

MEN'S PROPHECY RETREAT

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... who had understanding of the times ... 1 Chronicles 12:32

AND IT
SHALL COME
TO PASS

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ESCHATOLOGY

End Time Prophecy

1 Chronicles 12:32: From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take.

By Dekoven Riggings

WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

Is. 42:9, “See, the former things have taken place,

and new things I declare;
before they spring into being
I announce them to you..”



WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

Is. 45:21, “Declare what is to be, present it—
let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago,
who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no God apart from me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
there is none but me.””



WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

Is. 46:9-10, “Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure.’”



WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

John 16: 1“I have told you these things so that you won’t abandon your faith. 2For you will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time is coming when those who kill you will think they are doing a holy service for God. 3This is because they have never known the Father or me. 4Yes, I’m telling you these things now, so that when they happen, you will remember my warning. I didn’t tell you earlier because I was going to be with you for a while longer.



WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

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



WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

2 Peter 1:19: “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:”

WHY STUDY PROPHECY?

2 Timothy 4

⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

HOW TO STUDY PROPHECY

Keep in mind...

- The focus of the End is on the Middle East
 - Israel and the surrounding nations
 - Particularly Jerusalem



HOW TO STUDY PROPHECY

Keep in mind...

- The Jewish mindset of prophecy is cyclical.

Example:

- The sacrifice of Isaac in Gen. 22 was a picture of what was to come through God the Father giving His only Son Jesus to be sacrificed.



HOW TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

- **2 Peter 1:20:** “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”



HOW TO INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

- **2 Corinthians 13:1:** “*This is the third time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”



WIDE VARIETY OF INTERPRETATIONS

- Highly Symbolic Language
 - Symbols → open to vastly different understandings
 - Presuppositions about Biblical Eschatology:
 - Literal: Predicts the future, the coming End of the World
 - Historical: Reflects persecutions faced by Early Christians
 - Theological: Describes timeless conflict: Good vs. Evil
- Ex: When is Millennium vis-à-vis Parousia?
 - Pre-millennialism / “Catastrophic” - 1000-year reign of peace will come only after the great tribulation and the return of Jesus; believers must be prepared to endure difficult trials
 - Post-millennialism / “Progressive” - 1000-year reign of peace must be established on earth by human beings and societies; Jesus will return only after that is accomplished
 - A-millennialism – 1000-year reign of Rev 20 is not literal, but purely symbolic; when Jesus returns cannot be predicted

WIDE VARIETY OF INTERPRETATIONS

Pre-millennialism

➤ Pre-Tribulation

- Jesus removes the Church before the tribulation.

➤ Mid-Tribulation

- Jesus removes the Church in the middle of the tribulation.

➤ Post-Tribulation

- Jesus removes the Church at the end of the tribulation.



HOW THE CHURCH GOT AWAY FROM BIBLE PROPHECY



REVELATION - INTRO

By Richard Osei

Ref. Chuck Missler

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REVELATION – INTRODUCTION

- Revelation is – is Singular, not plural
- Revelation – to unveil or uncover, to reveal
- Revelation contain seven Epistles by Jesus:
 - Ephesus
 - Smyrna
 - Pergamos
 - Thyatira
 - Sardis
 - Philadelphia
 - Laodicea
- “Search the Scriptures and they are they which testify me” John 5:39

WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

- Christ at the Center (Rev 1:1)
- “More sure word of prophecy” 2 Pet. 1:19
- “Search the Scriptures and they are they which testify me” John 5:39
- “Volume of the book is written of me” Ps. 40:7
- Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” Rev. 19:10
- “Thy Kingdom Come” Matt. 6:10

REVELATION (THE UNVEILING)

- The Consummation of all things
- The only book promising a special blessing to the reader (Rev. 1:3)
- The only book in the Bible with an outline
- Things thou has seen (the vision of Christ) – Rev. 1:19
- The things which are (the present churches - letters) - Rev. 1:12-18
- The things which shall be hereafter (the prophecy) – Rev. 4-22
- 404 verses containing over 800 allusions from the Old Testament
- It presents the climax of God's Plan for Man

BIBLE OVERVIEW

Old Testament - Christ in Prophecy	“Behold, He Comes!”
Gospels - Christ in History	“Behold, He Dies!”
Acts - Christ in the Church	“Behold, He Lives!”
Epistles - Christ in Experience	“Behold, He Saves!”
Apocalypse - Christ in coming Glory	“Behold, He Reigns!”

BIBLE OVERVIEW

- **Two Basic Discoveries**
- **The Bible consist of 66 separate book**
- **Penned by over 40 authors**
- **Over a period of several thousand years that are in integrated message system;**
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- **It can be demonstrated that the origin of this message is from outside of our dimension of space and time**

BIBLE OVERVIEW

- **The OT is an account of a Nation.**
- **The NT is the account of a Man**
- **The creator became a Man. His appearance is the Central Event of all History**
- **He died to purchase us and is alive now**
- **The most exalted privilege is to know Him. That's what the Bible is all about.**

REVELATION

- God means what He says and says what He means
- Nothing is trivial: All things are for our learning
- God is His own interpreter
- Search Scriptures yourself - Act 17:11

JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- **The Gospel of John**
- **Three Epistles**
 - **1 John - Sermon on Love**
 - **2 John - Personal letter to Mary?**
 - **3 John – Personal note to Gaius**
- **The Apocalypse (Revelation)**

JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Born at Bethsaida to Zebedee and Salome
- Galilean fisherman
- In partners with Peter and Andrew
- Early disciple of John the Baptist
- Well connected
- High Priest, Nicodemus, et al (John 18:15)?
- One of the inner circle
- Mt. Transfiguration (Matt. 17) Peter, James and John
- Raising of Jairus' daughter (Matt:18)
- Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24)
- Gethsemane (Matt. 26.37)
- Assigned care of Mary (John 19:26)

JOHN - THE AUTHOR

- Ultimately retires to Ephesus after his exile (81-96 AD)



THE PATMOS EXILE

- Exiled by Domitian (81-96 AD) the brother of Titus who destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD.
- History
 - **Hippolytus:**
 - John was first plunged into a boiling oil, and then sent to this island exile
 - **Victorinus:**
 - John was forced to work in the mines that were located on Patmos
 - **Irenaeus, Clement, and Eusebius:**
 - After Domitian dies, John returned to Ephesus, went to the churches, and appointed leaders, and set things in order

REVELATION - ALTERNATIVE VIEWS

- Preterism - Then One (apply to the first century)
 - Historical - History only
 - Idealist - Allegorical (not real, Jesus is in the heart)
 - Futurist - Prophetic
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- Why Prophecy
 - Old Testament
 - 1845 references to Christ's rule on the earth
 - 17 OT books give prominence to the event
 - New Testament
 - Of the 216 chapters, there are 318 references to the Second Coming
 - It is mentioned in 23 of the 27 books

THE SEVENS

- Seven Churches (1:4, 11,20; 2; 3)
- Seven Seals (5; 6)
- Seven Trumpets (8,9)
- Seven Bowls (15; 16; 17:1; 21:9)
- Seven Plagues (15:1,6,8; 21:9)
- Seven Mountains (17:9)
- Seven Kings (17:10,11)

