approaching. A correct understanding of the rapture should be a source of encouragement for believers—all the more as we see the Day approaching.</p> <p>Handouts: Comparisons Between Rapture and Second Coming Rapture Scripture References The Feasts of Israel</p>
<p>Lesson 10 – Resurrections and Judgments</p>	<p>Without the resurrection of Christ, there is no Christianity. Scripture clearly declares Christ’s resurrection. Scripture also declares there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked”. There are two resurrections, two different judgments, two eternal destinies.</p> <p>Handouts: Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection</p>
<p>Lesson 11 – Events Following the Second Coming</p>	<p>When Christ returns, He “treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty”. He then gathers His elect and separates the sheep and the goats. He then reigns for a thousand years! There is then a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem for eternity.</p> <p>Handouts: Clarence Larkin Revelation Chart Comparison of Parables in Matthew 7 Earths Creation/Recreation Model</p>
<p>Lesson 12 – Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83</p>	<p>In recent years, a new kind of prophecy study has emerged. A study based on current events instead of the Bible. Many prophecy pundits are preaching doom and gloom, wars and financial ruin, and preparing for the worst. The Bible teaches the End Times is a source of hope and encouragement! Should we be expecting the wars described in Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83? ...in our lifetime?? Or are they descriptions of the final battle when Christ returns (and the saints with Him)?</p> <p>Handouts: None</p>

Lesson 1

Understanding the End Times

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Descriptions of Jesus			
Old Testament Books			
	Genesis 3:15	Genesis	Seed of the woman; Shiloh
	Genesis 22:8		Lamb at Abraham's altar
	Exodus 12:3	Exodus	Passover Lamb
	Leviticus 8:7-9	Leviticus	Anointed high priest
	Numbers 21:8	Numbers	Star of Jacob;
	Numbers		Pillar of Fire and Cloud
	Deuteronomy 18:15	Deuteronomy	Prophet like Moses
	Deuteronomy 32:4		The great rock
	Joshua 5:14	Joshua	Commander of the army of the LORD
	Judges 2:1-2	Judges	Angel of the Lord
	Judges		Judge
	Ruth 2:1	Ruth	Kinsman-redeemer
	1 Samuel 2:10	Samuel	Judge
	2 Samuel 7:13		Seed of David
	1 and 2 Samuel		Trusted Prophet
	1 Kings 8:15-16	Kings	Lord God of Israel
	2 Kings 19:15		God of the cherubim; God of all the kingdoms of the earth
	1 and 2 Kings	Kings	Reigning King
	1 Chronicles 16:35	Chronicles	God of our salvation
	2 Chronicles 20:5-6		God of our fathers
	Ezra 1:2	Ezra	Lord of heaven and earth
	Ezra		Faithful Scribe
	Nehemiah 1:5	Nehemiah	Covenant-keeping God
	Nehemiah		Rebuilder of all things broken
	Esther	Esther	God of providence
	Esther		Mordecai sitting faithful at the gate
	Job 19:25	Job	Risen and returning redeemer
	Psalms 2:7	Psalms	The anointed Son
	Psalms 16:10		the Holy One
	Psalms 23:1		Shepherd
	Psalms 24:7		The King of glory
	Proverbs 8:1-3	Proverbs	The wisdom of God
	Ecclesiastes	Ecclesiastes	The one above the sun
	Ecclesiastes		Wisdom
	Song of Solomon 5:10	Song of Solomon	Chief among ten thousand
	Song of Solomon		Beautiful Bridegroom
	Isaiah 7:14	Isaiah	Virgin-born Immanuel (Isa 9:6, 52:13, 53:3)
	Isaiah 9:6		Wonderful Counselor; Mighty God, Eternal Father; and the Prince of Peace
	Isaiah 11:1		The Branch from Jesse
	Isaiah 52:13, Isaiah 53:5		Suffering Servant (Description of Jesus starts at Isaiah 52:13 and continues through chapter 53)
	Jeremiah 23:6	Jeremiah	Our righteousness
	Jeremiah		The Weeping Prophet
	Lamentations 3:22-23	Lamentations	The faithful and compassionate God
	Lamentations		The Weeping Prophet
	Ezekiel	Ezekiel	The Lord is there
	Ezekiel		Wonderful 4 Faced Man
	Daniel 2:34	Daniel	Stone, Son of God, Son of Man
	Daniel		4th Man in the furnace

	Hosea 13:9,14	Hosea	King of the resurrection
	Joel 2:11	Joel	God of the battle and giver of the spirit
	Joel		Holy Spirit
	Amos 4:13	Amos	God of hosts
	Amos		Burden Bearer
	Obadiah 8, 15	Obadiah	Destroyer of the proud
	Jonah 2:10, 3:1	Jonah	The risen prophet
	Micah 4:1-5, 5:2	Micah	God of Jacob; the Bethlehem-born
	Micah		Messenger with Beautiful Feet
	Nahum 1:2	Nahum	The avenging God
	Habakkuk 1:12-13	Habakkuk	The everlasting, pure, glorious and anointed one
	Zephaniah 3:15	Zephaniah	The king of Israel
	Zephaniah		Lord Mighty to Save
	Haggai 2:7	Haggai	Desire of all nations
	Haggai	Haggai	Restorer of the Lost
	Zechariah 3:8	Zechariah	pierced one; king of the earth
	Zechariah		Fountain
	Malachi 4:2	Malachi	The sun of righteousness
	New Testament		
	Matthew 2:1-2	Matthew	King of the Jews
	Matthew 1:23		Immanuel - God with us
	Matthew 3:16-17		Beloved Son (Mark 1:11, Luke 3:22, Col 1:13, 2 Pet 1:17)
	Matthew 8:20		Son of Man
	Matthew 8:29		Son of God
	Matthew 9:15		The bridegroom
	Matthew 9:27		Son of David. Fulfilling the Old Testament prophecy that the Messiah would be a descendant of David (Jer 33:15, Matthew 1:1,6).
	Matthew 16:16		The Christ; Son of the living God
	Mark 1:1	Mark	Son of God (Mark 3:11, 5:7, 15:39)
	Mark 9:35		Servant
	Mark		Miracle Worker
	Luke 1:32	Luke	The Son of the Most High
	Luke 1:35		Son of God (Luke 4:3, 9, 4:41, 22:70)
	Luke 21:27		Son of Man
	John 1:14	John	The Word
	John 1:9		The true Light (John 12:35,36)
	John 1:14		The Word
	John 1:29		Lamb of God
	John 1:34		Son of God (1:49, 3:18, 5:25, 10:36, 11:4, 11:27, 19:7, 20:31)
	John 1:38		Rabbi (Teacher). (John 3:2, 4:31, 6:25, 9:2, 11:8, 11:28,
	John 1:49		King of Israel (John 12:13)
	John 4:42		Savior of the world
	John 6:35		The Bread of Life
	John 6:69		Holy One of God
	John 8:12		The Light of the World.
	John 8:24		I am the one I claim to be. Other translations have "I am he", or just even "I am." (John 8:28, 13:19, 18:5, 6, 8)
	John 10:9		The Door
	John 10:11		The Good Shepard
	John 11:25		The resurrection and the life
	John 11:27		The Christ (or Messiah). (John 12:34)

	John 13:13		Lord.
	John 15:5		The Vine
	John 20:34		The Christ, the Son of God (see John 1:34 above)
	Acts 1:9	Acts	Ascended Lord
	Acts 7:56		The Son of Man standing at the right hand of God
	Acts 26:12-13		Shining Light
	Romans 10:4	Romans	The Lord our righteousness
	Romans 5:1-2		Justifier
	1 Corinthians 15:21-22	Corinthians	Our resurrection
	2 Corinthians 1:3-4		God of all comfort
	2 Corinthians 5:21		Him who had no sin (Heb 9:28, 1 Jn 3:5, 1 Pet 2:22)
	Galatians 4:4-5	Galatians	Redeemer from the law
	Ephesians 1:22-23	Ephesians	Head of the Church
	Philippians 4:19	Philippians	Supplier of every need
	Colossians 1:15	Colossians	Image of the invisible God
	Colossians 1:15		Firstborn of all creation
	Colossians 2:9		Fullness of the God in bodily form
	1 Thessalonians 4:16	Thessalonians	The coming Christ; Soon coming King
	2 Thessalonians		The consuming Christ (2:8?)
	1 Timothy 2:15, 3:16	Timothy	Savior of sinners
	1 Timothy 2:5-6		Mediator between God and man
	2 Timothy 4:8		Righteous Judge
	Titus 2:11	Titus	Grace of God
	Titus 2:13		Blessed Hope
	Titus 2:13		Our great God and savior (2:10)
	Philemon	Philemon	Payer of our debt
	Philemon		Friend that sticks close
	Hebrews 1:1-2	Hebrews	Appointed heir of all things
	Hebrews 2:10		Author of our salvation
	Hebrews 4:14		High Priest
	Hebrews 9:27-28		Bears the sins of many (2 Cor 5:21)
	James 5:9	James	Judge standing at the door
	James 5:14-15		Lord who heals (raises up) the sick
	1 Peter 1:18-19	Peter	Unblemished and spotless lamb
	1 Peter 2:4-6		A living stone;a choice stone; a precious corner stone
	1 Peter 3:18		Just
	1 Peter 5:4		Chief Shepherd
	2 Peter 3:13		The dwelling righteousness
	1 John 1:1-3	1 2 3 John	Word of life
	1 John 2:1		Advocate
	1 John 2:20		Holy One
	1 John 3:3		Pure
	1 John 3:5		Without sin
	1 John 4:15		Son of God (1 John 5:5)
	2 John 1:3		Son of the Father
	3 John 1:4, 8		The truth
	Jude 25	Jude	Only wise God our Savior
	Jude 14		Lord coming with 1000 saints
	Revelation 1:8	Revelation	Alpha and the Omega (Rev 21:6, 22:13)
	Revelation 5:5		The Lion of Judah
	Revelation 5:6		The slain Lamb.
	Revelation 19:16		KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Lesson 2

Daniel 9

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Lesson Preparation

Welcome to the Study of the “End Times”. You will be challenged during this study! But I promise you that you WILL get out of this study what you put in. Unfortunately, we have start with the hardest lesson!

So why are we starting with the hardest lesson? Daniel 9 sets the outline for a future period of seven years—commonly called the “tribulation”—that is to come upon the world. We need to establish Biblically the basis for a future seven year tribulation before we can get to many of its details described in Matthew 24 and the Book of Revelation.

Over the years I have heard from many that this is a tough class and hard to get everything right away. I know! But trust me, at some point during this class, things will start to fall in place. There is a lot of information to go over. God talks about the “end times” ALL over scripture! And as much as we will cover in this class, there is SO much more!

My prayer for you is that through this study, you will come to know God’s plan for the end of the age. But even more, you will grow in faith in the Planner! Are you ready to begin?

Every week there will be a few pages of homework. Do your best to get through each week’s homework. It may not all make sense to you, but it WILL help you prepare for the class discussion. Don’t worry, we will try to put the pieces together in class. I don’t always go through the homework in order or cover every question, but your preparation time studying God’s Word for yourself will be immensely valuable during class time.

And the process of self discovery—or rather Spirit-led discovery—is always preferred! After all, the BEST teacher is God Himself by His Spirit as Christians study the Word!

After every lesson there will be some handouts. These will either be covered in class or are there for your own personal study. Look them over when you are done with the lesson homework.

Alright. Here we go! Before you begin each study, ask the Lord to teach you...

Father, I pray that you open my heart and mind to the incredible plan that you have laid out in Scripture. Help me understand it! But even more, help me better understand You, the Planner! I ask that You teach me through Your Word and by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Lesson Preparation

For next week’s lesson:

1. Read through Daniel 9. You might want to read through versus 24-27 a couple times. If you have time, make an outline of the events of those versus on a separate piece of paper.

2. We know from Daniel 9:1 that this is around 539 BC. The Southern Kingdom of Judah had been taken captive to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar almost 70 years earlier. Daniel is reading Jeremiah (written before the Babylonian captivity) and realizes their captivity in Babylon is about to end. Why would he think that?
 - a. Read Jeremiah 25:8-12. Write down your thoughts.

 - b. Read Jeremiah 29:10-11. Write down your thoughts.

 - c. Did Daniel believe the prophecy in Jeremiah to be a literal 70 years?

 - d. Historically, was it a literal 70 years? (Check a commentary.)

3. In Daniel 9:24-25, the term seventy ‘sevens’ or ‘weeks’ is used (depending on your version of the Bible). Read Genesis 29:18-28 and answer these questions.
 - a. How long was Jacob’s “bridal week” that he had to finish with Leah before he could marry Rachel?

 - b. If you have access to a Hebrew dictionary, check the Hebrew word for ‘week’ or ‘seven’ in both Genesis 29:28 and Daniel 9:27. Are they the same?
(Note: www.crosswalk.com has this resource under Bible Study Tools.)

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- c. So, if one ‘seven’ can mean a period of 7 years, how long is 70 ‘sevens’ in Daniel 9:25?

4. Read Leviticus 26:14-28.
 - a. Why does God judge Israel?

 - b. In v17, we have a prophecy that Israel will be “defeated” and “ruled over” (for their disobedience). Who defeats and rules them? (hint: for 70 years).

 - c. “After all this” (v18), God says Israel will still “not listen to me”. Four times in v18-28 God tells Israel how many “times over” He will punish them. How many times over?

 - d. If the first judgment by God was 70 years in exile in Babylon, how long will the second judgment be?

5. Now, go back to Daniel 9. In verse 24, seventy ‘sevens’ or ‘weeks’ (depending on your version) are decreed.
 - a. How many years in “seventy sevens”? (Hint: see 3.c and 4.d above)

 - b. Who is this judgment for?

6. In verse 25, what event starts the 70 ‘sevens’?

7. In verse 26, what happens after 7 ‘sevens’ and 62 ‘sevens’ (which is 69 ‘sevens’ or after 483 years)?

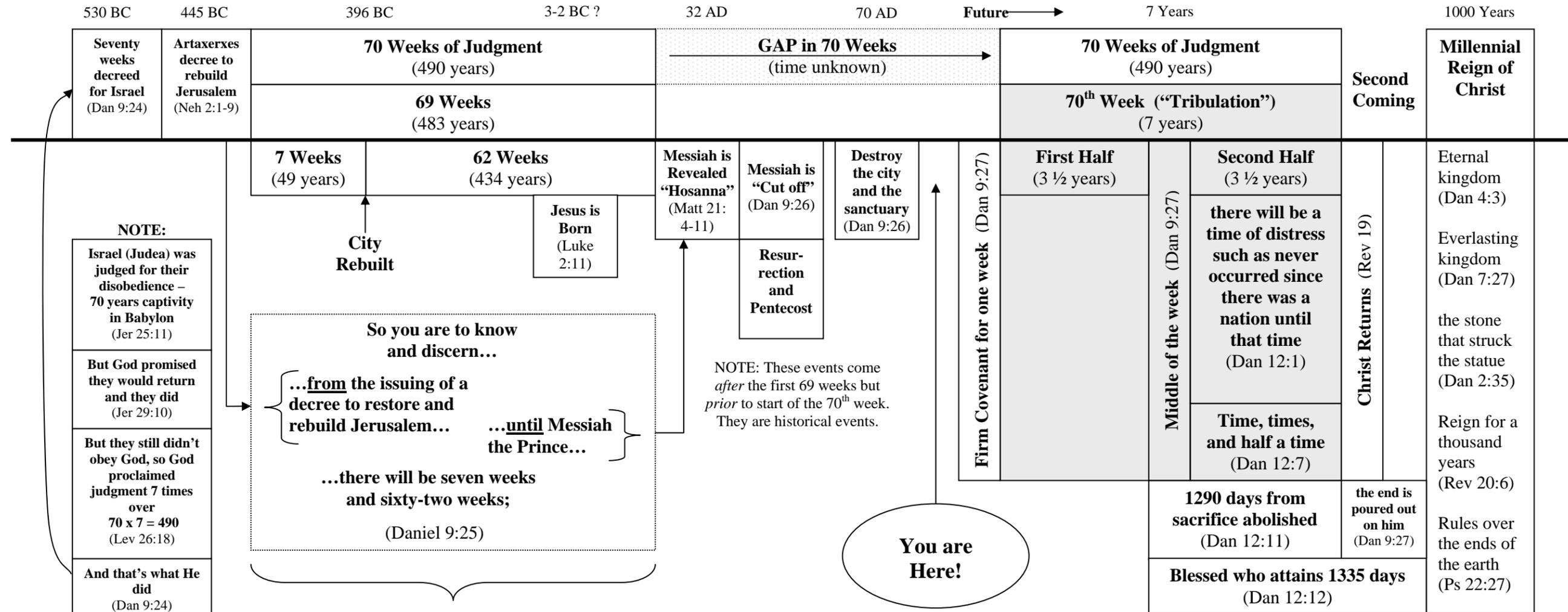
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- a. Who do you think is the “Anointed One”? (Hint: Both “Christ” in Greek <Christos> and the Hebrew “Messiah” literally mean ‘the Anointed One’.)
 - b. What do you think being “cut off” means?
8. After the “Anointed One” is “cut off”,
- a. what happens to the city and the sanctuary?
 - b. Who destroys the city and sanctuary? Careful, is it the “people of the ruler who will come” or is it the “ruler who will come”?
 - c. Historically, who destroyed the temple and when did this occur? (Check a commentary.)
 - d. Did Jesus predict this event also? Read Matthew 24:1-2.
9. In v27, what begins the final ‘seven’ (7 year period)?
10. Draw a simple timeline of the events you studied. Here is a summary of the events:
- i. God proclaims 70 ‘sevens’ of judgment on Israel (490 years)
 - ii. The 70 ‘sevens’ start at the issuing of the decree to “restore and rebuild Jerusalem”
 - iii. After 69 of the ‘sevens’ (483 years), the “Anointed One” is “cut off”
 - iv. Then the “people of the ruler who will come” destroy the temple
 - v. The “ruler who will come” makes some kind of covenant to begin the last 7 years – known as “Daniel’s 70th Week” or commonly as “The Tribulation”

The Handout this week is a chart of the prophecy of Daniel 9. Study it. We will be walking through it in detail during class.

Congratulations! You have finished the first lesson. May God bless your efforts!

Overview of Daniel's 70 Weeks



NOTE:
Israel (Judea) was judged for their disobedience – 70 years captivity in Babylon (Jer 25:11)
But God promised they would return and they did (Jer 29:10)
But they still didn't obey God, so God proclaimed judgment 7 times over 70 x 7 = 490 (Lev 26:18)
And that's what He did (Dan 9:24)

So you are to know and discern...
...from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem...
...until Messiah the Prince...
...there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
(Daniel 9:25)

NOTE: 483 years at 360 days per year is 173,880 days.

NOTE: These events come after the first 69 weeks but prior to start of the 70th week. They are historical events.

You are Here!

NOTE: Daniel does not see the resurrection, the Holy Spirit, or the church. He also does not see the future rapture of the church.

Lesson 3
Revelation

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Revelation

Lesson Preparation

1. Read through Revelation chapter 1.
 - a. What does John hear and see (v10 – 18)?
 - b. Who is this that John sees (in v10 – 18) and whom does he fall at His feet (v18)?
 - c. What is John told to write (v19)?

“Write therefore:

 - i. the things which _____ ,
 - ii. and the things which _____ ,
 - iii. and the things which _____ .
 - d. What are the things which John “sees”? (Refer to a. and b. above.)
2. Read through Revelation chapters 2 and 3. This is the 7 letters to the 7 churches.
 - a. Were these 7 literal churches when John wrote Revelation?
 - b. What do you think are the things which “are” from Rev 1:19? (Refer to 2.a. above.)
3. Read Revelation 4:1.
 - a. John writes “after these things”, what things? (Refer to 2.b. above.)
 - b. Then what happens to John?
 - c. Does this sound familiar? Does this remind you of another event in Scripture that you are familiar with? If you’re unsure, read the following:
 - i. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 and compare to Revelation 4:1. Do you see any parallels? List them out.

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- ii. Read John 14:1-3 and compare to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Do you see any parallels? List them out.

- iii. Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-52. Does this sound like the same event?

- iv. What is this event commonly called?

- d. Back to Revelation 4:1, what is John shown?
“I will show you _____.”

- 4. Read the rest of Revelation chapter 4 and chapter 5 describing the scene that John. It is the throne of God in heaven! (Also see Ezekiel 1 for another description of the throne of God.)
 - a. What is God holding in his hand? (Rev 5:1)

 - b. Who is worthy to open this book (or “scroll”) and break its seals? (Rev 5:5)

- 5. Starting in Revelation 6:1, the events begin to unfold with the Lamb breaking the 7 seals.
 - a. Do you think these events (the breaking of the 7 seals) are the “things which shall take place after these things” from Rev 1:19 and “what must take place after these things” in Rev 4:1?

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6. Revelation 7 through 18 describe many of the details of the things that “must take place” (i.e. the tribulation—specifically Daniel’s 70th Week). We will discuss some of these later in this class. For now, read Revelation 19:11-21 to see how this time culminates.
 - a. Who is riding this white horse?
 - b. Who is following Him? (v14)
 - c. What does He do? (v15)
 - d. What is the name written on Him? (v16)
 - e. Who wins this battle?
 - f. Is there any doubt as to the final outcome of this battle?
 - g. Is it really even a “battle”?
7. Many don’t like to study the book of Revelation. They say it is too difficult to understand or it *can’t* be understood! We will come back to the Book of Revelation in Lessons 5 and 6, but what do you think about Revelation so far?
8. Revelation 1:3 says, “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.” God promises blessing for those who read and heed His word concerning the end. Start a journal right now of how God blesses you during this study (use the next page).

REVELATION 1-5 AT A GLANCE

*Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are,
and the things which will take place after these things.
(Rev 1:19)*

Chapter Themes	Main Segment Division
1 The Vision of Jesus	things which you <i>have seen</i> (Rev 1:19)
2 Jesus' messages to: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira (E,S,P,T)	things which <i>are</i> (Rev 1:19)
3 Jesus' message to: Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea (S, P, L)	Rev 4:1 "show you what must take place after these things"
4 Throne of God	things which <i>shall take place after these things</i> (Rev 1:19)
5 Worthy is the Lamb	Events of the "end times"
6 – 22:5 Events of the "end times"	Parallels Chapter 1: 1:1 to 22:6,16; 1:3 to 22:6,7,9,10,18,19 1:8,17 to 22:13
22:5 – 22:21 Vision of angel/Jesus	

Who: John (the apostle) (1:1)
 What: Apocalypse (the revealing/revelation) of Jesus Christ (1:1)
 Where: On the island of Patmos (1:9)
 When: On the Lord's day – Sunday (1:10) [95 – 96 AD]
 Why: to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place (1:1)
 How: God → Jesus → the angel → John → bond-servants (1:1, 22:16)

Messages to the Seven Churches - Summary

Church	Description of Jesus	Commendation	Reproof	Instruction & Warnings	Promise to Overcomers
Ephesus (left first love)	The One who <ul style="list-style-type: none"> holds the seven stars in His right hand walks among the seven golden lampstands 	<p>I know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> your deeds your toil your perseverance you cannot endure evil men you test "apostles" have perseverance have endured for My name's sake have not grown weary you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans 	You have left your first love	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remember from where you have fallen Repent Do the deeds you did at first. <p>Or I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place</p>	I will grant to eat of the tree of life , which is in the Paradise of God.
Smyrna (suffering church)	the first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life	<p>I know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> your tribulation your poverty (but you are rich) the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not 	None.	<p>Do not fear what you are to suffer.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Devil is to cast some into prison – that you may be tested they will have tribulation for 10 days <p>Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life</p> <p>Repent</p>	shall not be hurt by the second death
Pergamum (some held to false teaching)	The One who has the sharp two-edged sword	<p>I know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> where you dwell, where Satan's throne is you hold fast My name did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas 	<p>you have there some who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> hold to the teaching of Balaam who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before Israel <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to eat things sacrificed to idols to commit [acts of] immorality hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 	<p>or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> some of the hidden manna a white stone <ol style="list-style-type: none"> with a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it
Thyatira (tolerated sin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Son of God has eyes like the flame of fire has feet like burnished bronze 	<p>I know your:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> deeds love faith service perseverance deeds of late are greater than at first 	<p>you tolerate the woman Jezebel</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> who calls herself a prophetess teaches and leads My bondservants astray so that they <ol style="list-style-type: none"> commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols <p>She did not want to repent of her immorality when given time</p>	<p>Jezebel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> will be cast upon a bed of sickness I will kill her children with pestilence <p>And all the churches will know I am He who searches the minds and hearts</p> <p>those who commit adultery with her:</p> <p>into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds</p> <p>those who do not hold to this teaching:</p> <p>I place no other burden on you. What you have, hold fast until I come</p> <p>to all:</p> <p>I will give to each according to their deeds</p>	<p>he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I WILL GIVE HIM AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, I will give him the morning star

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Sardis (dead church)	<p>He who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ has the seven Spirits of God ▪ the seven stars 	<p>A few people in Sardis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. have not soiled their garments 2. they will walk <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. with Me b. in white c. for they are worthy 	<p>I know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. your deeds 2. you have a reputation that you are alive 3. you are dead 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wake up 2. Strengthen the things that remain which were about to die. 3. I have not found your deeds completed 4. Remember what you have received & heard <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. keep it (obey it) b. repent <p>If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. be clothed in white garments 2. not have name erased from the Book of Life 3. I will confess his name before My Father
Philadelphia (kept church)	<p>He who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ is holy ▪ is true ▪ has the key of David ▪ opens and no one will shut ▪ shuts and no one opens 	<p>I know your deeds</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Behold, I have put an open door before you which no one can shut because you have a little power, and 2. kept My Word 3. not denied My name <p>You have kept the Word of perseverance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I will also keep you from the hour of testing... - about to come on world... - to test those who dwell upon the earth. 	<p>None.</p>	<p>Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews & are not, but lie—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I will make them come & bow down at your feet - to know that I loved you. <p>I am coming quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold fast what you have, - in order that no one take your crown. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and 2. I will write on him <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name of My God, and b. the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and c. My new name.
Laodicea (lukewarm church)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amen ▪ the faithful & true Witness ▪ the Beginning of the creation of God 	<p>None.</p>	<p>I know your deeds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you are neither cold nor hot - would that you were cold or hot - you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold... <p>You say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "I am rich and have become wealthy" - "I need nothing." <p>you do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked</p>	<p>because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.</p> <p>buy from Me:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gold refined by fire that you might become rich - white garments that you may clothe yourself - eye salve to anoint your eyes that you may see <p>Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous and repent.</p> <p>I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with Me</p>	<p>I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.</p>

Lesson 4

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1. Read through Matthew chapter 24.

a. Jesus is leaving the temple with the disciples (v1). What does He tell them will happen to the temple (v2)?

b. Why does God allow the temple to be destroyed? Read Matthew 23:37, Luke 19:44, John 1:11.

2. What is the 2-part question the disciples ask Jesus (v3)?

i. when _____, and

ii. what _____

b. The rest of Matthew 24 and 25 is Jesus' response to this question. The first part of the question is "when will this happen", referring to the destruction of the temple and "not one stone left on another". Does Jesus answer this question?

c. Historically, when do we know this happened?

3. Does Jesus answer the second part of the question about the "sign of your coming and the end of the age"? What are the signs? And key time references for each?

a. wars _____ } *but the end* _____

b. nation _____ } *the beginning of* _____

c. famines _____ }

d. **then** you will be _____ (v9)

but he who stands firm _____ will be _____ (v12)

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- i. The end of what? Read Daniel 12:11-13. Remember that the “time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination is set up” is in the middle of Daniel’s 70th week (Dan 9:27).

- ii. Who will be saved? Read Romans 11:25-27.

Back to Matthew 24: when you see...

e. standing in the holy place _____ (v15)
 let _____

f. *then* there will be _____ (v21) unequalled from _____

g. *at that time...*false _____ (v24)

h. *Immediately after* _____ (v29)

The sun _____

The moon _____

The stars _____

i. *at that time...*they will see _____ (v30)

What event is this? Hint: Read Revelation 19:11-16.

4. Jesus then gives a lesson from nature using a fig tree (v32 – 34). “When you see these things, you know that *it* is near” (v33)

a. What are “these things”? (Refer to question 3. points e. through i. above.)

b. What is “it” that is near? (Refer to question 3.i. above.)

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5. Jesus says “this generation”, which will see “these things” (v33), will certainly not pass away until all “these things” have happened (v34). What generation will see “these things” happen?

Note: This generation will see “these things”:

- See standing in the holy place the abomination that causes desolation (v15)
 - Judea fleeing to the mountains (v16)
 - A great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—never to be equaled again (v21)
 - False Christs and false prophets appearing and performing great signs and miracles (v24)
 - The sun darkened; the moon not giving its light; stars falling from the sky; heavenly bodies shaken (v29)
 - Sign of the Son of Man appearing in the sky (v30)
6. Will the second coming of Jesus Christ be an obvious event to the world? How obvious? (Read Matthew 24:27)
7. Right before He returns, Jesus says the sun is darkened, the moon will not give it’s light, the stars fall and the heavenly bodies are shaken (v29).
- a. Read Revelation 6:12-17. Does this sound like the same event?
 - b. What is it called? “I watched as he opened the _____”
 - c. Read as many of the following as you can:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Luke 21:25-27 ii. Acts 2:20 iii. Isaiah 13:9-13 iv. Isaiah 24:19-23 v. Ezekiel 32:7-8 vi. Ezekiel 38:20 vii. Zechariah 14:6-7 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> viii. Joel 2:10-11, 31 ix. Joel 3:15-16 x. Nahum 1:5-6 xi. Amos 8:9 xii. Psalm 18:7-15 xiii. Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 xiv. Revelation 16:18-20
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 - d. Has God been clearly telling Israel, and the world, what to look for when Jesus comes again?

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- Revelation 6:12-14** 12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;
13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.
14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- Revelation 16:18-20 18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.
19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.
20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
- Psalms 18:7-9 7 Then the earth shook and quaked; And the foundations of the mountains were trembling And were shaken, because He was angry.
8 Smoke went up out of His nostrils, And fire from His mouth devoured; Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With thick darkness under His feet.
- Psalms 97:2-6 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3 Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.
4 His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.
6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- Ecclesiastes 12:1-2 1 Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"--
2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain;
- Isaiah 2:10-11 10 Enter the rock and hide in the dust From the terror of the LORD and from the splendor of His majesty.
11 The proud look of man will be abased And the loftiness of man will be humbled, And the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.
- Isaiah 2:19-21 19 Men will go into caves of the rocks And into holes of the ground Before the terror of the LORD And the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.
20 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats Their idols of silver and their idols of gold, Which they made for themselves to worship,
21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the clefts of the cliffs Before the terror of the LORD and the splendor of His majesty, When He arises to make the earth tremble.
- Isaiah 13:9-11 9 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.
10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light; The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.
11 Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.
- Isaiah 13:13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.
- Isaiah 24:19-22 19 The earth is broken asunder, The earth is split through, The earth is shaken violently.
20 The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard And it totters like a shack, For its transgression is heavy upon it, And it will fall, never to rise again.
22 They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished.
- Isaiah 29:5-6 5 But the multitude of your enemies will become like fine dust, And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away; And it will happen instantly, suddenly.
6 From the LORD of hosts you will be punished with thunder and earthquake and loud noise, With whirlwind and tempest and the flame of a consuming fire.

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Isaiah 34:4-5	<p>4 And all the host of heaven will wear away, And the <u>sky</u> will be rolled up like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as one withers from the fig tree.</p> <p>5 For My <u>sword</u> is satiated in heaven, Behold it shall descend for judgment upon Edom And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction.</p>
Isaiah 40:4	Every valley shall be raised up, every <u>mountain</u> and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.
Isaiah 50:3	I clothe the sky with darkness and make sackcloth its covering.
Isaiah 54:10	For the <u>mountains</u> may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.
Isaiah 64:1-2	<p>1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down, That the <u>mountains</u> might quake at Your presence--</p> <p>2 As fire kindles the brushwood, as fire causes water to boil--To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!</p>
Jeremiah 4:24	I looked on the <u>mountains</u> , and behold, they were quaking, And all the hills moved to and fro.
Ezekiel 32:7	When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the <u>sun</u> with a cloud, and the <u>moon</u> will not give its light.
Ezekiel 38:20	The fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all the creeping things that creep on the earth, and all the men who are on the face of the earth will shake at My presence; the <u>mountains</u> also will be thrown down, the steep pathways will collapse and <u>every wall will fall</u> to the ground.
Zechariah 14:6-7	<p>6 In that day there will be no light; the <u>luminaries</u> will dwindle.</p> <p>7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.</p>
Joel 2:10	Before them the <u>earth shakes</u> , the <u>sky</u> trembles, the <u>sun</u> and <u>moon</u> are darkened, and the stars no longer shine.
Joel 2:31	The <u>sun</u> will be turned to darkness and the <u>moon</u> to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.
Joel 3:15-17	<p>15 The <u>sun</u> and <u>moon</u> grow dark And the <u>stars</u> lose their brightness.</p> <p>16 The LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the <u>earth tremble</u>. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.</p> <p>17 Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. So Jerusalem will be holy, And strangers will pass through it no more.</p>
Habakkuk 3:6;11	<p>6 He stood and surveyed the earth; He looked and startled the nations. Yes, the perpetual <u>mountains</u> were shattered, The ancient hills collapsed. His ways are everlasting.</p> <p>11 <u>Sun</u> and <u>moon</u> stood still in the heavens at the glint of your flying arrows, at the lightning of your flashing spear.</p>
Haggai 2:21-22	<p>21 "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I will <u>shake</u> the heavens and the earth.</p> <p>22 I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the <u>sword</u> of his brother.</p>
Matthew 24:29	"Immediately after the distress of those days "the <u>sun</u> will be darkened, and the <u>moon</u> will not give its light; the <u>stars</u> will fall from the sky, and the <u>heavenly bodies</u> will be <u>shaken</u> ."
Luke 21:25-27	<p>25 There will be signs in the <u>sun</u>, <u>moon</u> and <u>stars</u>. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.</p> <p>26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the <u>heavenly bodies</u> will be <u>shaken</u>.</p> <p>27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.</p>
Acts 2:20	The <u>sun</u> will be turned to darkness and the <u>moon</u> to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