THE SEVENS

- Seven Lampstands (1:12-13,20; 2:1)
- Seven Spirits (1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6)
- Seven Stars (1:16,20; 2:1; 3:1)
- Seven lamps (4; 5)
- Seven “Title-pairs” (2; 3)
- Seven Promises to the Overcomer (2; 3)
- Seven Horns (5:6)
- Seven Eyes (5:6)
- Seven Angels (8:2,6; 15:1,6-8; 16:1; 17:1; 21:9)
- Seven Thunders (10:3, 4)
- Seven Thousand (11:13)
- Seven Heads (12:3; 13:1 17:3, 7, 9)
- Seven Crowns (12:3)

THE SEVENS - BEATITUDES

- 1. Blessed I he that readeth, and they that hear and keep those things ... (1:3)
- 2. Blessed are the dead who die in the lord (14:13)
- 3. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments (16:15)
- 4. Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9)
- 5. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection (20:6)
- 6. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book
- 7. Blessed are those who do His commandments (22:14)

THE SEVENS

- Seven Features (1)
- Seven Letter Divisions (2; 3)
- Seven Personages
 - Woman, Man-Child, Red Dragon, 7 headed Beast, False Prophet, Michael, Lamb
- Seven Years of Judgments (11:3; 12:6,14; 13:5)
- Seven “I Am’s” of Christ (1:18, 17, 18; 21:6; 22:13,16)
- Seven Doxologies in heaven (4:9-11; 5:8-13; 7:9-12; 11:16-18; 14:2-3 15:2-4 19:1-6)
- Seven New Things (20:21)
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REVELATION - THE CLIMAX OF EVERYTHING

Genesis	Revelation
Earth Created (1:1)	Earth Passed away (21:1)
Sun to govern Day (1:16)	No need of sun (21:23)
Darkness called night (1:15)	No night there (22:5)
Waters He called seas (1:10)	No more sea (21:1)
A river for earth's blessing (2:10-14)	A river for New Earth (22:1,2)
Earth's government (re: Israel) (37)	Earth's judgment (re: Israel) (16:8)
Man in God's Image (1:26)	Man Headed by Satan's Image (13)
Entrance of sin (3:6)	End of sin (21:27)
Curse pronounced (3:14-17)	No more curse (22:3)
Death entered (3:19)	No more death (21:4)
Man driven out of Eden (3:24)	Man restored (22)
Tree of life guarded (3:23)	Right to Tree of life (22:14)
Sorrow & suffering enter (3:17)	No more sorrow (22:4)
Nimrod founds Babylon (10:8-10)	Babylon falls (17,18)
God's Flood to destroy evil generation (6-9)	Satan's flood to destroy elect generation (2)
A bow: God's promise (9:13)	A bow for remembrance (4:3; 10:1)
Sodom & Egypt: corruption, judgment (13,19)	"Sodom & Egypt" (Jerusalem) (11:8)
A confederation vs. Abraham's people (14)	A confederation vs. Abraham's seed (12)
A bride for Abraham's son (24)	A bride for Abraham's Seed (21)
Marriage of 1st Adam (2:18-23)	Marriage of Last Adam (19)
Man's dominion ceased; Satan's begun (3:24)	Satan's domain ended man's restored (22)

OUTLINE OF CHAPTER 1

- 1-3 - Introduction
- 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
- 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
- 19 - Outline of the Book
- 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3



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WHAT IS THE BOOK OF REVELATION ABOUT?



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WHAT IS THE BOOK OF REVELATION ABOUT?

- The book of Revelation climaxes with the greatest event of the history of the ages – The coming of Jesus. We are not cosmic orphans. We are not alone. We are not destined for self-destruction. Famine and pestilence will not have the final word. Natural disasters will not dash our hopes. Sickness will no longer prevail. Sorrow will come to an end. Death will no longer claim its victims. Tears, disappointments, and heartaches will come to an end. The book of revelation comes to a dramatic, awesome, and glorious ending. The book of Revelation speaks of an amazing time when God will wipe away every tear. **Revelation gives us hope and courage to face tomorrow. The theme of Revelation is the Deliverer is on His way.**

SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS BY DEKOVEN RIGGINGS



WHAT ARE THE HEAVENS?

■ Genesis 1

⁶ Then God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.” ⁷ Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. ⁸ And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day.

WHAT ARE THE HEAVENS?

Firmament:

the heavens or the sky, especially when regarded as a tangible thing.



WHY LOOK FOR SIGNS

- Genesis 1

¹⁴ Then God said, “Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;

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**In the Hebrew it is
Moedim**

WHY LOOK FOR SIGNS

Moedim: God's appointed times.

150 times the word moed is translated **congregation**

23 times the word moed is translated **feast**

13 times the word moed is translated **season**

12 times the word moed is translated **appointed**

12 times the word moed is translated **time**

4 times the word moed is translated **assembly**

WHY LOOK FOR SIGNS

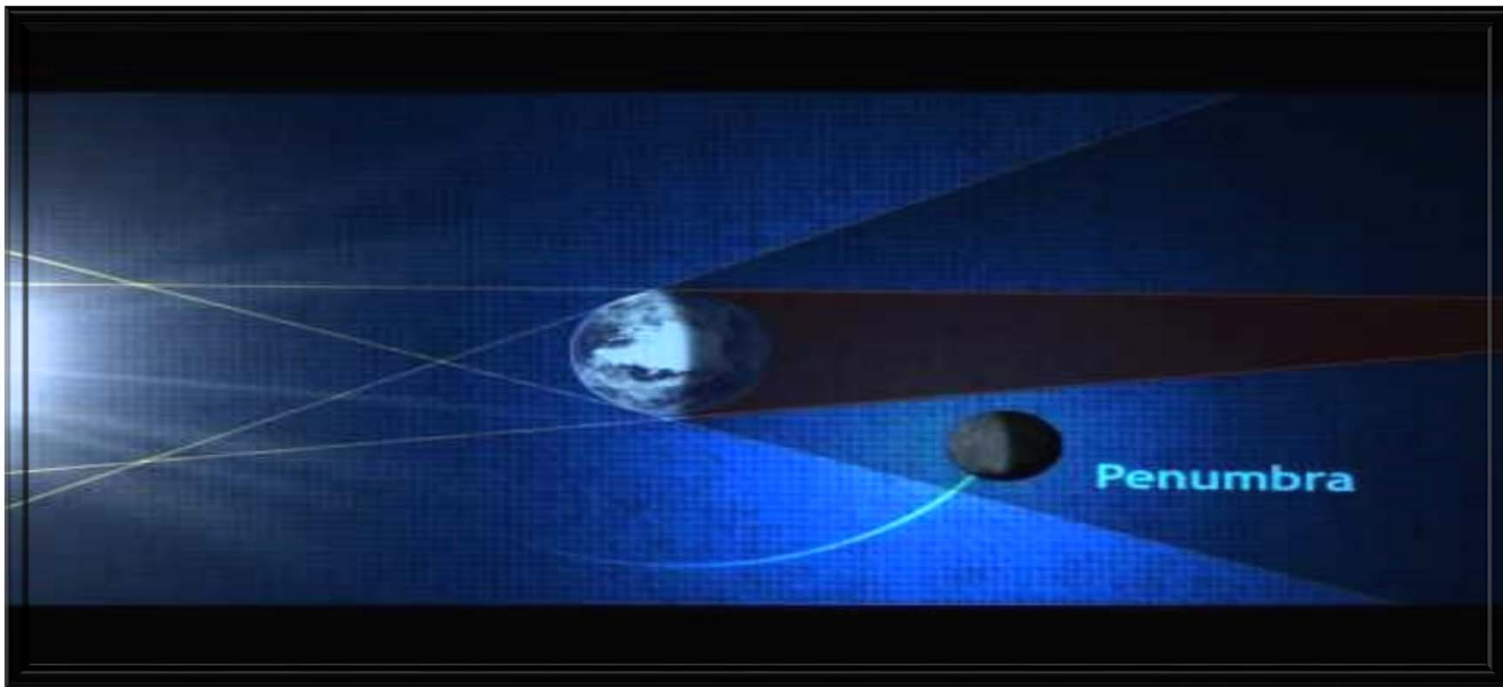
Luke 21:

²⁵ “**And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars**; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

THE BLOOD MOON



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■ **Joel 2:**

³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

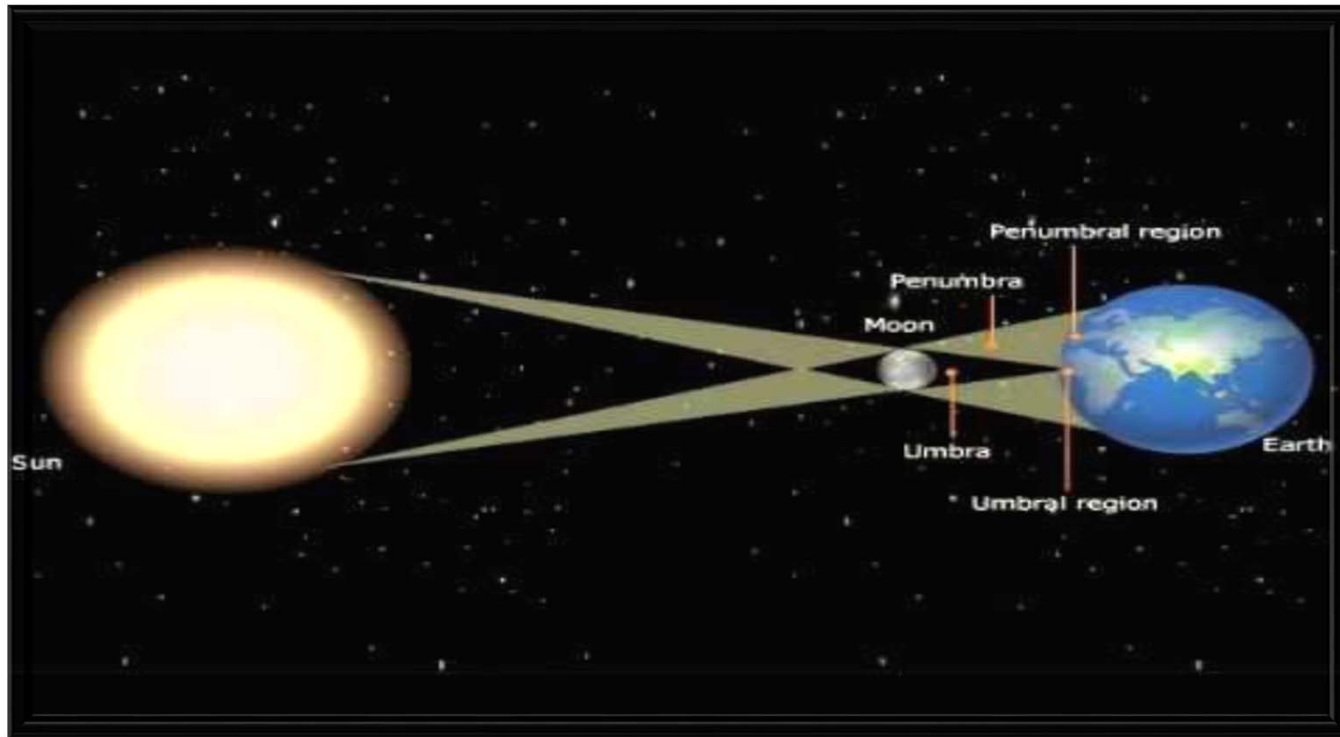
■ **Acts 2:**

²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:

■ **Revelation 6:**

¹² And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

SOLAR ECLIPSES



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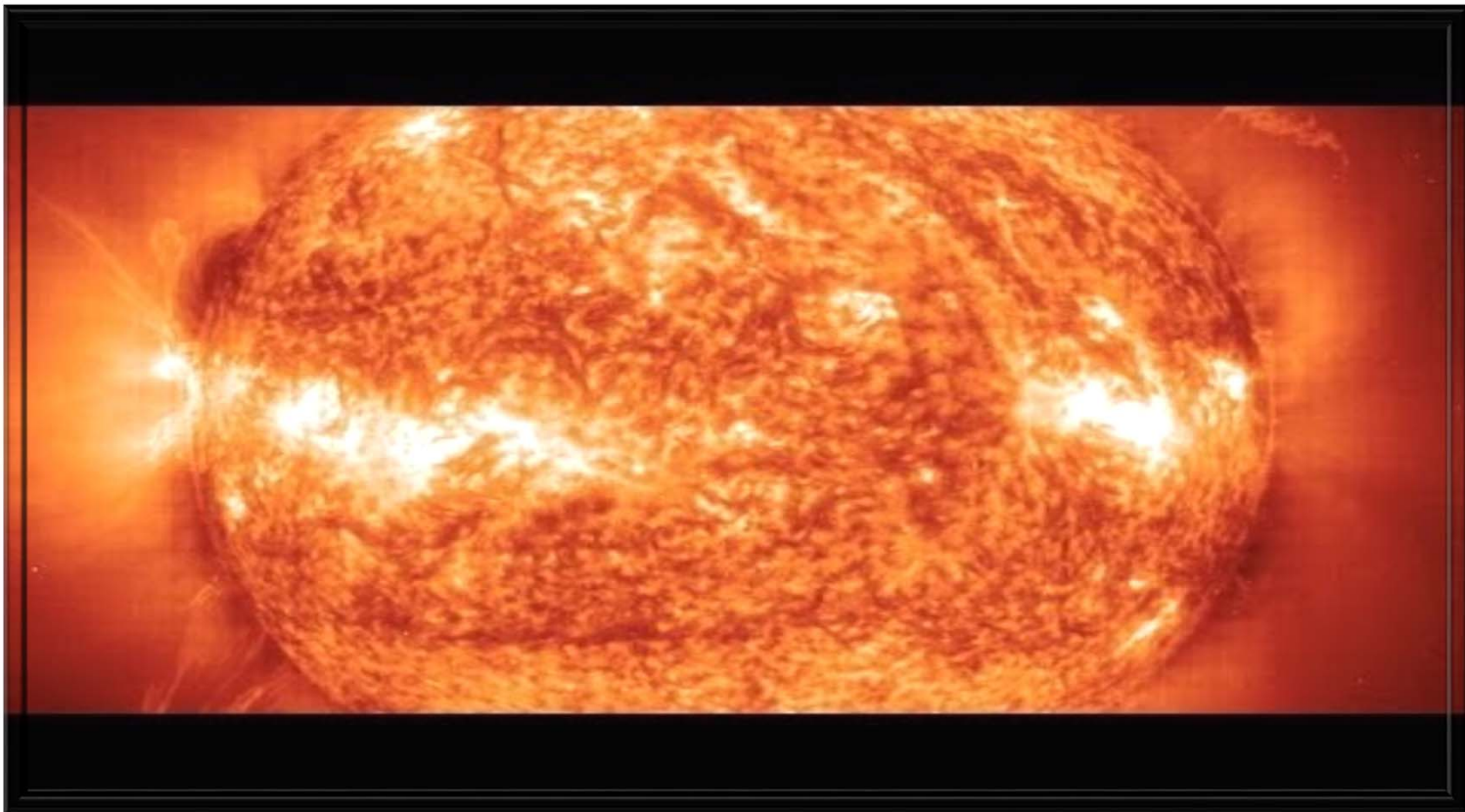
- Matthew 24