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Characters of the Tribulation

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There are several characters and “people groups” during the end times. Let’s see who they are:

1. The most famous is **the “beast”**, or more commonly called **the “antichrist”**.

a. Read Daniel 9:27.

i. What does he do that starts the 70th ‘week’/‘seven’?

ii. What does he do in the middle of the 70th Week?

b. Read Revelation 13:1-9.

i. Where does he come from? (See v1; See also Rev 11:7)

ii. Where does the beast get his power? (See v2)

iii. How long does he have authority? (See v5)

c. What happens to him?

i. Read Revelation 17:8-14

ii. Read Revelation 19:20

2. There is **another “beast”** in Revelation. Read Revelation 13:11-18.

a. Where does he come from? (See v11)

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- b. List the things that he does.
 - c. What is this beast called in Revelation 19:20?
3. Read Revelation 7:1-8 about **the 144,000**.
- a. How many are sealed from each tribe of Israel?
 - b. Read Revelation 12:17. What do they do?
 - c. Read Revelation 6:9-11 and Revelation 20:4. What happens to them “because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God”?
4. Read Revelation 7:9-17.
- a. What is this group of people called? A **great** _____ (See v9)
 - b. They are from every _____ (See v9)
 - c. Where did they “come out of”? (See v14) Where are they now? (See v15)
5. Read Revelation 11 about God’s **two witnesses**.
- a. For how long do they have power? (See v3)
 - b. What do they have the power to do? (See v5-6)
 - c. What happens when they “finish their testimony”? (See v7)

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- d. How long will their bodies lie in the street? (See v7-8)
 - e. There are two groups of people that react very differently to the death of the two witnesses. What are these two groups?
 - i. Those from every _____. How did they react? (See v9)
 - ii. Those who dwell on the _____. How did they react? (See v10)
 - f. What happens after 3 ½ days? (See v11)
6. Have you already seen what happens to those “from every people, tribe, language and nation”? Refer to question 4 above. (See Revelation 7:9,14)
7. What else characterizes those who “**dwell on the earth**” (aka “inhabitants of the earth”)?
- a. Read Revelation 6:10
 - b. Read Revelation 8:13
 - c. Read Revelation 13:8, 12, 14
 - d. In Revelation 13:8 it says the “inhabitants of the earth” names are NOT written in the “book of life belonging to the Lamb”. What happens to those whose names are not written in the Lamb’s book of life? Read Revelation 20:15
8. Revelation 17 and 18 are about a **great harlot** called “Babylon the great, the mother of harlots” who sits on the beast. We will talk about her in class.

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9. **Israel** is seen fleeing from the beast in Revelation 12:14 (also remember Matthew 24:16) where she will be nourished for 3 ½ years. We’ll spend more time on Israel in a latter lesson.

10. In Revelation 1, John sees a vision of **Jesus**. In Revelation 2 and 3 we see the seven letters to seven churches from Jesus. Read the account of Jesus coming again in Revelation 19:11-16.

11. Finally, which group of people do we NOT specifically see? Any thoughts?
 - a. NOTE: The word “saints” is used several times in Revelation. ‘Saints’ is <hagios> which means ‘holy’. It is NOT used exclusively to mean the church. For example, read Revelation 14:12. Who are these “saints”? (See question 3.)

 - b. Read Revelation 19:14, who is coming with Jesus when he comes to earth at the end of tribulation?

For your study

The following pages are detailed reference sheets for some of the characters of the tribulation. They are comprehensive lists of everywhere in the bible the specific character is mentioned. They are included just for your reference and continued studies. The handouts are as follows:

- The Two Witnesses
- The 144,000
- The Earth Dwellers
- Those from every tribe, tongue, people and nation (TTPN) / Great Multitude
- The Beast (the antichrist)
- A City on Seven Hills – This is an article by Dave Hunt concerning the identity of Mystery Babylon.

The 144,000

	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 12	Chapter 14	Rev 17:6	Chapter 20:4
Number/Description	the number of their fellow servants completed (v11)	144,000, from each of the 12 tribes of Israel (v4)	rest of her (Israel's) offspring (v17) Our brethren (v10)	144,000 (v1)		
		Put seal on their foreheads (v3)		Having his name and the name of his father written on their foreheads (v2)		had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.
				Sang a new song, only for 144,000 (v3)		
Character	Slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. (v9)		Keep the commandments of god and hold to the testimony of Jesus (v17)	Not defiled themselves with women (v5) Kept themselves pure (v5) No lie in their mouth (v5)	Witnesses of Jesus	beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God
	Then each of them was given a white robe (v11)			Follow lamb wherever He goes (v4)		They had not worshiped the beast or his image
	the souls of those who had been slain (v9)		did not love their life even to death (v11)	Purchased from the earth (v3)		Beheaded
Fate	“avenge our blood?” (v10)		Overcame Satan (v11) • By the blood of the lamb • By the word of their testimony	first fruits to God and the Lamb (v4)	Great Harlot, Mystery Babylon, drunk with their blood	
	who were to be killed as they had been was completed. (v11)					They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
Location	In heaven (partial – number not complete) under the altar (v9)	On earth from each of the 12 tribes (v4)	On earth (partial) Devil has come down to you (v12)	In heaven Standing on Mount Zion [in heaven] (v1)		In heaven
	The souls (v9)					the souls

Earth Dwellers (ED)

Revelation 3:10	Revelation 6:10	Revelation 8:13	Revelation 11:10	Revelation 13	Revelation 17	2 Thess 2
			The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them [two witnesses] and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth	And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast (v3)	And those who dwell on the earth will wonder [admire / marvel], whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast (v8)	The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders...(v9)
				and they [whole earth] worshiped the dragon; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast...? (v4)	those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her [Great Harlot] immorality (v7)	He [beast] will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. (v4)
				And all who dwell on the earth will worship him [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written...in the book of life of the Lamb (v8)		
				And he [false prophet] makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast (v12)		
				he [false prophet] deceives those who dwell on the earth...telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast (v14)		For this reason God sends them/a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie (v11)
				And he causes all...to be given a mark on their right hand or forehead (v16)		
						deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. (v10)
						all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. (v12)
What they do	<p>Who they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inhabitants of the earth - those who live on the earth - those who dwell on the earth - those who are perishing from the vine of the earth (Rev 14:18) - names not written in the book of life - they perish - will be condemned 					
Fate	<p>How long, O Lord, holy and true, wilt Thou refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?</p>	<p>Woe, woe, woe, to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!</p>				

Those from every tribe, tongue, people and nation (ttpn) / Great Multitude

	Revelation 5	Revelation 7	Revelation 11	Revelation 13	Revelation 14	Revelation 19
ttpn	And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (v9)		For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their [two witnesses] bodies and refuse them burial. (v9)	He [the beast] was given power to make war against the saints and to conquer them. And he was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. (v7)	Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth-- to every nation, tribe, language and people. (v6)	
Great Multitude	After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. (v9)	Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes-- who are they [the Great Multitude], and where did they come from?" ...And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (v14)				After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God (v1)
Where	Heaven	Heaven – out of great tribulation	Earth	Earth	Earth	Heaven

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Is Coming	Ref	Notes
Is coming That is coming When he comes	1 John 2:18 1 John 4:3 Rev 17:10	After 85-90 AD The 7 th kingdom which has not come yet (v10)
Was and is not and is about to come up Was and is not and will come Was and is not	Rev 17:8 Rev 17:8 Rev 17:11	Was (prior to 95AD); is not (at 95AD); about to come (after 95AD)
Out of abyss Out of abyss Out of sea	Rev 11:7 Rev 17:8 Rev 13:1	Bottomless pit in Hades Can mean sea; gentiles; abyss
Horns and Heads		
10 horns 10 horns 10 horns are ten kings Not received a kingdom yet Receive authority with the beast for one hour Give their power and authority to the beast. Give their kingdom to the beast 3 fall before other horn Other horn subdues 3 of the horns Arise out of DT kingdom	Rev 13:1 Rev 17:3, 7 Rev 17:12 Rev 17:12 Rev 17:12 Rev 17:13 Rev 17:17 Dan 7:20 Dan 7:24 Dan 7:24	Dragon also has 10 horns (Rev 12:3) Dreadful and terrifying (DT) beast also has 10 horns (Dan 7:7) During tribulation time As of 95AD Same 42 months as beast [second half] 3 of the horns must be subdued
10 crowns on horns n/a	Rev 13:1 Rev 17:3	Dragon also has 10 crowns (Rev 12:3) Doesn't mention crowns (no authority yet – the woman is currently riding the beast)
7 heads 7 heads 7 heads are: - 7 mountains which the woman sits - 7 kingdoms: o 5 fallen o 1 is o other has not yet come	Rev 13:1 Rev 17:3, 7 Rev 17:9 Rev 17:10	Dragon also has 7 heads (Rev 12:3) Rome Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greek Rome Revived Roman Empire
Another Horn		
Another little horn came up among the other 10 horns Possesses eyes like a man Other horn which came up Was larger in appearance than other horns Another horn arise after 10 horns	Dan 7:8 Dan 7:8 Dan 7:20 Dan 7:20 Dan 7:24	The beast Little horn now larger than others
Blaphemous		
Blasphemous names Blaspheme His name and His tabernacle Speaks against the Most High Exalts himself above every god Magnified itself equal with Commander of hosts He will magnify himself in his heart Exalts and magnifies himself above every god Speaks monstrous things against the God of gods Magnify himself above them (gods) all	Rev 13:1 Rev 13:6 Dan 7:25 2 Thess 2:4 Dan 8:11 Dan 8:25 Dan 11:36 Dan 11:36 Dan 11:37	

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Arrogant words Little horn mouth utters great boasts Little horn speaks boastful words	Rev 13:3 Dan 7:8 Dan 7:11	
Abomination		
Takes his seat in the temple of God Abomination that causes desolation Abomination of desolation standing in the holy place	2 Thess 2:4 Dan 9:27 Matt 24:15	In the middle of the week
He puts a stop to sacrifice and grain offering Removed regular sacrifice from Him and place of His sanctuary thrown down	Dan 9:27 Dan 8:11	In the middle of the week
His Power		
Dragon gave him his power His coming will be in accordance with the work of Satan Power mighty, but not by his own power With the help of a foreign god	Rev 13:2 2 Thess 2:9 Dan 8:24 Dan 11:39	In the middle of the week Indwelt by Satan Satan?
Authority for 42 months He must remain a little while	Rev 13:5 Rev 17:10	During second half
Was larger in appearance than other horns It will fling truth to the ground; perform its will; prosper Destroys to an extraordinary degree Causes deceit to succeed by his influence The king will do as he pleases He will prosper	Dan 7:20 Dan 8:12 Dan 8:24 Dan 8:25 Dan 11:36 Dan 11:36	
Head as if slain; fatal wound healed	Rev 13:3	
Earth worshiped the beast ED worship him Gives great honor to those who acknowledge him Causes them to rule over many Parcels out land for a price	Rev 13:4 Rev 13:8 Dan 11:39 Dan 11:39 Dan 11:39	
Given him to make war with saints and overcome them Wages war with the saints overpowering them Wear down the saints of the Highest One Saints given into his hands for 3 ½ years Caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to earth; trampled them down Host given over to the horn He will destroy mighty men and holy people He will destroy many while at ease Go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many	Rev 13:7 Dan 7:21 Dan 7:25 Dan 7:25 Dan 8:10 Dan 8:12 Dan 8:24 Dan 8:25 Dan 11:44	The 144,000 / Israel Now little horn is larger, waging war Has authority for 42 months (2 nd half) At ease because of firm covenant
Other		
666 is name of the beast or number of his name; number is that of a man	Rev 13:17-18	
An eighth	Rev 17:11	A IV E is eighth Selucid King
Intends to make alterations in times and in law	Dan 7:25	BCE and CE??
Like a leopard, feet like a bear, mouth like a lion	Rev 13:2	

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No regard for gods of his fathers Instead honors a god of fortresses his fathers did not know	Dan 11:37 Dan 11:38	Pagan gods; he claims to be THE god
No regard for the desire of women	Dan 11:37	Homosexual? or Woman is Israel?
Pitch tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain	Dan 11:45	
Armageddon		
10 kings and beast wage war against the Lamb Assembled to make war against Him who sat upon the horse He will oppose the Prince of princess Takes action against strongest of fortresses	Rev 17:14 Rev 19:19 Dan 8:25 Dan 11:39	Jesus coming
Destiny		
Goes to destruction Goes to destruction Lamb will overcome them Until words of God fulfilled Beast seized; thrown into lake of fire Man doomed to destruction Lord will slay with breath Feet are crushed Crushed; became like chaff; no trace found Heavenly kingdom crushes and end all kingdoms Stone cut without hands crushes DT beast slain; to the burning fire Until Ancient of Days came and judgment passed Dominion taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever Broken without human agency Complete destruction poured out on him Prosper until indignation (wrath) is finished He will come to his end; no one helps him God brings down to everlasting ruin Punished Stripped him from head to foot	Rev 17:8 Rev 17:11 Rev 17:14 Rev 17:17 Rev 19:20 2 Thess 2:3 2 Thess 2:8 Dan 2:34 Dan 2:35 Dan 2:44 Dan 2:45 Dan 7:11 Dan 7:22 Dan 7:26 Dan 8:25 Dan 9:27 Dan 11:36 Dan 11:45 Ps 52:5 Is 10:12 Hab 3:13	

1st Seal – rider on white horse; held a bow; given a crown; bent on conquest (Rev 6:2)

Firm Covenant (Dan 9:27)

First Half	Middle	Second Half
	Authority for 42 months (Rev 13.5)	
	In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation (Dan 9:27)	
	Kills two witnesses (Rev 11:7)	

Complete destruction poured out on him (Dan 9:27)

Wage war against the Lamb (Rev 17:14)

A City on Seven Hills

. . . I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains [or hills], on which the woman sitteth. (Revelation 17:3, 4, 18, 9)

A *woman* rides the beast that represents Antichrist and the revived Roman Empire he will rule. She is a *city* built on seven hills that reigns over the kings of the earth! John equates the readers' acceptance of this revelation with "wisdom." That insight demands our careful and prayerful attention.

Many prophecy teachers insist that the woman is the United States. No, the US is a *country*. It might justifiably be referred to as Sodom, considering the honor now given to homosexuals, but it is not "Mystery Babylon." She is declared to be a *city*.

Nor is the woman *ancient* Babylon now being rebuilt in Iraq, for it is not built on seven hills. Some other cities are, but only Rome meets all the criteria, including being *known as Babylon*. Even Catholic apologist Karl Keating confirms that Rome was known as Babylon and cites I Peter 5:13.¹ *The Catholic Encyclopedia* states, "It is within the city of Rome, called the city of seven hills, that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined."²

The woman is called a "whore" (verse 1), with whom earthly kings "have committed fornication" (vs. 2). Against only two cities could such a charge be made: Jerusalem and Rome. Jerusalem was indicted for spiritual fornication by numerous prophets (Isaiah 1:21, etc.), but does not meet the other criteria. Vatican City claims to have been the worldwide headquarters of Christianity since its beginning. Her pope claims to be the Vicar of Christ and his Church the true Church and bride of Christ.

Christ said His kingdom was not of this world, otherwise His servants would fight. The popes have fought with armies and navies in the name of Christ to build a worldwide empire. Vatican II states that even today the Roman Catholic Church ceaselessly seeks to bring under its control *all mankind* and *all their goods*.³ And in furtherance of these goals it has engaged, exactly as John foresaw, in fornication (unholy alliances) with the kings of the earth.

She is clothed in "*purple* and *scarlet*" (vs. 4), the colors of the Catholic clergy. *The Catholic Encyclopedia* states:

Cappa Magna - A cloak with a long train and a hooded shoulder cape . . . [it] was *purple* wool for bishops; for cardinals, it was *scarlet* watered silk

Cassock - The close-fitting, ankle-length robe worn by the Catholic clergy as their official garb The color for bishops and other prelates is *purple*, for cardinals *scarlet* (Emphasis added.)⁴

Her incredible wealth next caught John's eye. She was "decked with gold and precious stones and pearls . . ." Even Christ's blood-stained cross has been turned to gold, reflecting her riches. *The Catholic Encyclopedia* says, "The pectoral cross [suspended by a chain around the neck of abbots, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and the Pope] should be made of *gold* and . . . decorated with *gems* . . ." ⁵

She had "a golden cup [chalice] in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication." *The Catholic Encyclopedia* calls the gold chalice "the most important of the sacred vessels . . ." ⁶ That Church is known for its *many thousands* of gold chalices around the world. A recent newspaper article reported:

The fabulous treasure of Lourdes [France], whose existence was kept secret by the Catholic Church for 120 years, has been unveiled . . . Rumors have been circulating for decades about a priceless collection of *gold chalices*, diamond-studded crucifixes, silver and *precious stones* . . .