²⁹ “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken

- Mark 13

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

SOLAR FLARES



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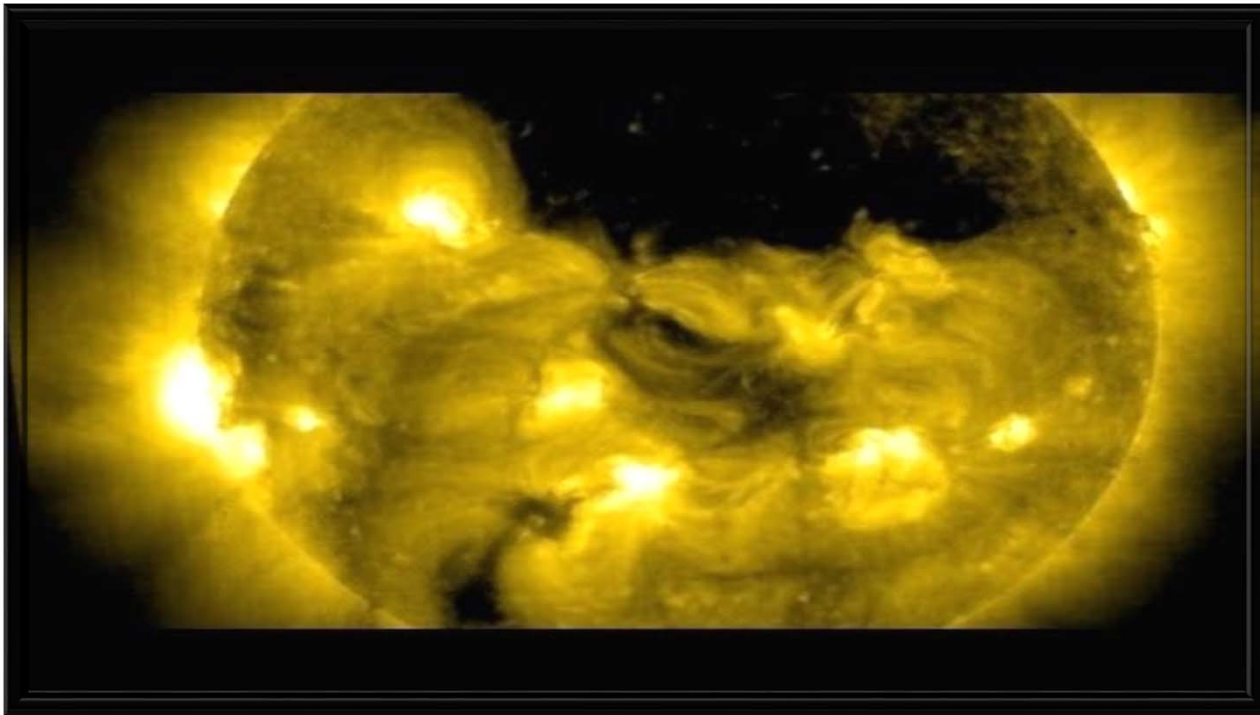
- Revelation

⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

SOLAR FLARES



HOLE IN THE SUN

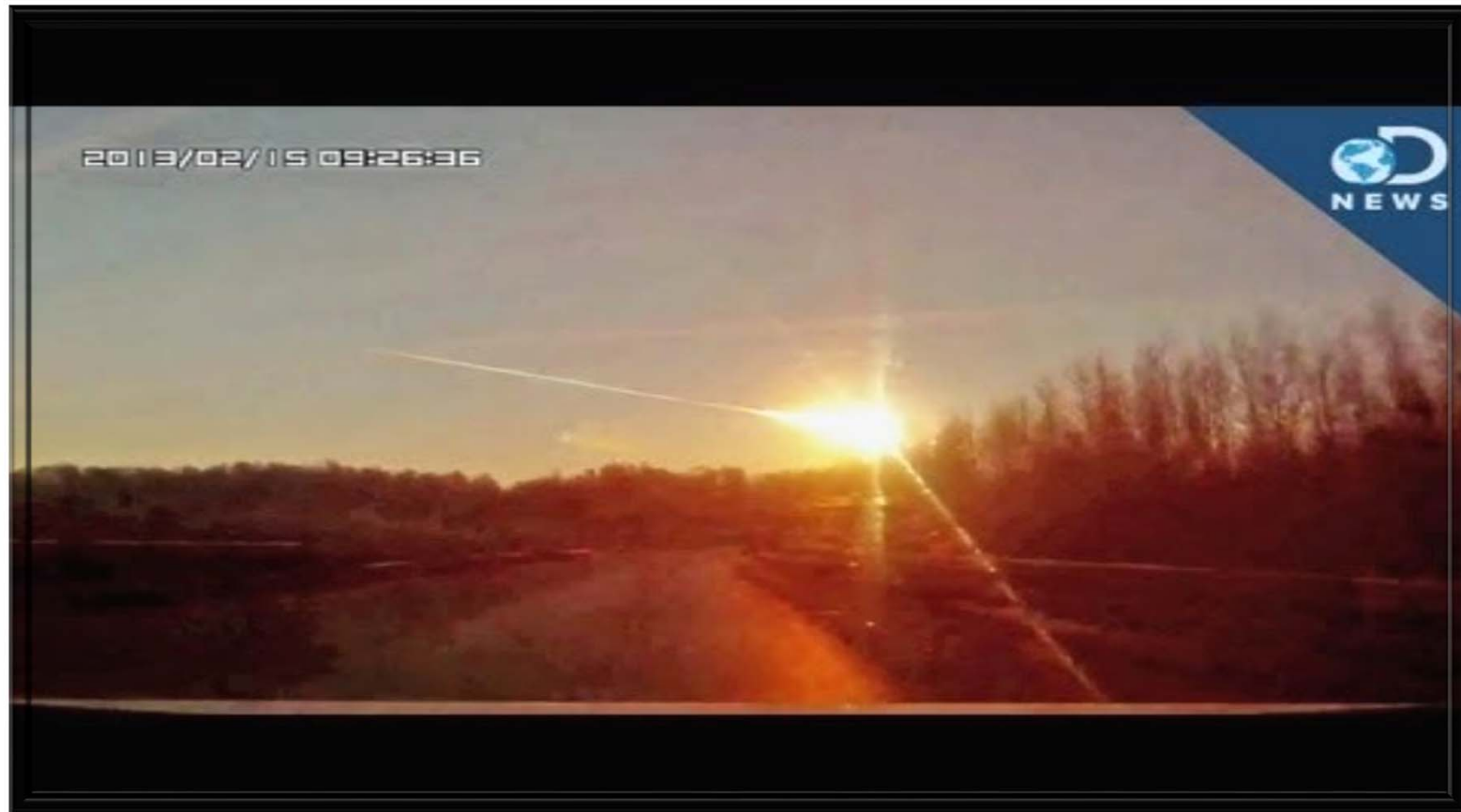


HOLE IN THE SUN

■ Revelation 8

¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: **And a third of the sun was struck**, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