After an indiscreet remark by their press spokesman this week, church authorities agreed to reveal *part* of the collection . . . [some] floor-to-ceiling cases were opened to reveal 59 *solid gold chalices* alongside rings, crucifixes, statues and heavy gold brooches, many encrusted with *precious stones*.

Almost hidden by the other treasures is the "Crown" of Notre Dame de Lourdes, made by a Paris goldsmith in 1876 and studded with diamonds.

Church authorities say they cannot put a value on the collection. "I have no idea," says Father Pierre-Marie Charriez . . . "It is of inestimable value."

Across the road is a building housing hundreds of [antique] ecclesiastical garments, robes, mitres and sashes—many in heavy gold thread . . .

"The Church itself is poor," insists Father Charriez. "The Vatican itself is poor." ⁷ (Emphasis added.) [And the treasure described here is only *part* of that which is kept in *one* location, the small town of Lourdes, France!]

She has practiced evil to gather her wealth, for the "golden cup" is filled with "abominations and filthiness." Much of the wealth of the Roman Catholic Church was acquired by confiscating property of the Inquisitions' pitiful victims. Even the dead were exhumed to face trial and property was taken from their heirs by the Church. That practice, one historian writes, offered "unlimited opportunities for loot." ⁸

Most of Rome's wealth has been acquired through the sale of salvation. Untold billions of dollars have been paid to her by those who thought they were purchasing heaven on the installment plan for themselves or loved ones. The practice continues to this day—blatantly where Catholicism is in control, less obviously here in the United States where (for example) one pays the Church to have a Mass Card placed on the altar in the name of the deceased during Mass to reduce time in purgatory. The wealthy often leave a fortune for masses to be said *for their salvation* after their death.

In addition to such perversions of the gospel, there are the further abominations (fully documented in police and court records) of corrupt banking practices, laundering of drug money,

trading in counterfeit securities and dealings with the Mafia, which the Vatican and her representatives around the world have long employed. Former *Business Week* correspondent in Rome, Nino Lo Bello, who because of its incredible wealth calls Rome "the tycoon on the Tiber," says the Vatican is so closely allied with the Mafia in Italy that "many people . . . believe that Sicily . . . is nothing more than a Vatican holding."⁹

John's attention is next drawn to the inscription on the woman's forehead: "THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (vs. 5). Sadly enough, the Roman Catholic Church fits that description as precisely as she fits the others. Much of the cause is due to the unbiblical doctrine of priestly celibacy.

The great Apostle Paul was a celibate and recommended that life to others who wanted to devote themselves fully to serving Christ. He did not, however, make it a condition for church leadership as the Catholic Church has done, thereby imposing an unnatural burden upon her clergy that very few could bear. On the contrary, he wrote that a bishop should be "the husband of one wife" (I Timothy 3:2) and set the same requirement for elders (Titus 1:5-6).

The doctrine of celibacy has been broken repeatedly by millions of priests and nuns, bishops, archbishops, cardinals and many popes such as Sergius III, John X, John XII, Benedict V, Innocent VIII, Urban VIII, Innocent X, et al. Celibacy has made sinners of the clergy and harlots out of those with whom they secretly cohabit. The Catholic Church has paid about 1 billion in out-of-court settlements in the last few years for sexual sins of its clergy in the USA alone. Rome is indeed "the mother of harlots"!

History is replete with sayings that mocked Romanism's false claim to celibacy: "The holiest hermit has his whore" and "Rome has more prostitutes than any other city because she has the most celibates" are examples. Pope Pius II called Rome "the only city run by bastards," the sons and grandsons of popes and cardinals.

Even Catholic historians admit that among the popes were some of the most degenerate and unconscionable ogres in all history. More than one pope was slain by a husband who found him in bed with his wife. To call such a man "His Holiness, Vicar of Christ" makes a mockery of holiness and of Christ. Yet the name of each of these mass murderers, fornicators, robbers, warmongers — some guilty of the massacre of thousands — is emblazoned in honor on the Church's official list of Peter's alleged successors, the popes.

John next notices that the woman is drunk — and not with alcohol but with "the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus . . ." (vs. 6). One thinks immediately of the Inquisitions (Roman, Medieval and Spanish) which for centuries held Europe in their terrible grip. Canon Llorente, who was the Secretary to the Inquisition in Madrid from 1790-92 and had access to the archives of all the tribunals, estimated that in Spain alone the number of condemned exceeded 3 million, with about 300,000 burned at the stake.¹⁰ A Catholic historian writes:

When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, a Polish officer in his army, Colonel Lemanouski, reported that the Dominicans blockaded themselves in their monastery in Madrid. When Lemanouski's troops forced an entry, the inquisitors denied the existence of any torture chambers.

The soldiers searched the monastery and discovered them under the floors. The chambers were full of prisoners, all naked, many insane. The French troops, used to cruelty and

blood, could not stomach the sight. They emptied the torture-chambers, laid gunpowder to the monastery and blew the place up.¹¹

The remnants of some of the chambers of horror remain in Europe and may be visited today. They stand as memorials to the zealous outworking of Roman Catholic dogmas *which remain in force*, and to a Church which claims to be infallible and to this day justifies such barbarism. They are also memorials to the astonishing accuracy of John's vision in Revelation 17. Do not forget, that Church has never officially admitted that these practices were evil, nor apologized to the world or to any of the victims or their descendants. Nor could John Paul II apologize today because "the doctrines responsible for those terrible things still underpin his position."¹²

"Christian" Rome has slaughtered many times the number of both Christians and Jews that pagan Rome did. Beside those victims of the Inquisitions, there were Huguenots, Albigenses, Waldenses and other Christians, massacred, tortured and burned at the stake by the hundreds of thousands simply because they refused to align themselves with the Roman Catholic Church. Listen to the leading nineteenth-century Catholic professor of church history:

The view of the Church had been . . . [that] every departure from the teaching of the Church . . . *must be punished with death, and the most cruel of deaths, by fire . . .*

Both the initiation and carrying out of this . . . *must be ascribed to the Popes alone . . .* who compelled bishops and priests to condemn heretics to *torture*, confiscation of their goods, imprisonment, and *death*, and to *enforce the execution of this sentence on the civil authorities, under pain of excommunication.* (Emphasis added.)¹³

Pope Martin V commanded the King of Poland in 1429 to *exterminate* the Hussites (sympathizers with the martyred Jan Hus). This excerpt from the Pope's letter to the King explains why popes hated independent Christians and wanted them destroyed:

Know that the interests of the Holy See, and those of your crown, make it a duty *to exterminate the Hussites*. Remember that these impious persons dare proclaim principles of *equality*; they maintain that *all Christians are brethren*, and that God has not given to privileged men the right of ruling the nations; they hold that Christ came on earth to *abolish slavery*; they call the people to *liberty*, that is to the annihilation of kings and priests . . .

[T]urn your forces against Bohemia; *burn, massacre, make deserts everywhere, for nothing could be more agreeable to God, or more useful to the cause of kings, than the extermination of the Hussites.*¹⁴ (Emphasis added.)

Note this excerpt from Pope Nicholas I's (858-867) instructions to the King of Bulgaria, a new convert to what he thought was "Christianity," to force Rome's religion upon his subjects:

I glorify you for having maintained your authority by putting to death those wandering sheep who refuse to enter the fold; and . . . congratulate you upon having opened the kingdom of heaven to the people submitted to your rule.

A king need not fear to command massacres, when these will retain his subjects in obedience, or cause them to submit to the faith of Christ; and God will reward him in this world, and in eternal life, for these murders.¹⁵

Why should Rome apologize for or even admit this holocaust? No one calls her to account today. Protestants have forgotten and evangelical leaders join Rome to evangelize together. They don't want to hear any "negative" reminders of the millions tortured and slain by the Church to which they now pay homage, or the fact that Rome has a false gospel of sacramental works.

The Nazi holocaust was thoroughly known to Pius XII in spite of his complete silence throughout the war on the slaughter of Jews.¹⁶ Had the Pope protested, as representatives of Jewish organizations and the Allied Powers begged him to do, he would have condemned his own Church. The facts are inescapable:

In 1936, Bishop Berning of Osnabruch had talked with the Fuhrer for over an hour. Hitler assured his lordship there was no fundamental difference between National Socialism and the Catholic Church. Had not the church, he argued, looked on Jews as parasites . . . ?

"I am only doing," he boasted, "what the Church has done for fifteen hundred years, only more effectively." Being a Catholic himself, he told Berning, he "admired and wanted to promote Christianity [Catholicism]."¹⁷

Finally, the angel reveals to John that the woman "is that great city, which *reigneth over the kings of the earth*" (vs. 18). Is there such a city? Yes, and again only one: Vatican City. One eighteenth-century historian counted 95 popes who claimed to have divine power to depose kings and emperors. Historian Walter James wrote that Pope Innocent III (1198-1216) "held all Europe in his net."¹⁸ Gregory IX (1227-1241) thundered that the Pope was Lord and Master of everyone and everything. Popes crowned and deposed kings and emperors, exacting obedience by threatening excommunication. Pope Nicholas I boasted: "Fear, then, our wrath and the thunders of our vengeance; for Jesus Christ has appointed us [the popes] . . . absolute judges of all men; and kings . . . are submitted to our authority."¹⁹ In commanding one king to destroy another, Nicholas wrote,

We order you, in the name of religion, to invade his states, burn his cities, and massacre his people²⁰

Eminent Catholic historian Ignaz von Dollinger writes, "Pope Clement IV, in 1265, after selling millions of South Italians to Charles of Anjou for a yearly tribute of eight hundred ounces of gold, declared that he would be excommunicated if the first payment was deferred"²¹ Catholic Professor Carrerio boasted that the popes had "put down from their thrones great kings and yet mightier emperors, and set others in their place, to whom the greatest kingdoms have long paid tribute, as they do to no other, and who dispense such riches . . . that no king or emperor has ever had"²²

The qualifying data which John gives us under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for identifying this woman/*city*, is specific, conclusive and irrefutable. There is no *city* upon earth, past or present, which meets all of these criteria except Catholic Rome and Vatican City. Pray for the 980 million Catholics who are deceived into trusting their Church instead of Christ for salvation. May Christ's love move you to bring the gospel to them!

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Lesson 6

Events of the End Times

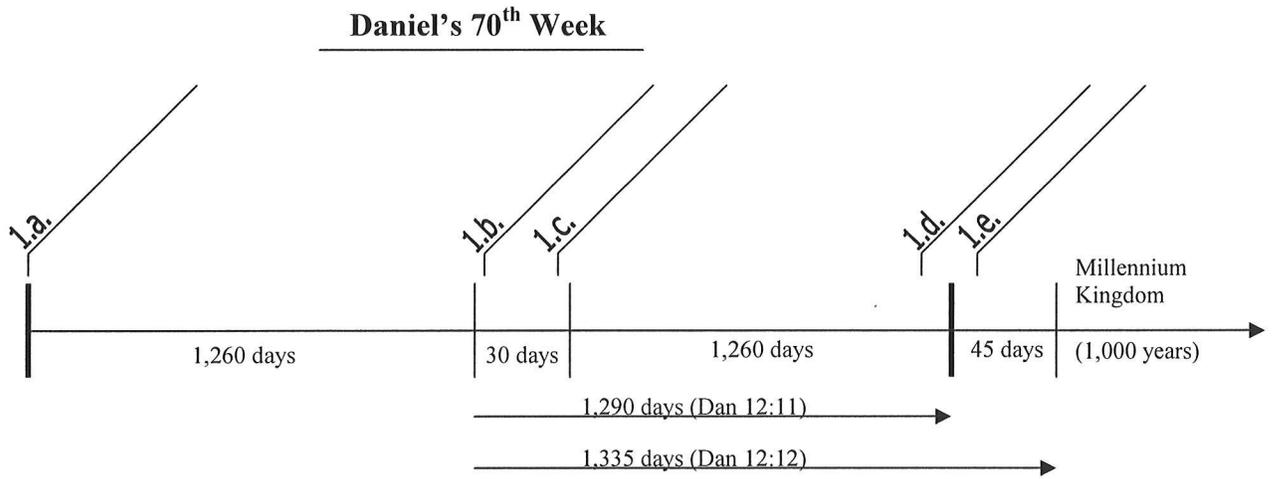
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Events of the End Times

Lesson Preparation

There are many things that happen during Daniel’s 70th Week. Let’s take a look at some of the major events:

1. We have seen that Daniel’s 70th Week is a seven year period of time broken into two 3 ½ year (42 months; 1,260 days) periods. Put the following events on the timeline below.
 - a. What begins Daniel’s 70th Week? (See Daniel 9:27)
 - b. What happens in the middle? (See Daniel 9:27, 2 Thess 2:3-4)
 - c. What happens after the “abomination is set up”? (See Matt 24:15-16)
 - d. What happens at the end? (Read Rev 6:12 and Matt 24:29)
 - e. What happens “immediately after the distress of those days”? (Matt 24:29-30)



2. Read Revelation 12:6-17. The woman (Israel) flees *after* the dragon is hurled down to the earth and is taken care of for 1,260 (v6) or “time, times and half a time” (3 ½ years; v14).
 - a. So, when is Satan “hurled down” to earth? Put this on the timeline.
 - b. With the help of “two wings of a great eagle” and the “earth opening up”, the woman flees to the “place prepared for her” where she is taken care of for 3 ½ years. Put this on the timeline.
 - c. The dragon then goes after “those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus”. From last week, who is this group?

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- d. We know that the 144,000 (sealed in Rev 7:1-8) will *all* die at the hands of the beast (Rev 6:9 and Rev 20:4). Now read Revelation 6:9-11 about the 5th Seal. At the 5th Seal, many have already been killed but their number is not complete (not *all* dead). Where must the 5th Seal go on the timeline?
3. The beast (the antichrist) receives his authority from Satan (Rev 13:4) who is thrown down to earth at the midpoint of Daniel’s 70th Week (see 2.a above).
 - a. Does this correspond to when we know the beast set’s up the “abomination”? Yes or no
 - b. So when do you think the “mark of the beast” will be implemented? (Rev 13:16) Put that on your timeline.
 4. Last week we studied the Two Witnesses. We know that they prophesy for 1,260 days (Rev 11:3). We also know that the beast will kill them (Rev 11:7).
 - a. Is the ministry of the Two Witnesses during the first half or second half of Daniel’s 70th Week? Put this on the timeline.
 - b. So when will their bodies lie in the street for three and a half days (Rev 11:8-9)?
 5. Last week we saw two very distinct reactions to the death of the Two Witnesses. The TTPN (those from every tribe, tongue, people and nation) gaze on their bodies and refused them burial (v9). The ED (earth dwellers) gloat over them and celebrate (v10).
 - a. So, are both of these groups (the TTPN and ED) around when the Two Witnesses are killed at the midpoint of Daniel’s 70th Week? Yes or No
 - b. We also saw a Great Multitude (GM) in heaven from every “nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues” (TTPN). Where do they “come out of”? (Rev 7:14)
 - c. So when is the “*great tribulation*”? The first half or the second half?

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6. Read Revelation 16 about the seven bowls that come in rapid succession.
 - a. What happens after the 7th Bowl is poured out (v18-21)?
 - b. Does this sound like another event you already placed on the timeline? Which one?
 - c. So when must the seven bowls be poured out? Place on the timeline.

7. In Revelation 19, we see Jesus coming again! In v19-21, the kings of the earth and their armies are defeated.
 - a. What does Jesus use to defeat the armies? (See also Heb 4:12)
 - b. Is there any doubt who wins this “battle of Armageddon”?

8. In Revelation, we have 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, and 7 Bowls. We have looked at the 5th and 6th Seals and the 7 Bowls. If you have time, read about the 7 Trumpets starting in Revelation 8:6. Note your thoughts on when they might occur on the timeline.

*As Kay Arthur of Precept Ministries likes to say, “Hangeth thou in there!”
We’re more than half way through this class. If you’re having trouble understanding
all these peoples groups and events, don’t worry! Just ask yourself one question:
Have you learned something about your Lord and Savior so far?*

Now, go back to your Journal of Blessings from Lesson 3. How has God blessed you so far?