METEOR SHOWER



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■ Revelation 6

¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

METEOR SHOWER



THE FEAST OF THE LORD

By Dekoven Riggings



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GOD'S DECREE

■ Leviticus 23

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.*



Moedim

PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD



HEBREW NAME

Passover = Pesach

פסח

Unleavened Bread = Chag HaMatzot

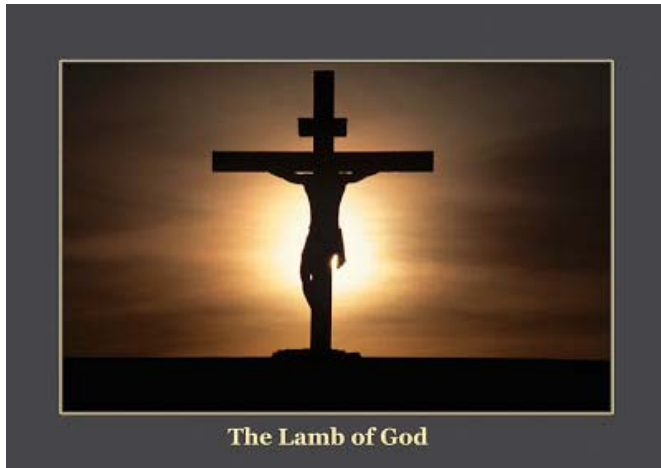
מַצֵּה

PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD

Leviticus 23

⁴ ‘These *are* the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. ⁵ On the fourteenth *day* of the first month at twilight *is* the LORD’s Passover. ⁶ And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. ⁷ On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. ⁸ But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh day *shall be* a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work *on it.*’”

PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD



FULFILLED

PASSOVER & UNLEAVENED BREAD

John 1

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

John 6

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

FIRST FRUITS



HEBREW NAME

First Fruits = Reishit Katzir

בַּפְּרִים

FIRST FRUITS

Leviticus 23

⁹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁰ “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. ¹¹ He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. ¹² And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to the LORD. ¹³ Its grain offering *shall be two-tenths of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire to the LORD, for a sweet aroma; and its drink offering *shall be* of wine, one-fourth of a hin. ¹⁴ You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

FIRST FRUITS



FIRST FRUITS

1 Corinthians 15

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

PENTECOST



HEBREW NAME

Pentecost = Shavu'ot

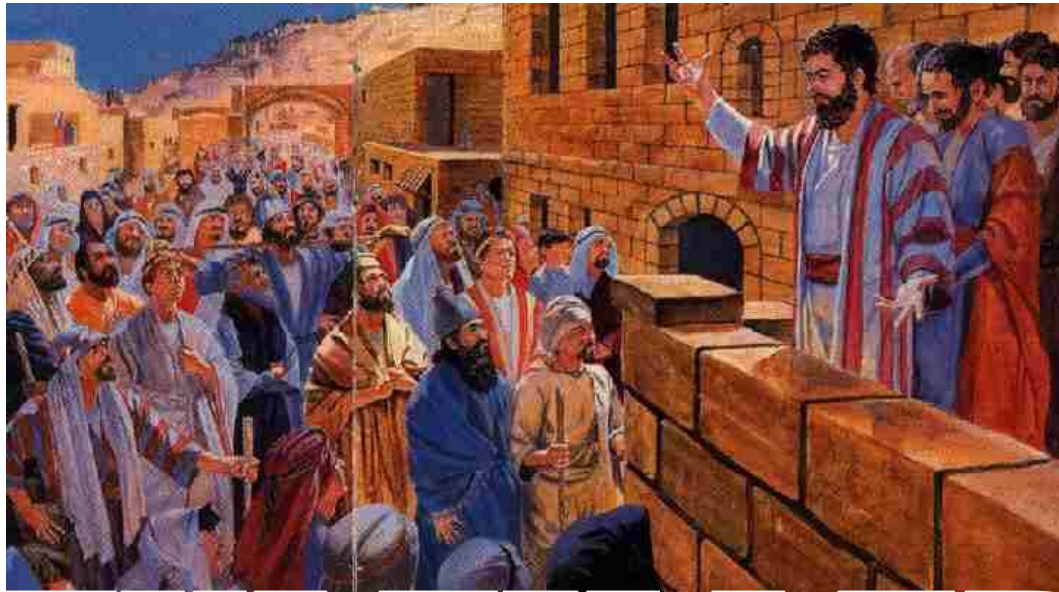
חג השבועות

PENTECOST

Leviticus 23

- ¹⁵ ‘And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed. ¹⁶ Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall bring from your dwellings two wave *loaves* of two-tenths of an *ephah*. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven. *They are* the first fruits to the LORD. ¹⁸ And you shall offer with the bread seven lambs of the first year, without blemish, one young bull, and two rams. They shall be as a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering made by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD. ¹⁹ Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a peace offering. ²⁰ The priest shall wave them with the bread of the first fruits as a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. ²¹ And you shall proclaim on the same day *that* it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on *it*. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.
- ²² ‘When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleaning from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I *am* the LORD your God.’”

PENTECOST



FULFILLED

PENTECOST

Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

FEAST OF TRUMPETS



HEBREW NAME

Feast of Trumpets = Rosh Hashanah

ראש השנה

FEAST OF TRUMPETS

Leviticus 23

²³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²⁴ “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘In the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, you shall have a sabbath-*rest*, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. ²⁵ You shall do no customary work *on it*; and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD.’”

FEAST OF TRUMPETS



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1 Corinthians 15

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at **the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

OTHER KNOWN NAMES

- *Teshuvah* (repentance)
Rosh HaShanah (Head of the Year, Birthday of the World)
Yom Teruah (the Day of the Awakening Blast, Feast of Trumpets)
Yom HaDin (the Day of Judgment)
HaMelech (the Coronation of the Messiah)
Yom HaZikkaron (the Day of Remembrance or memorial)
The time of Jacob's (*Ya'akov*) trouble (the birthpangs of the Messiah, *Chevlai shel Mashiach*)
The opening of the gates
Kiddushin/Nesu'in (the wedding ceremony)
The resurrection of the dead (rapture, *natzal*)
The last trump (Return of Messiah) (*shofar*)
Yom Hakeseh (the hidden day)