Seal, Trumpet and Bowl Judgments

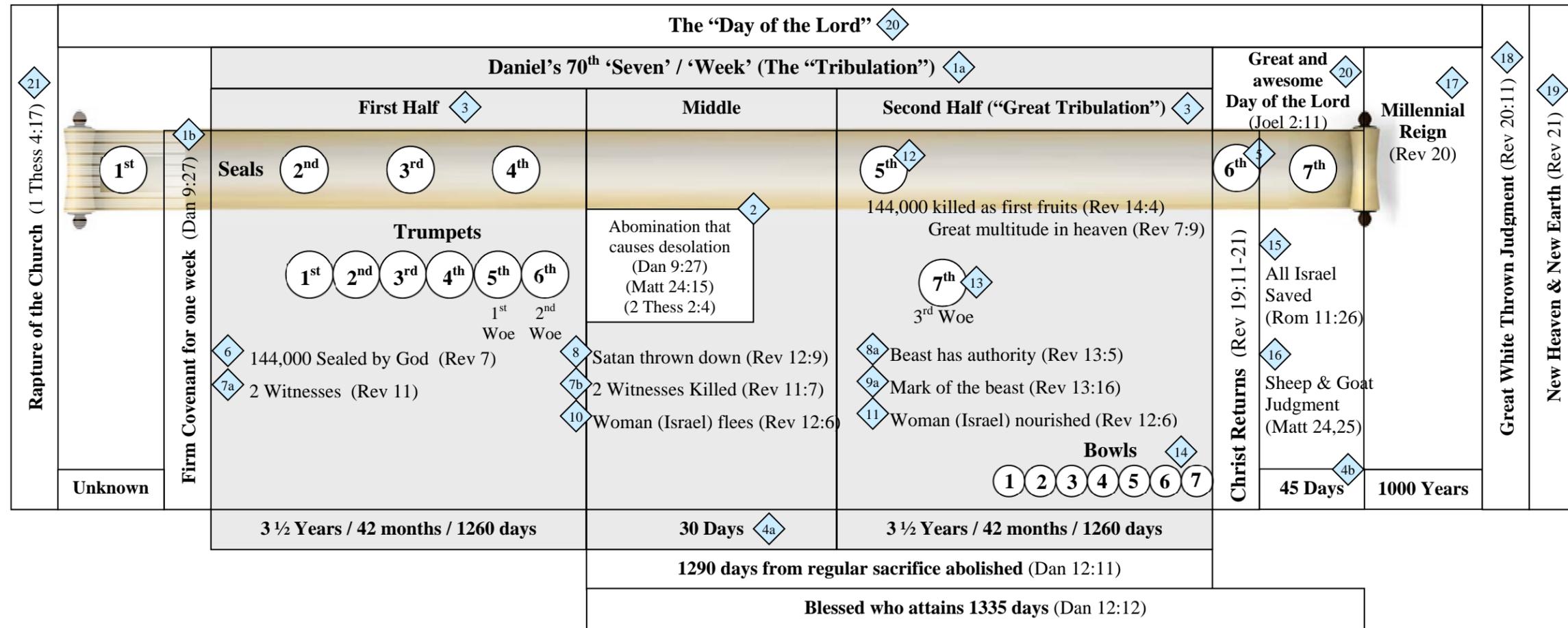
First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh
<p>White horse he who sat on had a bow; crown given him</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conquering - to conquer 	<p>Red horse him who sat on it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take peace from earth - men slay one another - great sword given him 	<p>Black horse he who sat on it had pair of scales in his hand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quart of wheat for denarius (about a days wage) - three quarts of barley for a denarius - do not harm oil or wine 	<p>Ashen horse he who sat on had the name Death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hades was following - Authority given over ¼ of earth - To kill with sword, famine, pestilence, by wild beasts 	<p>Souls under altar Slain because of word of God and testimony they maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cried out “How long, O Lord” - Each given a white robe - Told to rest until number be complete 	<p>6th Seal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - great earthquake - sun black - moon blood - stars fall - sky split apart like a scroll - every mountain and island moved out of place - people hid in caves - they said, “hide us” and “hide us from Him and from wrath of Lamb” 	<p>Silence in heaven for about half an hour</p>
<p>Hail and fire mixed with blood.</p> <p>Thrown to <i>earth</i></p> <p>(1/3 of earth-trees and grass-burned up)</p>	<p>Great mountain burning with fire.</p> <p>Thrown into <i>sea</i></p> <p>(1/3 of sea to blood; 1/3 ships destroyed)</p>	<p>Great star fell from heaven. Wormwood.</p> <p>On <i>rivers; springs</i></p> <p>(1/3 waters bitter)</p>	<p>Sun darkened and moon, stars.</p> <p>On <i>celestial bodies</i></p> <p>(1/3 of sun, moon, stars smitten)</p>	<p>Locusts from the abyss released by Satan.</p> <p>On <i>people</i></p> <p>(Torment people w/o seal of God)</p> <p>[1st Woe]</p>	<p>Four angels released bound at Euphrates.</p> <p>On <i>mankind</i></p> <p>(1/3 of mankind killed)</p> <p>[2nd Woe]</p>	<p>“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord”</p> <p>[3rd Woe] (coming Bowl judgments)</p> <p>“It is done”</p> <p>Upon <i>air</i></p> <p>THEN: Lightings; thunder; great earthquake; islands fled; mountains not found; hailstones</p>
<p>Sores on men who had mark of beast.</p> <p>Into <i>earth</i></p> <p>(loathsome and malignant sores)</p>	<p>Sea to blood like that of dead man.</p> <p>Into <i>sea</i></p> <p>(every thing in sea died)</p>	<p>Water to blood for they poured out blood of saints.</p> <p>Into <i>rivers; springs</i></p> <p>(given them blood to drink)</p>	<p>Sun scorches men with fire.</p> <p>Upon <i>sun</i></p> <p>(men scorched with fire)</p>	<p>Throne of beast becomes darkened.</p> <p>Upon <i>throne of beast</i></p> <p>(beast’s kingdom darkened)</p>	<p>Euphrates dries up preparing way for kings of the east.</p> <p>Upon <i>Euphrates</i></p> <p>(Euphrates dries up)</p>	

Seals

Trumpets

Bowls

End Times Overview – Anchor Points Timeline



21 Anchor Points of the “End Times”

1. Daniel’s 70th Week is 7 years long (Daniel 9:24)
 - a. Has to happen after 70AD and destruction of the city and temple (Dan 9:26-27)
 - b. It BEGINS with a “firm covenant” (Dan 9:27)
2. In the middle of the 70th is the abomination; ends sacrifice and offerings (Dan 9:27; Matt 24:15; 2 Thess 2:4)
3. There are two halves; each 3 ½ years long (1260 days; 42 months)
 - a. Rev 11:2-3, 12:6, 12:14, 13:5, Dan 7:25, 12:7
4. There are extra days:
 - a. 30 days (in the middle) (Dan 12:11)
 - b. 45 days (at the end) (Dan 12:12)
5. 6th Seal immediately precedes the return of Christ at the end of Daniel’s 70th Week (Rev 6:12-14; Matt 24:29)
6. 144,000 are sealed BEFORE the trumpet judgments (Rev 7:3)
 - a. 5th Trumpet, locust told not to harm those with seal (Rev 9:4); lasts 5 months
7. 2 Witnesses witness during the first half
 - a. They prophesy for 1260 days (Rev 11:3)
 - b. They are killed in the middle of the 70th Week by the beast (Rev 11:7)
 - c. Beast doesn’t get his authority until the middle of the 70th Week (see 8.a.)
8. Satan is thrown down in the middle of the 70th Week (Rev 12)
 - a. Giving his power to the beast (Rev 13:2). The beast doesn’t get his power until Satan gives him his power (Rev 13:2) which is after he is thrown out of heaven (Rev 12:9). (Which is at the mid point because the beast only has authority for 42 months (Rev 13:5) which is the second half.)
 - b. Causing the woman (Israel) to flee to the wilderness (Rev 12:6)
9. Mark of the beast is during the second half (Rev 13:16)
 - a. After beast sets himself up in temple
10. Woman (Israel) flees at the mid-point of the tribulation
 - a. Woman flees after Satan is thrown down (Rev 12:6, 13)
 - b. When the abomination set up, Judea flees (Matt 24:15-16)
11. The woman (Israel) is nourished during the second half (1260 days – Rev 12:6; time and times and half a time – Rev 12:14)
12. 5th Seal is BEFORE all 144,000 are in heaven (Rev 6:11, 14:3)
13. The 7th Trumpet is sounded prior to the wrath of God (bowls) being poured out (Rev 11:18)
 - a. The mystery of God is finished – just before 7th Trumpet (Rev 10:7)
 - b. All 144,000 are in heaven (Rev 6:11, 14:3)
 - c. The Great Multitude is in heaven (Rev 7:9,14; 15:2)
 - d. No one could enter the temple until 7 plagues completed [Heaven Closed] (Rev 15:8)
 - e. Now it’s time for the kingdom of the world to become the kingdom of the Lord (Rev 11:15)
14. The Bowl Judgments are poured out just prior to Christ’s return (Rev 15, 16)

Timeline Anchor Points

- 15. After Christ returns, Israel will be saved
 - a. Gathers the elect (Israel) (Matt 24:31)
 - b. All Israel is saved (Rom 11:26)
 - c. God makes a new, everlasting covenant with Israel (Rom 11:27, Jer 31:31, Ezek 37:26, Heb 8:9)
- 16. After Christ returns, the nations are judged
 - a. All nations gathered before Him (Matt 25:32)
 - b. The Sheep and Goat Judgment (Matt 25:32)
 - c. Sheep enter kingdom (Matt 25:34)
- 17. After Christ returns, He sets up His kingdom for 1000 years (Rev 20:2, 4, 5, 7,)
- 18. After the Millennial Reign of Christ, there is a Great White Throne Judgment
 - a. All the lost in Hades are brought before the Great White Throne (Rev 20:5, 11-13)
 - b. The dead (the lost) are thrown into the lake of fire (Rev 20:14)
- 19. After the Great White Throne Judgment, there is a New Heaven and a New Earth
 - a. The earth and heaven fled away at the Great White Throne (Rev 20:11)
 - b. There is a “new” heaven and “new” earth (Rev 21:1)
 - c. There is a new Jerusalem come down out of heaven (Rev 21:10)
- 20. The “Day of the Lord” encompasses all unfilled prophetic events (the “end times”)
 - a. Begins with the rapture of the church; coming like a thief (1 Thess 5:2)
 - b. The “Great and Awesome Day of the Lord” refers specifically to the day Christ returns (Joel 2:11)
- 21. The rapture occurs prior to Daniel’s 70th Week
 - a. Restraining force (Holy Spirit) must be removed (2 Thess 2:3-4)
 - b. Immediacy of the rapture
 - i. It is our “blessed hope” (Tit 2:13)
 - ii. We are to be watchful (1 Thess 1:10)
 - iii. For He is coming soon (Jam 5:8-9)
 - iv. Longing for His appearing (2 Tim 4:8)
 - v. Eagerly awaiting a Savior (Phil 3:20, 1 Cor 1:7)
 - c. Rapture occurs in a time of peace; when God’s judgment begins (the “Day of the Lord”) (Luk 17:26, 1 Thess 5:1-6)
 - d. Daniel’s 70th Week is for Israel (Dan 9:24)
 - e. The Church is not part of the “Day of the Lord” (1 Thess 5:1-3)
 - f. The Church is saved from God’s wrath (Rom 5:9, 1 Thess 1:10, 5:9)
 - g. In fact, none of the “righteous” go through God’s wrath
 - i. There are no “righteous” when Christ returns (Rev 1:7)
 - ii. The 144,000 are already in heaven (Rev 14:3)
 - iii. The Great Multitude are already in heaven (Rev 7:9, 14, 15:2)
 - h. The Book of Revelation
 - i. Revelation 4:1 symbolizes the rapture
 - ii. The church is not seen again until Revelation 19:14 as Christ returns
 - iii. The church is seen in heaven prior to the second coming (Rev 19:7)

Lesson 7

Israel's Future

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There are two main views about Israel. Replacement Theology says that the Church has replaced Israel. They ascribe the promises and blessings (but rarely the curses and judgments) made to Israel in the Old Testament to the New Testament Church. There is no future for Israel. God is done with her.

The other view is that God has made an unconditional covenant (a promise) with Israel that still stands today. God will save Israel when Christ returns and they will finally see the Kingdom they have been promised.

Let us search the Scriptures:

1. Read Genesis 17:1-7. God is making a covenant (promise) with Abraham.
 - a. List the specific promises God makes:
 - b. Who is this covenant made with? (See v7)
 - c. How long is this covenant? (See v7)
 - d. Read verse 8 again concerning the promise of the land. How long will Abraham and his descendants possess the land?
2. Read Genesis 17:17-21 and 26:2-3. Who does the covenant pass on to and for how long?
3. Read Genesis 28:10-14 and 35:10-12. Who does the covenant pass on to and for how long?
 - a. In Gen 35:10, God renames Jacob to what?
 - b. Read Psalm 105:8-11. How long does God remember this covenant?

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4. Even *after* the Church is established, read what God says about Israel:
 - a. Read Romans 3:1-4. Will their (Israel’s) lack of faith nullify God’s faithfulness?

 - b. Read Romans 11:1-6. Did God reject his people?

 - c. Read Romans 11:26-29. What will happen to Israel?

5. From what you have read, is God’s promise to Abraham (known as the Abrahamic Covenant) conditional or unconditional?

6. Now read about another promise God made to Israel through Moses.
 - a. Read Exodus 19:3-6. God makes a covenant with Israel.
 - i. This covenant starts with, “if you _____ me fully” (v5)
 - ii. Read as much of the law given to Moses as you like:
 - (1) Exodus 20-23 contains much of the conditions (the law) of the covenant
 - (2) Exodus 24 the covenant is confirmed
 - (3) Exodus 25-30 are all the requirements for the tabernacle
 - (4) Exodus 35-40 are more tabernacle requirements
 - (5) Most of Leviticus also contains requirements for following the law.

 - b. Read Deuteronomy 11:8-28. After giving Israel the law, God gives Israel a choice.

Either a _____ or a _____ (v26).
 - i. For a list of more blessings, read Deuteronomy 28:1-14.
 - ii. For a list of more curses, read Deuteronomy 28:15-68.

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- c. Is the Mosaic covenant conditional or unconditional? (Circle one)
 - i. If it is conditional, conditional on what?

 - ii. Did Israel keep the conditions of the Mosaic covenant?

- d. Read Daniel 9:9-14. Is it clear that God has poured out the “curses” on Israel?

- 7. In the New Testament, God offers a “new covenant”.
 - a. What is this covenant based on? (See Luke 22:20)

 - b. Who is this covenant offered to? (See John 3:16)

 - c. Did Israel accept or reject this covenant? (See John 1:11)

- 8. What happened to Israel because they rejected it? Read Luke 19:44 and remember what we’ve studied concerning the destruction of the temple in 70 AD and the scattering of Israel.

- 9. What does God promise he will do with Israel next? Read Ezekiel 36:24-28 and list all the things God will do.

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10. Read about God's new covenant that He will make with Israel.

- a. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:7 – 9:5; and Hebrews 10:15-18
- b. Based on these passages, answer the following questions:
 - i. To whom is the promise made? (Jer 31:27)
 - ii. What is promised? (Jer 31:27-37)
 - iii. When will God make this new covenant with Israel? (Heb 8:8-12)
 - iv. What prior covenant is made obsolete: The Abrahamic Covenant or the Mosaic Covenant? (Heb 8:13 – 9:3)

11. Read Romans 11:1-6 again. Has God rejected Israel?

Way to go! I know this was a tough lesson. Why don't you stop right now and thank the Lord that you already participate in this new covenant through faith in Jesus Christ!!!

God's New Covenant With Israel							
	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 37	Jeremiah 31	Romans 11	Hebrews 8	Hebrews 10
By Who	The Lord God	The Lord God	The Lord God	The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel	God	Majesty in heaven; the Lord - A high priest (Jesus) (v1,3, 6) - Christ, the mediator of a new covenant (9:15)	God - Jesus Christ ; a great priest (v10, 21) - Holy Spirit bears witness (v15)
To Who	- mountains of Israel (v1,4,8) - <u>land</u> of Israel v(6)	- My people <u>Israel</u> (v 8,12) - House of Israel (v10, 32)	- Bones; they were very dry (v1,2) - These bones = whole house of Israel (v11) - Two sticks; one = Judah, one = Israel (v16)	- The house of <u>Israel</u> and the house of Judah (v27)	- His people (v1) - A <u>remnant</u> by God's grace (v5) - Natural branches broken off (for unbelief) (v17-21)	- Those who serve in earthy sanctuary (v5) - The house of <u>Israel</u> (v8)	- Those who offer sacrifices continually (v1) - Those who are sanctified (v14)
What	- put forth your branches and bear fruit (v8) - cultivated and sown (v9) - cities will be inhabited (v10, 33) - waste places be rebuilt (v10, 33) - man will increase and be fruitful (v11) - cause to be inhabited as you were formerly (v11) - treat you better than at first (v11) - My people Israel possess (v12) - Be their inheritance (v12) - land cultivated instead of desolate (v34) - become like garden of Eden (v35) - cities are fortified and inhabited (v35)	- I will take you from the nations, gather you from the lands and bring you into your own land (v24) - Give you a new heart and a new spirit (v26) - Cause you to walk in My statutes and you will observe My ordinances (v27) - You will be My people and I will be your God (v28) - Save you from all your uncleanness (v29) - Not bring famine on you (v30) - Cleanse you from all your iniquities (v33) - Increase their men like a flock (v37)	- Hear the word of the Lord (v4) - Cause breath to enter you that you may come to life (v5) - Put sinews on you, make flesh grow back, cover with skin, put breath in you, come alive (v6) - Cause you to come out of your graves and will bring you into the land of Israel (v12) - Put My Spirit within you (v14) - Place you in your own land (v14) - Will make them one stick and be one in My hand (v19) - Will gather them and bring them into their own land (v21) - Make one nation in the land; one king will be king for them all (v22) - Will cleanse them (v23) - They will be My people and I will be their God (v23) - David will be king over them (v23) - Will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes (v24) - Shall live in the land that I gave to Jacob forever	- Saw the house of Israel and Judah (v27) - I will build and plant them (v28) - I will put My law within them; written on their heart (v33) - I will be their God and they shall be My people (v33) - They shall all know me (v34) - I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more (v34) - Israel shall never cease from being a nation before Me (v35-37) - The city shall be rebuilt (v38)	- All Israel will be saved (v26) - I take away their sins (v27) - Natural branches grafted into their own olive tree (v24)	- I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts - I will be their God and they will be my people - They will all know me from the least to the greatest (v11) - I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more (v12)	- by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified (v14) - I will put My laws upon their heart; upon their mind I will write them (v16) - Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more (v17) - Confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus (v19) - Hearts clean from an evil conscience and bodies washed with pure water (v22)

God's New Covenant With Israel (cont.)