DAY OF ATONEMENT



HEBREW NAME

Day of Atonement = Yom Kippur

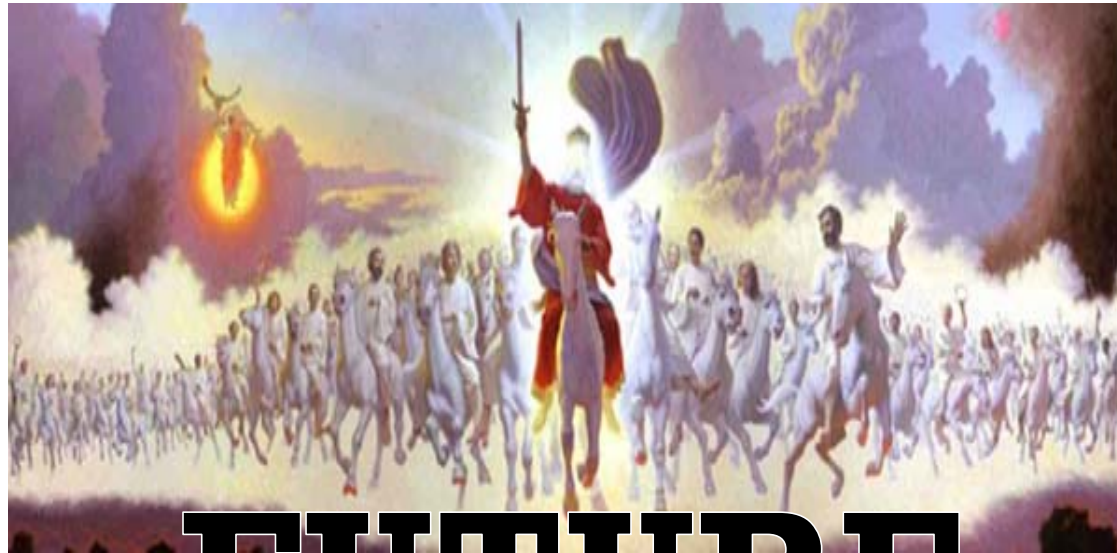
יום הכּפּוּרִים

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Leviticus 23

²⁶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²⁷ “Also the tenth *day* of this seventh month *shall be* the Day of Atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. ²⁸ And you shall do no work on that same day, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹ For any person who is not afflicted *in soul* on that same day shall be cut off from his people. ³⁰ And any person who does any work on that same day, that person I will destroy from among his people. ³¹ You shall do no manner of work; *it shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³² It *shall be* to you a sabbath of *solemn* rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth *day* of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your sabbath.”

DAY OF ATONEMENT



FUTURE

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Matthew 25

³¹ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Jeremiah 50

²⁰ In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES



HEBREW NAME

Feast of Tabernacles = Sukkot

חג הסוכות

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Leviticus 23

³³ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁴ “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the Feast of Tabernacles *for* seven days to the LORD. ³⁵ On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work *on it*. ³⁶ *For* seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sacred assembly, *and* you shall do no customary work *on it*.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES



FUTURE

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Psalms 132

¹¹ The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

Zechariah 14

¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

OTHER KNOWN NAMES

- **The Season of Our Joy.**
- **The Festival of Ingathering.**
- **The Feast of the Nations.**
- **The Festival of Dedication.**
- **The Festival of Lights.**
- **The Festival of Booths**

PRE-TRIB LOOK

YHWH's Appointed Times!

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52
Leviticus 23:24

PASSOVER
UNLEAVENED BREAD
Prophetic Fulfillment REVEALED!!
PENTECOST

Rapture!
TABERNACLES
ERF
MINISTRIES

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THE HARPAZO? / THE RAPTURE?

- **Rapture:** The English word "rapture" is derived from the Latin verb "Rapere" meaning "to carry off," or "to catch up."
- **- NT:** 1 Thes. 4:13-17, 1Cor. 15:50
- **- OT:** Isaiah 26:19-21, Zep. 2:3, Ps 27:5

WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

- **John 14** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. ⁴ And where I go you know, and the way you know.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

RAPTURE VERSES

- John 14:1-3 | 1 Cor 15:1-53 | 1 Thess 4:13-18 | Rom 8:19 | 1 Cor 1:7-8 | 1 Cor 16:22 | Phil 3:20-21 | Col 3:4
- 1 Thess 1:10 | 1 Thess 2:19 | 1 Thess 5:9 | 1 Thess 5:23 | 2 Thess 2:1, (3) | 1 Tim 6:14 | 2 Tim 4:1 | Titus 2:13
- Heb 9:28 | James 5:7-9 | 1 Peter 1:7, 13 | 1 John 2:28, 3:2 | Jude 21 | Rev 2:25
- Rev 3:10

THE JEWISH WEDDING

- The Ketubah, Betrothal
 - Payment of the purchase price
 - Set apart (sanctified)
- Bridegroom departs to Father's House
 - Prepares room addition
 - Bride prepares for his imminent return
- Surprise gathering
 - Jer. 7:34, 16:9, 25:10, Psa. 45:8-1, Matt 25:1-13
 - Huppah, wedding
- Seven day Marriage supper
 - Judges 14:12, Matt 9:15, 22:11-14, John 2:1

THE MARRIAGE FULFILLED

- Covenant established: 1 Cor. 11:25
- Purchase price: 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- Bride set apart: Eph. 5:25-27, 1Cor. 1:2, 6:11, Heb. 10:10; 13:12
- Reminded of the covenant: 1 Cor. 11:25-26
- Bridegroom left for the Father's house ...
- Escort to accompany Him upon His return to gather His Bride 1Thess. 4:16-17

- He is coming for the Church and Israel (Job 19:25-27)
- ²⁵ For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;
²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*, That in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

1 THESSALONIANS 4

- ¹³ But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.
- ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be *caught up* together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

7 “RAPTURES”

- Enoch Gen. 5:42; Heb. 11:5
- Elijah 2 kings 2:1, 11
- Jesus (Harpazo) Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 12:5
- Philip Acts 8:39 (Harpazo)
- Paul 2 Cor. 12:2-4 (Harpazo)
- Body of Christ 1 Thess. 4:17 (Harpazo)
- John Rev. 4:1

HOW WILL THE RAPTURE OCCUR?

- Quietly
- Secretly
- Surprisingly
- Loudly
- Quickly

HOW WILL THE RAPTURE OCCUR?

- ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matthew 24:30-36)
- ¹¹ who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)
- ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
- for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (1 Thess. 5:2)

1 CORINTHIANS 15

- ⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— ⁵² **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”
- ⁵⁵ “O Death, where *is* your sting?
O Hades, where *is* your victory?”
- Mystery: something that was hidden, and now it is made known.

ASSURANCE OF THE RESURRECTION - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-3

- **5** For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked.
- House: (Greek) oiketerion
- (Only here and Jude 6)
- **6** And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;
- First estate: arkhay or, principality, magistracy of angels and demons
- Habitation: oiketerion or dwelling

DOCTRINE OF IMMINENCY

- Believers are taught to expect the Savior from heaven at any moment
 - Phill. 3:20; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; 1 Thess. 1:10, 4:18, 5:6; Rev. 22:20
- Expresses hope and warm spirit of expectancy.
 - (1 Thess. 1:10) ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
- Should result in a victorious and purified life
 - (John 3:2,3) ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” ³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- (1 Tim 6:14) ¹⁴ that you keep *this* commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ’s appearing,
- (Heb. 10:37)
- ³⁷ “For yet a little while, *And* He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

OCCUPY TILL I COME – LUKE 19:13

- The expectation for some were so strong that they had stopped working and had to be exhorted:
 - To return to their jobs 2 Thess. 3:10-12
 - ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. ¹¹ For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. ¹² Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.
 - And have patience James 5:8
 - ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

DEATH AND RAPTURE

- Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead - John 11:23-26
- The Rich Man and Lazarus - Luke 16:19-31
- The Crucifixion of Jesus - Luke 23:32-43
- 42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"
43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise." (**"Truly I say to you today, you shall be with Me in Paradise."**)
- After Jesus Resurrection - John 20:17
- 2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (Absent from the body)
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (Sleeping)
- The Judgment of the Dead - Revelation 20:11-15
- Philippians 1:21, Ecclesiastes 7:1 (To die is gain)
- The Rapture - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (Rev. 1:7)

THE TWO EXTREMES

- Rapture-itis
- Rapture paralysis
- Rapturemania
- The Date Setters

“RAPTURE-ITIS

- A uniquely American dementia
- Just because the Church will not go through **The Great Tribulation**,
 - Why should we escape what most of the Body of Christ in most of the world for most of the past 2,000 years has had to endure?