	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 36	Ezekiel 37	Jeremiah 31	Romans 11	Hebrews 8	Hebrews 10
When		- on that day (v33)		- when I restore their fortunes (v23) - days are coming (v27,31,38) - in those days (v29) - after those days (v33)	- at the present time – a remnant (v5) - hardening to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in (v25) - when I take away their sins (v27)	- the time is coming (v8) - after that time (v10) - until the time of the new order (9:10)	- until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet (v13) - after those days (v16)
Where	- mountains of Israel (v1,4,8) - land of Israel (v6)		- In the middle of the valley (v1) - The land of Israel (v12) - Their own land (v21) - On the mountains of Israel (v22)	- the whole valley and all the fields shall be holy to the Lord (v40)			
Why	- I had concern for my holy name - The nations left will know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places (v36)	- not for your sake, but for My holy name (v22) - I will vindicate the holiness of My great name (v23) - The nations will know that I am the Lord, when I prove Myself holy (v23, 38) - I am not doing this for your sake (v32)	- you will know that I am the Lord (v6, 13) - the nations will know that I am the Lord	- the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable (v29) - they also may now be shown mercy (v31)	- if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another (v7) - God found fault with the people (v8) - They did not remain faithful to my covenant (v9)		
How		- I will make a covenant of peace with them (v26) - an everlasting covenant (v26)	- I will make a <u>new covenant</u> with the Israel and Judah (v31) - Not like the <u>covenant</u> (Mosaic) that they broke (v32)	- My covenant with them – when I take away their sins (v27)	- A superior covenant to the old one, founded on better promises (v6) - I <u>will make a new covenant</u> with the house of Israel and Judah; not like the covenant I made with their forefathers (v9) - He has made the first covenant obsolete (v13)	- He takes away the first in order to establish the second (v9) - This is the <u>covenant I will make</u> with them (v16) - By a new and living way which He inaugurated (v20)	

Lesson 8

Body, Soul, and Spirit

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Lesson Preparation

What happens when you die? Where does a believer go? Where does an unbeliever go? What happens to the physical body? What is the resurrected body? Every Christian should have a firm grasp of these fundamental truths from God's Word.

Before we start a study of the rapture, we must first understand the nature of man: body, soul and spirit.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. What are the 3 parts of man described by Paul?

2. The Greek word for “body” is “soma”. Both Paul and Peter call our earthly body a “tent”, meaning a temporary dwelling. What does God say happens to this earthly body?
 - a. Read James 4:14

 - b. Job 7:7

 - c. 1 Peter 1:24

 - d. Genesis 3:19, Psalm 90:3, Ecclesiastes 12:7

3. The “soul” is the Greek word “psuche”, where we get the word ‘psychology’. The soul is comprised of your mind, will, emotion, memories, etc and directs the body. The soul is sometimes equated with the “heart” in scripture—“love the Lord with all your heart”. Obviously, we do not love God with our physical heart! Read Matthew 12:34 and record your thoughts.

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4. The “spirit” is the Greek word “pnuema”. It is the part of man which “died” in the Garden of Eden and remains “dead” until a person is “born again.” Read the following verses and record your thoughts:
 - a. What is the state of the spirit in an unregenerate person—read Ephesians 2:1, Colossians 2:13 and record your observations.

 - b. What is the state of the spirit in a regenerate person—read Philippians 2:1, John 14:20, 2 Corinthians 5:17 and record your observations.

 - c. What is the requirement for entering the kingdom of God—read John 3:5 and 1 John 3:14 and record your thoughts.

5. When a Christian dies, their physical body returns to the dust of the ground. But that is NOT where the Christian goes! Read 2 Corinthians 5:8 and Philippians 1:23 and record your thoughts on where a Christian goes.

6. What happens to the dead now (after the cross) is different than what happened to the righteous dead *before* the cross. We will study this in detail in class, but for now read through the story of Lazarus and the rich man in Luke 16:19-31.

On the next page, draw a detailed picture of the scene that is described in this passage. Be as detailed as you can, including all aspects that you read about. Once you are DONE, compare to the Hades chart included after the homework.

Lesson Preparation

Draw out Luke 16:19-31.

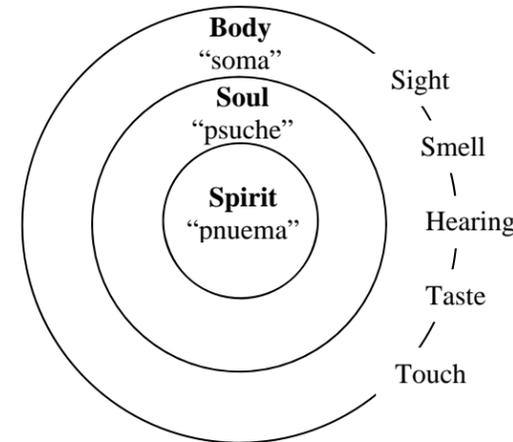
I have been asked over the years questions like: “where is my grandmother now, she died last year”. My response is always the same, I ask the person if their loved one was a believer. If yes, I tell them confidently that they are with the Lord! One of the GREAT truths of being a Christian is that upon death we will immediately be in the presence of the Lord!!! That hope, if we really believe it, should take away every last ounce of fear of death!

And yet, our fears persists. “Oh ye of little faith.” There is an old saying that is so applicable... ‘everyone wants to go to heaven; but nobody wants to go today!’

Ahhh, but wait until next week. There is an entire generation of believers that will go to heaven without dying! It’s called the Rapture and it is our “blessed hope!”

The Three-part Nature of Man

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Body “soma”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made by God from the dust of the earth (Gen 2:7, 3:19) - It is only a temporary dwelling for man; an “earth tent” (2 Cor 5:1, 2 Pet 1:13) - It is wasting away (2 Cor 4:16); perishable (1 Cor 15:50) - At death, the physical body returns to the earth (Gen 3:29, Eccl 3:20, Job 34:15) - Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom (1 Cor 15:50) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Soul “psuche”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The body and the spirit together make a living being. (Gen 2:7) - The soul continues to exist even after physical death <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16) - The souls under the altar (Rev 6:9) - The mind, will, heart, thoughts, feelings, emotions, decision making – the conscious - Directs body (Mt 12:34, 15:18) 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Spirit “pnuema”</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God breathed into Adam’s nostrils the “breath of life” (Gen 2:7) - God gives all men life and breath (Acts 17:25, Is 42:5) - In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind (Job 12:10) - The spirit of man which is in him (1 Cor 2:11) - The breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)
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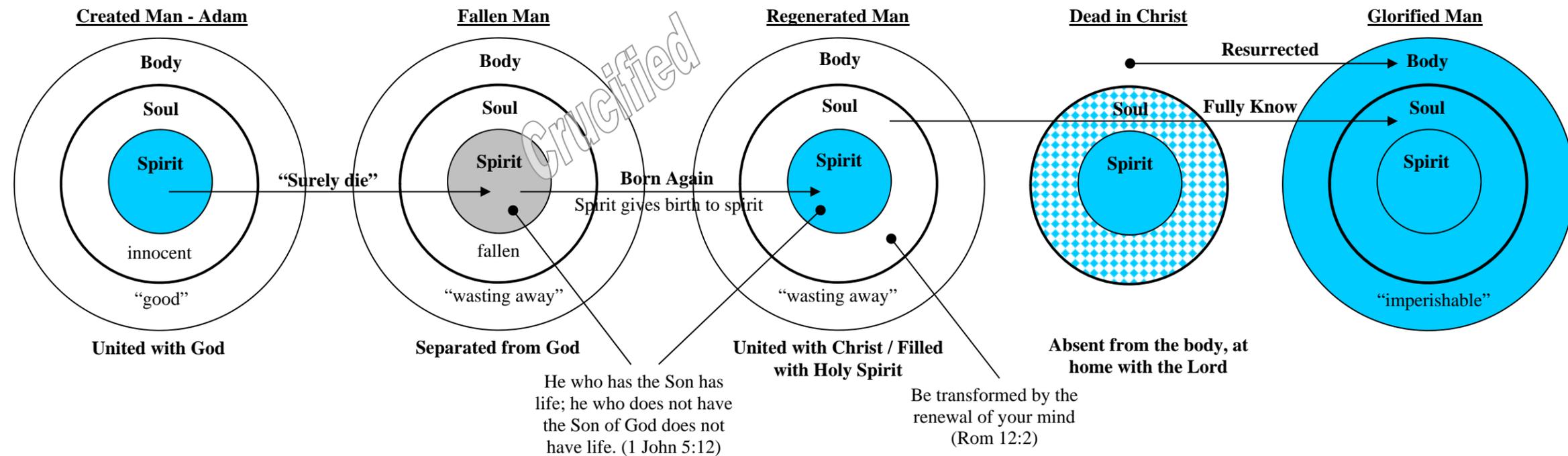


God forms them all together

- This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: (Isa 44:24)
- we are all the work of your hand (Isa 64:8)
- The Spirit of God has made me (Job 33:4)
- he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else (Acts 17:25)

Man is a three-part being:

- Just as God is a three-part being, man was created in “our (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) image” (Gen 1:26)
- May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thes 5:23)
- For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit (Heb 4:12)



Jesus at His Death

Christ descended to Hades (Eph. 4:9)

"Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk 23:43)

Went and preached to the spirits in prison (1 Pet 3:19)

Gospel preached to those now dead (1 Pet 4:6)

The Sign of Jonah

As Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (Matt 12:40)

Depart and be with Christ (Phil 1:23)

Second Heaven – Space

First Heaven – The Air

Jesus at His Resurrection

Freed the captives (Is 42:7; 61:1)

You will bring me up from the depths of the earth (Ps 71:20; 49:15)

He led the captives (Eph 4:8; Ps 68:18)

Third Heaven – Paradise
(2 Co 12:4; Rev 4:5; Ez 1; Is 6)

Absent from the body;
at home with the Lord
(2 Cor 5:8)

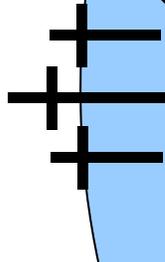
Great White Throne

The saints will judge the world
(1 Cor 6:2)

If anyone's name was not found
written in the book of life, he was
thrown into the lake of fire.
(Rev 20:15)

Lake of Fire

The second death (Rev 20:14)
They perish (Jn 3:16; 2Th 2:10)



Before the Cross

After the Cross

Righteous Dead

Un-righteous Dead

Paradise

Abraham Lazarus

Thief

Hades ("Grave" Sheol)

In the earth below (Ezek 31:14)

Depths of the earth (Ps 71:20)

Heart of the earth (Mt 12:40)

Lower earthly regions (Eph 4:9)

Under the earth (Phil 2:10)

Abraham's Bosom (Lk 16:23)

In Comfort (Lk 16:25)

You will not abandon me to the grave [Sheol] (Ps 16:10)

Great Chasm (Lk 16:26)

In torment (Lk 16:23)

Agony in the fire (Lk 16:24)

Weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matt 8:12)

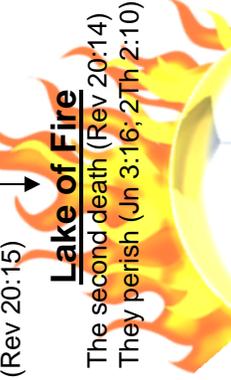
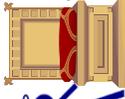
Tartarus

Prison for fallen angels;
Being held for judgment;
Bound with chains
(2 Pet 2:4; Jude 1:6)

The Abyss

Satan bound for 1000 years
after tribulation (Rev 20:3)
Beast comes up out of Abyss
during trib (Rev 17:8)

After the cross,
the Paradise
side of Hades is
now EMPTY



Lesson 9

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Lesson Preparation

The rapture of the church is one of the most debated topics within the church pertaining to the end times. That is too bad. For it should be our “blessed hope” and a source of encouragement for all Christians!

In studying the rapture, we must first understand what being “resurrected” is all about.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

- a. What is the “mystery”? We will not all _____ (die).
- b. But we (Christians) will *all* be _____
- c. How will this “change” happen:
 - i. “In a _____”
 - ii. “In the _____ of an _____”
 - iii. “At the last _____”
- d. What specifically happens “in the twinkling of an eye”?
 - i. “The dead will be _____”
 - ii. “We will be _____”
- e. Which happens first? (circle one)
 - (1) dead (in Christ) raised imperishable; or
 - (2) we (in Christ) are changed
- f. Where are the dead in Christ right now? Are they raised from the grave (the ground) or from heaven?

2. Go back and read 1 Corinthians 15:42-54 and complete the chart on the following page.

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- a. List the differences between our earthly bodies and our resurrected bodies:

Body	Resurrected body
Perishable	
Sown in dishonor	
Sown in weakness	
A natural body	
If there's a natural...	
Adam – represents the natural	
Natural comes first	
First man (Adam) from the dust of the earth	
Have born likeness of the earthly man (Adam)	

3. This is the resurrection of the body. Read the following:
- Romans 8:29. What are we (Christians) predestined for?
 - Philippians 3:20-21. Whose body shall we be like?
 - Colossians 3:4 and 1 John 3:2. When will this happen?
4. What do we know about Christ's resurrected body? Read the following and list some characteristics:
- John 21:1-14
 - Acts 1:4
 - John 20:19-20; 26-28
5. Read Acts 1:9. How did Christ, in His resurrected body, go up to heaven?

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6. Read John 14:2-3 and answer the following:
 - a. Where is Jesus going? And what is He doing there?
 - b. What does He promise to do? And take who? To where?

7. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
 - a. Who is raised first?
 - b. Then what happens to those who are still alive and are left?
 - c. Where do those still alive and left to meet them (the dead in Christ and the Lord)?
 - d. Was this future event to be a source of encouragement to the believers in Thessalonica?

8. Now put 1 Cor 15:51-54, John 14:2-3 and 1 Thess 4:13-18 together. Draw a picture or make an outline of the events that happen.

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9. In 1 Thessalonians 4:17, we read that “we who are still alive and are left will be caught up”. What is this event commonly called? Look up this word “caught up” in the Greek. *[Another place to look up the Greek words is Blue Letter Bible, which can be found at www.blb.org. Look up the verse, click on “Tools” on the left and then on the “Interlinear” tab. You will see all the Greek words for that verse. Click on the “Strong’s Number” for a definition of that word.]*
10. We’ve seen *what* the rapture is, *who* it is for, and *where* it occurs. What about the *when*? Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 and answer the following:
- What event is Paul talking about (“our being gathered to him”) in verse 1?
 - We have already see that the “antichrist” is coming (Dan 9:27, Rev 13, etc.). Does verse 4 confirm what you’ve already learned he will do?
 - What must happen before the “lawless one” (the antichrist) is revealed?
 - Read Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; 5:1-9. Knowing what you’ve learned about God pouring out his wrath towards the end of Daniel’s 70th Week, do you think the church will experience this “coming wrath”?
11. Read Revelation 19:11-21 about the Second Coming of Christ? Does this description sound anything like what you’ve studied this week about the rapture? Or are these two separate events?

When you are done, check out the handout “Comparisons between the Rapture and the Glorious Appearance (Second Coming)”.

The next handout is all the places in the Bible where the rapture is mentioned. Wow! Do you think God has been telling us about this event???

**Comparisons between the Rapture
and the Glorious Appearance (Second Coming)**

Rapture	Glorious Appearance
1. Christ comes for His own (John 14:3; 1 Thess 4:17)	1. Christ comes with His own (Rev 19:14)
2. He comes in the air (1 Thess 4:17)	2. He comes to the earth (Zech 14:4-5; Acts 1:11)
3. He comes to claim His Bride (1 Thess 4:16-17)	3. He comes with His Bride (Rev 19:6-14)
4. Removal of believers (1 Thess 4:17)	4. Manifestation of Christ (Mal 4:2)
5. Only His own see Him (1 Thess 4:13-18)	5. Every eye will see Him (Rev 1:7; Matt 24:30)
6. Tribulation begins (2 Thess 1:6-9)	6. Millennial Kingdom begins (Rev 20:1-7)
7. Saved are delivered from wrath (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rev 3:10)	7. Unsaved experience the wrath of God (Rev 6:12-17)
8. No signs precede the Rapture (1 Thess 5:1-3)	8. Signs precede the Second Coming (Luke 21:11-28)
9. Focus: Lord and Church (1 Thess 4:13-18)	9. Focus: Israel and kingdom (Matt 24)
10. World is deceived (2 Thess 2:3-12)	10. Satan is bound (Rev 20:1-2)

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Rapture References in Scripture

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John 5:28-29	28 Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice 29 and come out-- those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.	All will be resurrected. The "good" (righteous) rise as part of the first resurrection which occurs at the rapture. (Except for the 144,000 and the GM rise at the end of the tribulation.) The "evil" (unrighteous) rise at the second resurrection at the end of the millennial reign, appear before the Great White Throne, and are thrown into the lake of fire. (See Acts 24:15)																		
John 11:25	25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"	This passage has a double meaning. First, the simple truth that even though believers may die physically, they will live eternally (i.e. will never die). But second, it's also a rapture reference. Notice the two groups described: 1) those who believe and are dead, who "will live"; 2) those who believe and live, who will "never die". Cross reference 1 Thess 4:16-17 and 1 Cor 15:51 and we see the same two groups at the rapture: 1) the dead in Christ, who rise; 2) those who are still alive, who are raised and caught up thus never dying.																		
John 14:1-3	1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.	Looking at John 14:1-3 and 1 Thess 4:13-18 together we see an amazing parallel, demonstrating that John 14:1-3 is clearly a reference to the rapture <table border="1"> <tr> <td>John 14:1-3</td> <td>1 Thessalonians 4:13-18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>trouble (v1)</td> <td>Sorrow (v13)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>believe (v1)</td> <td>Believe (v14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>God, me (v1)</td> <td>Jesus, God (v14)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>told you (v2)</td> <td>say to you (v15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>come again (v3)</td> <td>coming of the Lord (v15)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>receive you (v3)</td> <td>caught up (v17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>to myself (v3)</td> <td>to meet the Lord (v17)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>be where I am (v3)</td> <td>ever be with the Lord (v17)</td> </tr> </table>	John 14:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	trouble (v1)	Sorrow (v13)	believe (v1)	Believe (v14)	God, me (v1)	Jesus, God (v14)	told you (v2)	say to you (v15)	come again (v3)	coming of the Lord (v15)	receive you (v3)	caught up (v17)	to myself (v3)	to meet the Lord (v17)	be where I am (v3)	ever be with the Lord (v17)
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Acts 24:15	and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.	See John 5:28-29 above.																		
Romans 8:23, 29	23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.	As 1 Cor 1:7-8, Phil 3:20, 1 Thes 1:10, and Tit 2:13 also state, we are to be eagerly awaiting the rapture. Here, that day is described as when our bodies will be redeemed (glorified) and we will be conformed to the likeness of Christ (who was the first to be glorified).																		
1 Cor 1:7-8	7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.	The "day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (see also Phil 1:10 and 2:16) is a reference to the rapture, the day when the church (both dead and alive) is presented to Christ as blameless (cf Eph 5:27, Col 1:22). See also 1Thes 3:13, 5:23 below. A day that we are to be eagerly awaiting (see Romans 8:23, 29 above).																		

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1 Cor 13:9-10	9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.	When perfection comes is a reference to <i>our</i> perfection (our glorification), which happens at the rapture.
1 Cor 15:51-53	51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.	The companion verse of 1 Thess 4:16-17, which is the core rapture reference. Keys here are: 1) we will not all die (because believers who are alive at the rapture will be caught up); 2) the dead are raised (resurrected) first, then those who are still alive; 3) this change (to glory) happens in the “twinkling of an eye”; 4) this event happens at the “last trumpet” which corresponds to the “trumpet call of God” from 1 Thess 4:16. [Note: this is not the last of the trumpets judgments (Rev 11:15) or the trumpet which gathers the elect (Israel) at Christ’s 2 nd coming (Matt 24:31).]
Philippians 1:10	so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,	The “day of Christ” (also Phil 2:16) is the same as the “day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (See 1 Cor 1:7-8 above) and is a reference to the rapture.
Philippians 2:16	as you hold out the word of life-- in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.	See Phil 1:10 above.
Philippians 3:20-21	20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.	For those whose citizenship is heaven (believers), we are to eagerly await our Savior when he will “transform our lowly bodies”—which happens at the rapture when we will be “changed” in the “twinkling of an eye”. See also Rom 8:23, 1 Cor 1:7, 1 Thes 1:10, Tit 2:13.
Colossians 3:4	When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.	At the rapture, Christ appears and we appear with him in glory—for we are now glorified. See also 1 Thess 2:19
Hebrews 10:37	For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay.	Here His coming is related to “receiving what he has promised” (v36). See 2 Tim 4:8 below.
1 Thess 1:10	and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.	The “coming wrath” is the bowl judgment of Revelation 16, in which the wrath of God is complete (Rev 15:1). See also Rom 8:23, 1 Cor 1:7, Phil 3:20, Tit 2:13.
1 Thess 2:19	For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?	“When our Lord comes” is the rapture, when we shall glory in His presence. See also Col 3:4.
1 Thess 3:13	May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.	Many believe this to be the 2 nd coming with the church (and possibly the angels). But the glorified church will be blameless in Christ’s presence at the rapture (see Phil 1:10 above). The “holy ones” Jesus is coming with are the “dead in Christ” who have risen first (1 Thes 4:16) whom we (those still alive) will meet in the air.

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1 Thess 4:16-17	<p>16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.</p> <p>17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.</p>	<p>This is the core rapture passage. In fact, the term ‘rapture’ comes from ‘rapturo’ used in the Latin Vulgate translation for the Greek ‘harpazo’ meaning to seize--catch (away, up), pluck, pull, take (by force). From this passage we see:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Lord comes from heaven; but only to the air (not all the way to earth) 2) There are three calls: a loud command, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet call of God (this is the last trumpet of 1 Cor 15:52) 3) The dead in Christ rise (i.e. resurrected; receive their glorified bodies) first. (They are already in heaven in spirit.) 4) Then believers who are alive on earth are “caught up” (raptured) to the air to meet them (the dead in Christ and Christ). [Note: they will have already been glorified. See 1 Cor 15:51] <p>Other “raptures” in Scripture (Jesus, two witnesses) imply this rapture will be a bodily, physical, visible ascension into the air.</p>
1 Thess 5:1	<p>1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,</p> <p>2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.</p>	<p>The “day of the Lord” <i>begins</i> at the rapture and lasts through the millennial reign—remember a day is like a thousand years (2Pet 3:8). And that day (the rapture) will come like a thief—unexpectedly. See also 2 Pet 3:10.</p>
1 Thess 5:4	<p>But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.</p>	<p>This ‘day’ is the rapture. And while we can’t know when it will occur, it won’t surprise us like a thief.</p>
1 Thess 5:23	<p>May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>The “coming of our Lord” is the rapture, which the church is being kept blameless for. See also 1 Cor 1:7-8, 1 Thes 3:13, 5:23 above.</p>
2 Thess 2:1-2	<p>1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers,</p> <p>2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.</p>	<p>This is clearly a rapture reference, when believers are gathered to Christ—in other words, caught up to the clouds to meet the Lord (1 Thess 4:17). In addition, this passage clearly links the “day of the Lord” with the rapture (see 1 Thes 5:1 above). The Thessalonians had thought they missed the rapture. Paul needed to explain to them they hadn’t.</p>
1 Timothy 6:14	<p>13 ...I charge you</p> <p>14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,</p> <p>15 which God will bring about in his own time--</p>	<p>This verse (with parts of v13 and v15) emphasizes that we should be living out our blameless status until that day when we are presented blameless to Christ—at His “appearing”—which is the rapture. See 1 Cor 1:7-8, Phil 1:10, 2:16, 1 Thess 3:13, 5:23 above. Notice that God will bring it about in his own time—the timing of the rapture is not knowable.</p>
2 Timothy 1:12	<p>That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.</p>	<p>The “day” that is referred to here is the rapture.</p>

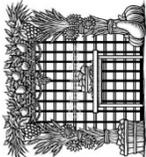
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2 Timothy 4:8	Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-- and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.	The “day” on which Christians receive their reward is call the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10) which takes place in heaven immediately after the rapture. At this Bema Judgment, a believer’s deeds (i.e. “things done while in the body”; “righteous acts”) are tested (1 Cor 3:13). If it survives, the believer is rewarded (1 Cor 3:14). Fortunately for us, all of our bad deeds are simply burned up (1 Cor 3:15) and not counted against us! Thank the Lord. See also Revelation 22:12 below.
Titus 2:13	while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,	The rapture is our “blessed hope” which we are waiting for. See also Rom 8:23, 1 Cor 1:7, Phil 3:20, 1 Thes 1:10.
James 5:7-9	7 Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!	We are to eagerly await, but with patience, until the Lord’s coming—which for us is the rapture. It is near—at any moment. He is standing at the door, ready to take us in (see Rev 4:1).
1 Peter 1:5, 7, 13	5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 7 ... when Jesus Christ is revealed. 13 ... when Jesus Christ is revealed	“Salvation” has three components: 1) past (salvation) 2) present (sanctification) 3) future (glorification) Even though we are fully saved and secure in salvation, the fullness of salvation will not be realized until glorification—which happens at the rapture. It is at the rapture that Jesus is “revealed”.
1 Peter 5:4	And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.	The Chief Shepherd is Jesus, appearing to give us the crown of glory—our glorification—at the Bema Judgment. This appearing is the rapture. See also 2 Tim 4:8 and 1 Pet 1:5 above.
2 Peter 3:10	But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.	See 1 Thess 5:1 above.
1 John 3:2	Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.	We are made like him (i.e. glorified) when “he appears” at the rapture. See 1 Cor 15:51 above.

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Revelation 4:1-2	<p>1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."</p> <p>2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.</p>	Comparing this passage with 1 Thess 4:16 we see the amazing parallels (below); which is one of the reasons this passage is symbolic of the rapture.	
		Rev 4:1-2	1 Thess 4:16-17
		John	The Church
		On Earth	On Earth
		Heard a voice	Loud command; voice of archangel
		Like a trumpet	With the trumpet call of God
		Come up here	Caught up
Now in heaven	Be with the Lord forever		
Revelation 22:12	Re 22:12 "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.	Jesus comes at the rapture and his reward is with Him. This is the reward to be given to the Church which is rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor 5:10). See 2 Timothy 4:8 above.	
Revelation 22:20	He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.	'Soon' here is the Greek 'tachy' which can mean either shortly, i.e. without delay, soon, or (by surprise) suddenly. This later definition fits perfectly with the rapture happening unexpectedly at any moment—like a thief.	

The Feasts of Israel – with New Testament Fulfillment

Spring Feasts		Fall Feasts	
<p>1st Month 14th Day (Ex 12:3)</p>	<p>1st Month 15th Day (Lev 23:6-8)</p>	<p>7th Month 1st Day (Lev 23:23)</p>	<p>7th Month 10th Day (Lev 23:26)</p>
<p>Passover </p>	<p>Unleavened Bread </p>	<p>Feast of Trumpets </p>	<p>Day of Atonement </p>
<p>1st Month 10th Day (Ex 12:3)</p>	<p>3rd Month 50 days after Sabbath (Lev 23:15)</p>	<p>7th Month 15th Day (Lev 23:34)</p>	<p>Feast of Tabernacles </p>
<p>Passover Lamb & put blood on doorpost (Ex 12:6-7)</p>	<p>First Fruits </p>	<p>Trumpet blown – sacred assembly</p>	<p>Harvest celebration; memorial of tabernacles in wilderness</p>
<p>Lamb selected; must be without blemish</p>	<p>Wave offering of sheaf</p>	<p>Interlude between Festivals</p>	<p>Israel's sin atoned for</p>
<p>Slaves in Egypt</p>	<p>Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread</p>	<p>Rapture</p>	<p>2nd Coming</p>
<p>Nisan 10 32 AD</p>	<p>Nisan 15 32 AD</p>	<p>Nisan 17 32 AD</p>	<p>At the end of Tribulation (Matt 24:30)</p>
<p>Slaves to sin</p>	<p>Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7)</p>	<p>Christ has been raised; the firstfruits (1 Cor 15:20)</p>	<p>Reigns for 1000 Years (Rev 20:4)</p>
<p>Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey</p>	<p>Death he died he died to sin (Rom 6:10)</p>	<p>Holy Spirit indwells believers (Acts 2)</p>	<p>Millennial Kingdom </p>
<p>New heaven and new earth</p>	<p>Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7)</p>	<p>The Church Age</p>	<p>Jesus reigns on earth from Jerusalem (Zech 14:17)</p>
<p>God tabernacles with men (Rev 21:3)</p>	<p>Christ is our Passover Lamb (1 Cor 5:7)</p>	<p>Israel's sin atoned for (Dan 9:24)</p>	<p>Israel Saved (Rom 11:26)</p>
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What is the “resurrection”, who will be resurrected, and when? That will be our study for this week.

1. Read all of 1 Corinthians 15

a. Mark in your Bible or list all the references to being “raised”, “raised from the dead”, “resurrection”, “made alive”, etc.

b. Read versus 12 to 17 of 1 Corinthians 15 again.

i. Is the concept of “Christ being raised from the dead” important?

ii. Can we be sure that “the dead will be raise”?

iii. If there is no resurrection, what does Paul tell us is “futile”?

c. Read versus 20 to 23 again.

i. Who was the first to be resurrection?

ii. If Christ is the “firstfruits”, then more are to follow. Who is that and when?

d. Read 1 Peter 1:3-5.

i. What is our inheritance?

ii. What can’t happen to it?

iii. Where is it kept?

iv. By whose power?

v. Until when?

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- e. Read Philippians 3:20-21. What does God promise to transform?
 - f. Read 1 John 3:2. Who will we be like?
 - g. Read Romans 8:29
 - i. For what are we “predestined”?
 - ii. Jesus is again called “the _____ among many brothers.”
 - iii. Also see Colossians 1:18. Jesus is called the “firstborn _____ ”
2. Based on what you have read:
- a. Who was the first to be resurrected?
 - b. But are there more to follow? Who and when?
3. Read Revelation 11:11-12. There are others whose resurrection is described. Who is being resurrected and when?
4. Read Revelation 20:4 (in the NASB if you have it). Read this passage closely.
- a. Who do you think are the ‘they’ who “sat on thrones and judgment was given to them”? (For help read Romans 8:17 and 1 Corinthians 6:2-3)
 - i. If ‘they’ are sitting in thrones, do ‘they’ already have resurrected bodies?

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- b. Who do you think are ‘the souls’ of “those who had been beheaded”?
(For help read Revelation 6:9 and Revelation 7:4)
- c. Who do you think are ‘the souls’ who “had not worshiped the beast or his image”?
(For help read Revelation 7:9 and Revelation 7:14)
- d. If these two groups (b. and c.) are still ‘souls’, do they have resurrected bodies yet?
- e. What happens to ‘the souls’ (last sentence of Rev 20:4)?
5. Read Revelation 20:5
- a. Who are the “rest of the dead” and when do they come to life?
- b. Which is part of the “first resurrection” (circle one):
- i. The “souls” coming to life and reigning 1000 years; OR
 - ii. The “dead” coming to life at the end of the 1000 years
6. So the “dead” come to life at the end of the 1000 years. Keep reading Revelation 20:6-15. We next see the “dead” in verse 12...
- a. What are they doing? _____
- b. What are they standing before? _____
- c. If they are “standing”, do they have bodies? _____
- d. Do you think they are like the bodies you read about in 1 Corinthians 15? _____
- e. What happens to these dead? And why? _____

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7. If you have time, read about the Lamb’s Book of Life:
 - a. According to Revelation 13:8, when was this book written?
 - b. In Revelation 21:2, 27, those whose name are in the Book are allowed to enter what?
 - c. In Revelation 3:5, what does God promise those who are in the Book?

8. EXTRA CREDIT: Did we account for all the “saints” throughout history? What about the Old Testament Saints, when are they resurrected? Do you have any thoughts from what you have studied so far? Read Hebrews 11:40. When will those OT saints be made “perfect”?

There are only two paths—to dwell in the New Jerusalem with God forever or be thrown into the lake of fire. Do you know for sure what path you are on? Read 1 John 5:13 and John 20:31.

This question is of eternal importance! There are only TWO options. Jesus himself said: “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Jesus is the narrow gate!

He said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” There is no other way to heaven! One of the big lies of the world is that ‘all roads lead to God’. No! There is only one road to God and that is through faith in Christ.

Acts 4:12 says, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

Make sure you are on the right road. The one that leads to eternal life. The broad road leads to destruction. And that just doesn’t sound very good!

Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection

- Mt 12:39 He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
- Mt 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.
- Mt 17:22 When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. 23 They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.
- Mt 20:18 "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!"
- Mt 26:2 "As you know, the Passover is two days away-- and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."
- Mt 26:12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.
- Mt 26:18 He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, "The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house."
- Mt 26:32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."
- Mt 26:39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."
- Mt 26:54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?
- Mt 26:61 and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"
- Mr 2:20 But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast.
- Mr 8:31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.

- Mr 9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.
- Mr 9:31 because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."
- Mr 10:33 "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise."
- Mr 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- Mr 14:8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial.
- Mr 14:28 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.
- Lu 9:22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."
- Lu 9:44 "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men."
- Lu 11:29 As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.
- Lu 17:25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.
- Lu 18:32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. 33 On the third day he will rise again."
- Lu 22:20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. 21 But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.
- Lu 22:37 It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."
- Lu 22:42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."
- Joh 2:19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

- Joh 3:14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,
- Joh 7:33 Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me.
- Joh 8:22 This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"
- Joh 8:28 So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.
- Joh 10:15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father-- and I lay down my life for the sheep.
- Joh 12:23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
- Joh 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.
- Joh 12:32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.
- Joh 13:1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.
- Joh 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
- Joh 16:7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
- Joh 16:16 "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."
- Joh 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.

Lesson 11

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What happens after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? Read Revelation chapter 19, 20 and 21 about the events after Christ returns as the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Following is an outline of the sequence of events. Make your own notes about each event.

- 1) Armageddon; Jesus treads the winepress of the wrath of God. Read Revelation 19:11-15; 16:16

- 2) Beast and False Prophet thrown into lake of burning sulfur. Read Revelation 19:20

- 3) The Great Super of God; the birds gorge themselves. Read Revelation 19:17, 21

- 4) Dragon seized, bound for 1000 years in Abyss. Read Revelation 20:2

- 5) The resurrection of the 144,000 and the Great Multitude in heaven. Read Revelation 20:4. Read this verse from the NASB. [If you don't have access to this version, go to www.crosswalk.com]

Remember we studied the three groups of people referred to in this verse:

- (i) Those seated on thrones; this is the Church/OT Saints who are already resurrected
- (ii) The “souls” of those beheaded because of testimony of Jesus; this is the 144,000. They are resurrected and reign for 1000 years
- (iii) The “souls” of those who had not worshipped the beast and not received his mark; this is the great multitude in heaven. They are resurrected and reign for 1000 years

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- 6) Sheep and Goat Judgment. Read Matthew 25:31-46.
 - a. Who is this judgment for?

 - b. What is the key time phrase in verse 31?

 - c. Do you think this account of the Sheep and Goat Judgment is a parable or not? Contrast the introduction with the previous 2 parables in the chapter.

- 7) Gather Elect (Israel). Read Matthew 24:30-31. Notice the key time phrase?

- 8) All Israel Saved. Read Romans 11:26. Notice the key time phrase.

- 9) Wedding supper of the Lamb. Read Revelation 19:9. Notice that the actual wedding supper is still future at this point prior to Christ’s return.

- 10) The 1000 year reign of Christ on earth. Read Revelation 20:3, 4, 5, 6, 7. How many times does God say it is 1000 years? Do you think this is a literal 1000 years?

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11) Satan released. Read Revelation 20:7. What does he do? What happens to him?

12) Great White Throne Judgment – where the dead are judged. Read Revelation 20:11-15

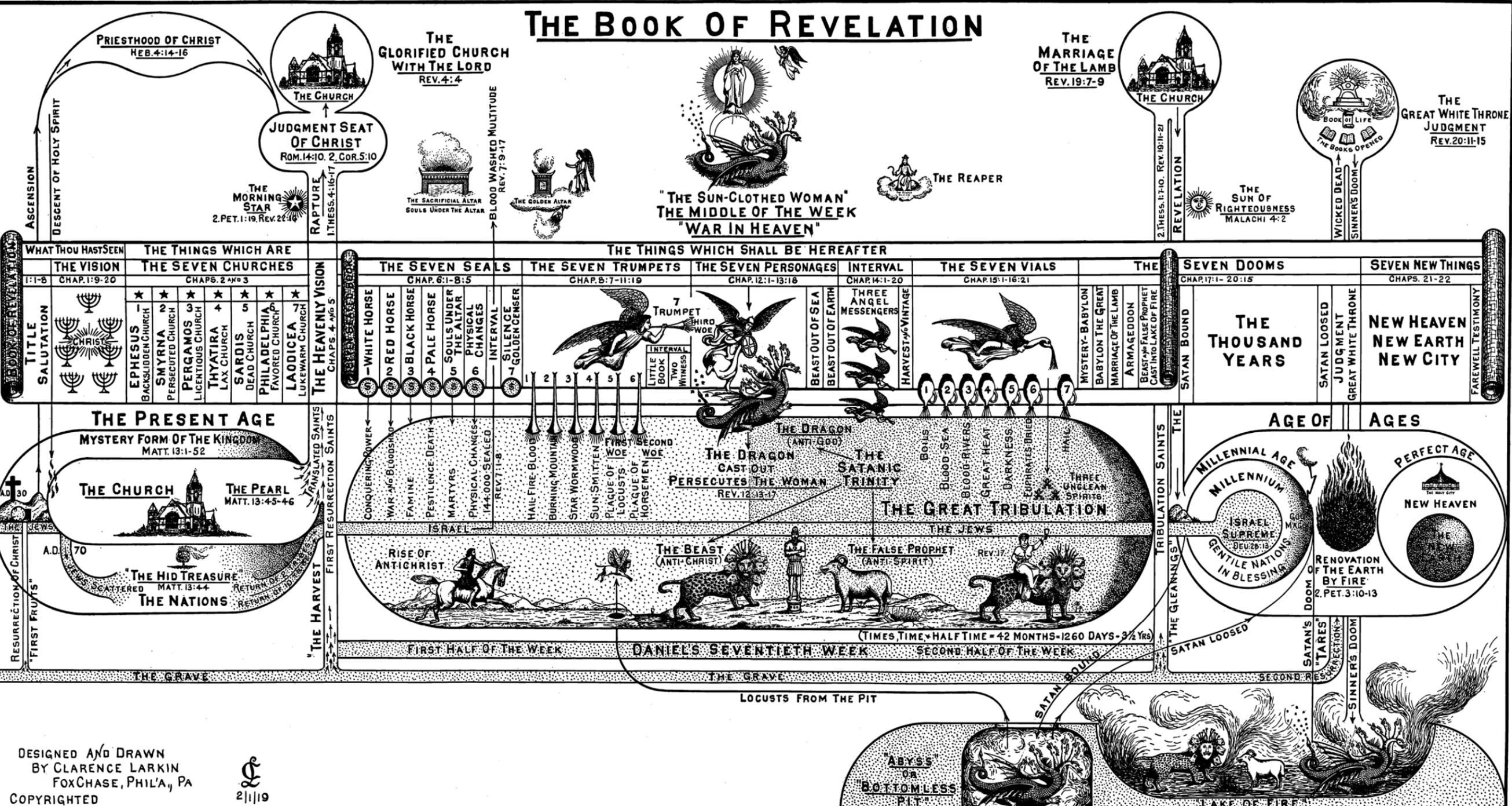
13) A New Heaven and New Earth; New Jerusalem. Read Revelation 21:1

The Lord’s Prayer says, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”. Does your study today bring new meaning to that old prayer? If so, write it down in your Journal of Blessings from Lesson 3!

Following this week’s homework are a couple handouts:

- 1) A Comparison of Parables in Matthew. We will discuss this in class as it relates to the Sheep and Goat Judgment.
- 2) 7 Earths Model. Again, we will discuss this in class as it relates to the New Heaven and New Earth.

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Comparison of Parables in Matthew with Sheep and Goat Judgment

Parables:

Reference “the kingdom is like...”	The righteous	The wicked	What happens to righteous	What happens to the wicked	The Judge	Time reference
Parable of the Weeds (Matt 13:24-30, 36-43)	Good seed	Weeds	Brought into barn; in kingdom of Father	Thrown into fiery furnace where there's W & G of teeth.	The Owner; the Son of Man; uses harvesters (angels)	The harvest—when Owner tells harvesters; At the end of the age
Parable of the Net (Matt 13:47-50)	Good fish	Bad fish	In baskets	Thrown away; into the fiery furnace where there's W & G of teeth	The angels separate	At the end of the age
Parable of the Wedding Banquet (Matt 22:1-14)	The good (Note: those invited is Israel)	The bad	Stay at wedding banquet	Tied hand and foot, thrown outside into darkness where there's W & G of teeth	The King, who tells His attendants (angels)	At the wedding banquet [the Wedding of the Lamb]; when the king comes
Master/Servant (Matt 24:45-51)	Faithful and wise servant	Wicked servant		Cut him to pieces; assign place with hypocrites where there's W & G of teeth	The Master; the Son of Man (v44)	Unknown hour or day; not expected
Parable of the 10 Virgins (Matt 25:1-13)	Five wise	Five foolish	Went into wedding banquet	Door shut – do not enter	Bridegroom	At midnight
Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:14-30)	Good and faithful servant	Wicked and lazy servant	Come share Master's happiness	Thrown outside, into darkness where there's W & G of teeth	The Master	Master returns after a long time

Sheep and Goat Judgment (not a parable):

Sheep and Goat Judgment (Mt 25:31-46)	Sheep – the righteous	Goats	Inherit the kingdom	Depart from Me; to eternal punishment	The King	When the Son of Man comes in glory
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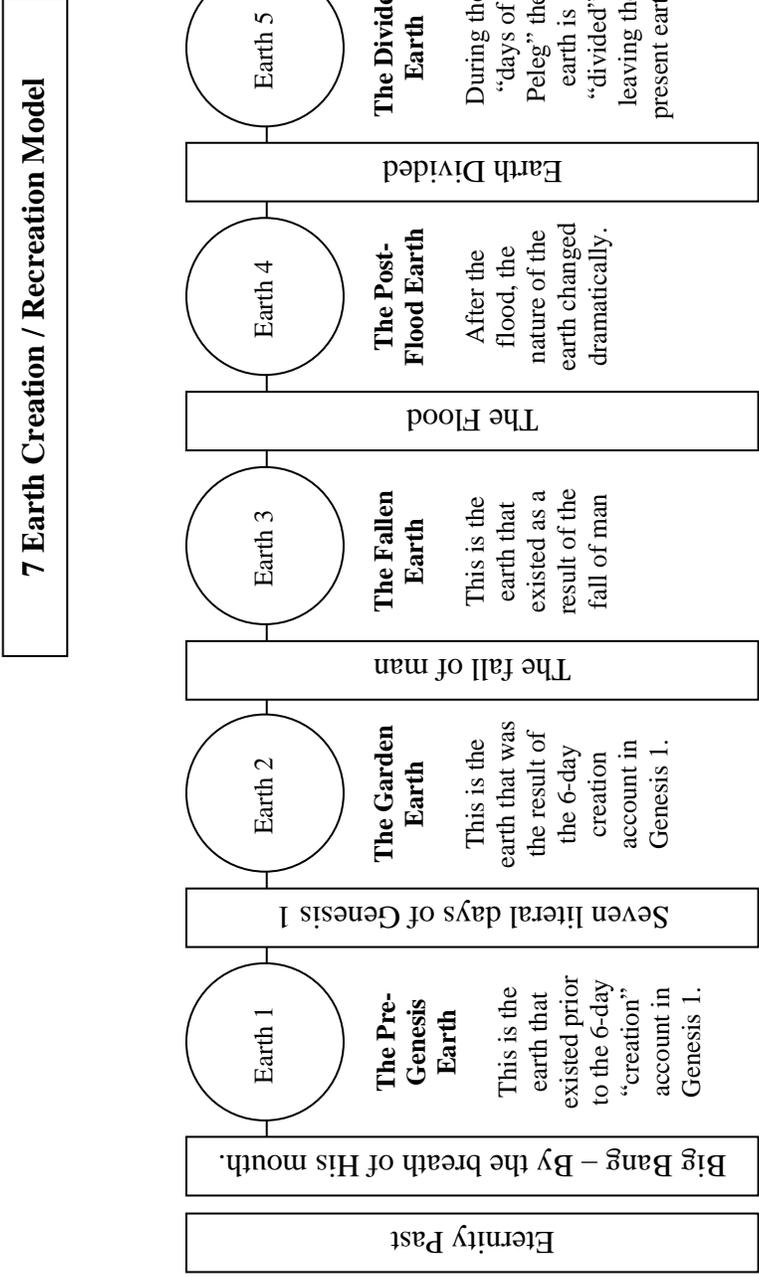
The Judgment of the nations	The righteous (by faith)	The un-righteous	Enter into millennial kingdom	Sent to Hades (torment side)	Jesus (His angels)	At the Second Coming
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What about Matthew 24:40-41?

Two men in field (Matt 24:40)	In field	In field	Taken (to receive near)	Left (to send away)	Jesus	At the coming of the Son of Man
Two women grinding (Matt 24:41)	Grinding	Grinding	Taken (to receive near)	Left (to send away)	Jesus	At the coming of the Son of Man

Same or different than above?

Could the rapture also be in view here? What about ‘the day Noah entered ark’?



Lesson 12

Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83

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Lesson Preparation

In recent years, a new kind of prophecy study has emerged. A study based on current events instead of the Bible. Many prophecy pundits are preaching doom and gloom, wars and financial ruin, and preparing for the worst. Specifically, many are warning Christian of an impending duo of wars describe in Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83. In contrast, the Bible teaches the End Times is a source of hope and encouragement as we wait for the rapture of the church!

So which is it? Should we be expecting the wars described in Ezekiel 38 and Psalm 83 at any moment? ...specifically within our lifetime?? Or are they descriptions of the final battle (Armageddon) when Christ returns (and the saints with Him)?

Let’s search the scriptures and see how these wars fit into our timeline we have built over the course of this study.

It would be really helpful for you to read all of Ezekiel chapters 34 through 39. However, I know that is a lot of reading. So if you do not have time, just read the following key passages to help set the timing of the Ezekiel 38 war. We will start in Ezekiel 34...

1. Read Ezekiel 34:22-27. Based on what you have studied so far, place the following events on the End Times timeline. In other words, do you think the events described in this chapter happen *before* the rapture and tribulation OR *after* the tribulation when Christ returns at the second coming.
 - a. “I will save my flock” (v22). Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: When does Jesus saved Israel? Before the rapture or when He returns at the second coming?]
 - b. “I will place my servant David over them” (v23). Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: When does Jesus saved Israel and place the resurrected David over them in His kingdom? Before the rapture or when He returns at the second coming?]
 - c. “I will make a covenant of peace with them” (v25). Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: When does Jesus saved Israel and make a new covenant with them? Before the rapture or when He returns at the second coming?]
 - d. “They will know that I am the Lord” (v27). Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: There is only one day when all of Israel will know the “I am the Lord”.]
2. Read Ezekiel 36:24-29. Again, based on what you have studied so far, place this event on the End Times timeline. In other words, do you think the event described in this chapter happens *before* the rapture and tribulation OR *after* the tribulation when Christ returns at the second coming. Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: When does Jesus saved Israel and make a new covenant with them? Before the rapture or when He returns at the second coming?]

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3. Read Ezekiel 37:11-14. Ezekiel 37 is about these dry bones that come to life. The Bones are symbolic of Israel and they come to life and then “know that I am the Lord”. When do you think this happens? Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: There is only one day when all of Israel will know the “I am the Lord”.]
4. Read Ezekiel 37:24-28. At the end of Ezekiel 37 God once again says that David will be king over Israel and that he will make a new, everlasting covenant of peace with Israel. When do you think this happens? Before OR After? (Circle one)
[Hint: When does Jesus saved Israel and place the resurrected David over them in His kingdom? Before the rapture or when He returns at the second coming?]
5. Now we come to the war of Ezekiel 38. We have already establish the timeframe we are dealing with here! From the previous passages we know that God is talking about AFTER the tribulation at the second coming of Christ. Now read the whole chapter of Ezekiel 38. We will walk through the entire chapter in class. But look for key time references or familiar events that you have already studied (and know where they go on the timeline). Record your observations...

Notice the end of Ezekiel 38... “Then they will know that I am the Lord.” Again, what is the only day when Israel will know the He is the Lord?

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6. Read Ezekiel 39:4-8. After the battle we see all the troops have fallen and all kinds of birds will eat their flesh.
 - a. Cross reference this with the Great Super of God described in Revelation 19:17-21. When is the Great Super of God? Before the tribulation or after the second coming?
 - b. Does the Ezekiel passage sound like the same event?
 - c. So when must be the battle of Ezekiel 38? Before the tribulation or after the second coming?
 - d. Again notice how the passage ends... “they will know that I the Lord am the holy One in Israel”. What is the only day when Israel will know the He is the Lord?

Wow. This was your last homework assignment. You made it!

I truly hope that you have a much better understanding of God’s plan for the End of the Age! So much of the Bible describes this plan! Think about it...we have been all over the Bible. We have looked at:

- *Daniel 9*
- *Leviticus*
- *Nehemiah*
- *Revelation*
- *Matthew 24*
- *1 and 2 Thessalonians*
- *1 Corinthians 15*
- *The Psalms*
- *John*
- *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy*
- *Jeremiah*
- *Hebrews*
- *Ezekiel*
- *And many other Old and New Testament books!*

One of the big blessings for me when I took my first class on the end times was the full realization that the Bible is one complete work inspired by God! And because God has proven completely accurate in predicting the future, I can fully trust Him for my future that He has described in His plan for the end of the age!

And while knowing God’s plan for the future is wonderful, my prayer for you is that you have come to know the Planner better through this study. May God bless richly bless you!