DATE SETTERS

- Joachim of Flores, 1260
- Milltz of Kromeriz, 135
- Joseph Mede, 1660
- Pierre Jurieu of France, 1689
- William Whitson, 1715, the 1734; the 1866
- J.A. Bengal, 1836
- Joseph Worlf, 1847
- William Miller, 1843; then Oct. 22, 1844
- C.T. Russell, 1874
- E.C. Whisenant's "88 reasons for 1988"
- Harold Camping, September 1994
- Harold Camping, May 21st 2011



NO ONE KNOWS THAT DAY AND HOUR - MATTHEW 24

- ³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.
- ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.
- ⁴⁴ Therefore you also **be ready**, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
- (Matthew 25) ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.
- ***The Jewish Wedding***

TWO EVENTS?

▪ **Rapture**

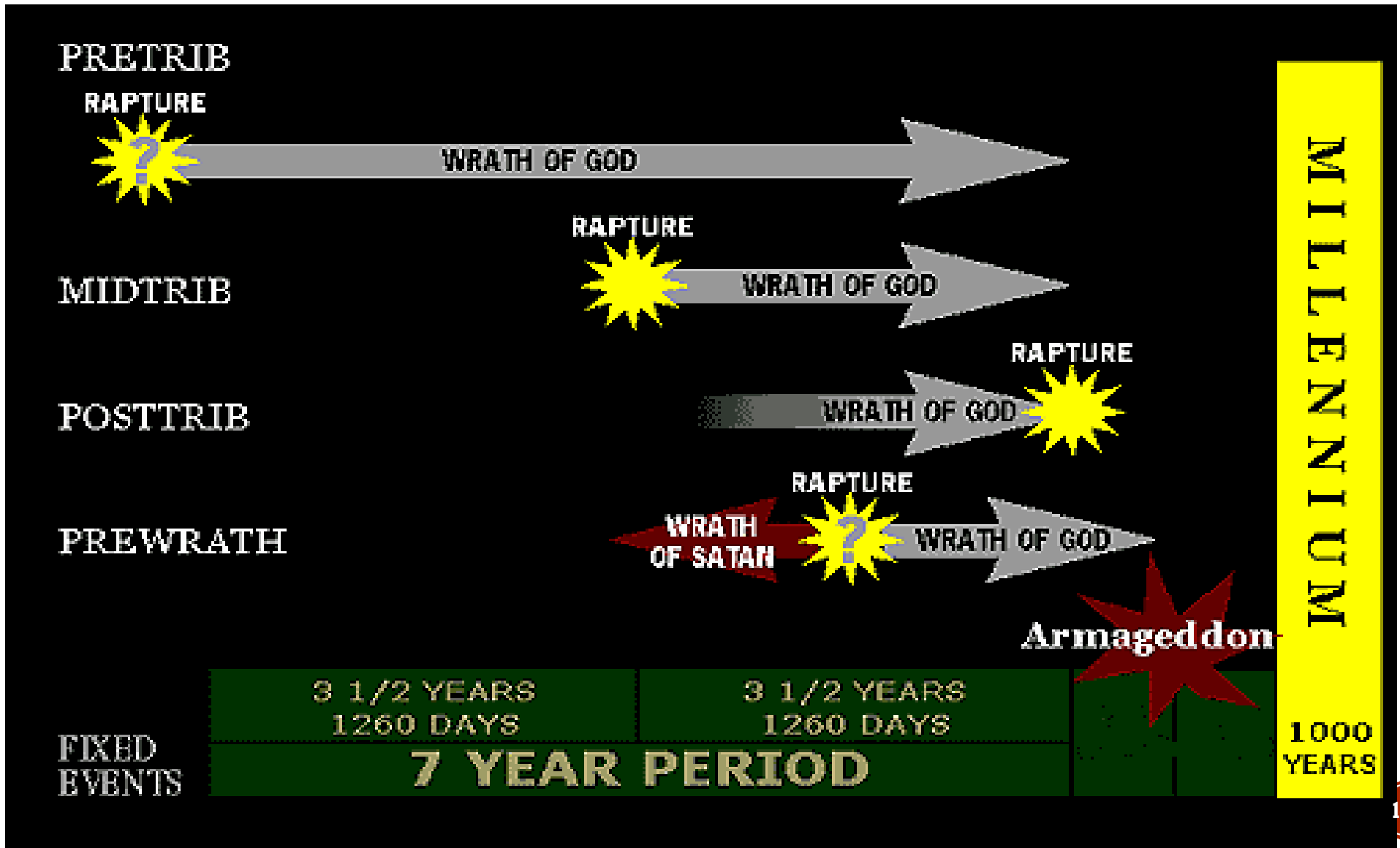
- Translation of believers
- Translated saints go to heaven
- Earth not judged
- Imminent, any moment, signless
- Not in the Old Testament
- Believers only
- Before the day of wrath
- No reference to Satan
- He comes for His own
- He comes in the air
- He claims His Bride
- Only His own see Him
- Great Tribulation begins
- Church believers only

▪ **2nd Coming**

- No translation involved
- Translated saints return to earth
- Earth judged
- Follows definite predicted signs
- Predicted in Old Testament
- Affects all men on the earth
- Concludes the day of wrath
- Satan bound
- He comes with His own
- He comes to the earth
- He comes with his Bride
- Every eye shall see Him
- Millennium begins
- OT saved raised later?

JESUS' CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING

- **Four Disciples ask about His Return**
 - Peter, James, John and Andrew
- **Private Briefing in 3 Gospels**
 - Mathew 24, 25
 - Mark 13
 - Luke 21
- **Jesus points them to Daniel 9, the key to End-time Prophecy**



WHEN DOES THE RAPTURE OCCUR? (PRE/MID/POST ETC)

- Will the rapture happen? There are three main beliefs regarding the time frame of the Rapture
- Depend on a personal Hermeneutics (Your personal understanding of the Bible)
- Hermeneutics : the branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts.
- Prophecy - No Private Interpretation
- ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ **knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,** ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were moved* by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:19-21)

PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE:

- The most popularly taught view among Christian faiths is known as the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, or "Pre-Trib" theory. Those who accept this perspective believe the Rapture will happen just before the tribulation period, at the beginning of the seventieth week of Daniel.
- The Rapture will usher in the final seven years of this age. True followers of Jesus Christ will be transformed into their spiritual bodies in the Rapture and taken from the Earth to be in Heaven with God.

PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE:

- Non-believers will be left behind to face severe tribulation as the antichrist prepares to take his place as the Beast half way through the seven year period. According to this view, non-believers will still come to accept Christ, in spite of the Church's absence during this time, however, these new Christians will endure extreme persecution, to the point of death by beheading.

PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE:

- Promise of hidden from hour of trial Rev 3:10
- Not object of God's Wrath Rev 6:16, 1 Thess 5:9
- Escape tribulation Luke 21:36
- Look up for redemption Luke 21:28
- War: Call ambassadors home 2 Cor 5:20
- Restraint is removed before Antichrist 2 Thess 2
- In the twinkling of an eye (not an extended event) 1 Cor 15:51
- Happens in the Air not on the earth
- Woman=Israel, not the church Rev 12:5
- Marriage supper: in heaven Rev 19:11-14

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

- Another popular view is known as the Post-Tribulation Rapture, or "Post-Trib" theory. Those who accept this perspective believe that Christians will remain on the Earth as witnesses during the seven year tribulation period, until the very end of this age.
- According to this view, believers will be either removed or protected from the terrible wrath of God predicted toward the end of the seven years in the book of Revelation .

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

Old Testament

- PROVERBS 2:21-22, 3:25-26, 10:30 –
- PSALM 37:9-11, 9:18-22, 52:3-6, 96:13 –
- ISAIAH 2:12, 13:6-13, 26:21 –
- JEREMIAH 46:10 –
- EZEKIEL 13:5, 13:20, 30:3 –
- JOEL 1:15, 2:1, 11, 31 –
- JOB 14:12-13 –
- AMOS 5:18-20,
- OBADIAH 1:15,
- ZEPHANIAH 1:7-8, 14, 18, 2:2-3 –
- MALACHI 4:1-3

New Testament

- MATTHEW 13: 24-30, 13:36-53, 24:12-13, 24:29-31, 24:37-41 –
- MARK 13:13, 13:24-27 –
- LUKE 17:26-30, 17:34-37 –
- JOHN 6:39, 40, 44, 54, 11:24, 16:33, 17:15 –
- ACTS 2:19-20, 14:22, -
- HEBREWS 9:28 –
- 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-10, 4:15-17, 5:2-4 –
- 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10, 2-1-9
- ROMANS 5:3 – 12:12 –
- 1 CORINTHIANS 5:5, 15:51-57 –
- 2 CORINTHIANS 1:4 –
- 2 PETER 3:10 –
- REVELATION 1:7, 2:10, 2:26, 10:7, 12:12, 15:8, 20:4-6

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

- ²⁵ Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes;
²⁶ For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught. (Proverbs 3:25-26)
- ¹³ And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (Mark 13:13)
- ²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;²⁵ the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. (Mark 13:24-27)
- The Gathering of The Great Tribulation saints

POST-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

- Noah – Genesis 6-9 (Global flood)
- Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19
- Fiery furnace – Daniel 3 (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego)
- Daniel in the Lions' Den – Daniel 6
- The Acts of the Apostles – Acts
- ¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. (Rev. 3:10)

MID-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

- A less popular view is known as the Mid-Tribulation Rapture, or "Mid-Trib" theory. Those who accept this perspective believe that Christians will be taken from the Earth to be in Heaven with God at some point during the middle of the seven year period of tribulation .
- Mid-tribulation affirm that it is a clear teaching of Scripture that although Christians will not experience the wrath of God, believers are not exempt from tribulation in this world (Matt. 5:11-12, 10:34-35, 24:1-31; Mark 13:1-27; Luke 21:1-28; John 16:33, 17:15; James 1:2-15; 1 Pet. 4:12-19).

MID-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

- Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. ² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (Rev. 15:1-2)
- The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares (Matthew 13:24-30)
- ²⁴ Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.””
- Reaping the Earth’s Harvest (Revelation 14:14-20)

WHEN DOES THE PERIOD OF TRIBULATION OCCUR?

- Pre/Mid/Post - Depend on a personal Hermeneutics (Your personal understanding of the Bible)
- The Tribulation is focused on the Jews and Israel
- "Turning to the Old Testament we find in Jer. 30:4-6, that it is the time of "Jacob's Trouble," and is compared in its sufferings to the "birth-pangs" of a woman. In Eze 26:34 it is spoken of as the time when-Israel shall "Pass under the Rod; " and in Eze. 22:19-21, we read how that God is going to cast Israel into His "Melting Pot, " where they are to be refined as "gold is refined." See also Mal. 3:1-3, and Zech. 13:9. Daniel speaks of it as a "Time of Trouble" for his people, the Jews. Dan. 12:1.
- Detail of The Tribulation – Revelation Chapters 6 to 19

WHEN DOES THE LAST SEVEN PLAGUES OCCUR?

- This occurs right before the second coming of Jesus
- It is detailed in Revelation chapter 15 and 16
- Do not confuse the Tribulation with the Last Seven Plagues
- Do not confuse the Rapture with the Second Coming of Jesus
- The Last Seven Plagues
 - First Bowl: Loathsome Sores
 - Second Bowl: The Sea Turns to Blood
 - Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood
 - Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched
 - Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain
 - Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up
 - Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utterly Shaken



WHEN DOES THE LAST SEVEN PLAGUES OCCUR?

- “Immediately after the **tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Matthew 24:29)

ARE GOD'S PEOPLE RAPTURED BEFORE THE SEVEN LAST PLAGUES?

- Pre-Trib – ² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (Rev. 15:2)
- Mid-Trib - ² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. (Rev. 15:2)
- Post-Trib - ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (1 Cor. 3:13)
- ⁸ The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. (Rev. 15:2)

CONCLUSION

- Even though it is not clear when the rapture will occur, we are told throughout the bible to be ready.
 - And have patience James 5:8
 - ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- **Matthew 25:13**
- 13 “**Watch** therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

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TWO THE TRIBULATIONS

- Tribulation
- The Great Tribulation



TRIBULATION

- Don't confuse persecution with the specific "Great Tribulation"
- Most of the Body, in most of the world, for most of the past 1900 year
- But you have today rejected your God, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your **tribulations**; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans." (I Samuel 10:9)
- yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when **tribulation** or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. (Matthew 13:21)
- "Then they will deliver you up to **tribulation** and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (Matthew 24:9)
- strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting *them* to continue in the faith, and *saying*, "We must through many **tribulations** enter the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22)
- And not only *that*, but we also glory in **tribulations**, knowing that **tribulation** produces perseverance; (Romans 5:3)

BISHOP OF SMYRNA

- Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna
- In 166 AD, the bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp, refused to recant
- "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He never did me wrong. How can I now blaspheme my King who has loved me so?"
- The old man was burned at the stake on the Sabbath day, on object of Jewish hatred as well as from the Roman persecution



TRIBULATION

▪ ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12)

▪ **Promised persecution**

Why do Christian have trials?

▪ 1. To glorify God (Dan. 3:16-18, 24-25)

▪ 2. To Discipline for known sin (Heb. 12:5-11; James 4:17, Rom. 14:23, 1 John 1:9)

▪ 3. To prevent us from falling into sin (1 Pet 4:1-2)

▪ 4. To keep us from Pride (2 Cor. 12:7-10)

▪ Paul kept from pride by his "thorn in the flesh." (His eyes? Gal. 4:15; 6:11)

▪ 5. To build faith (1 Peter 1:6-7)

▪ 6. To cause growth (Rom. 5:3-5)

▪ 7. To teach obedience and discipline (Acts 9:15-16, Phil. 4:11-13)

▪ 8. To equip us to comfort others (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

▪ 9. To prove the reality of Christ in us (2 Cor. 4:7-11)

▪ 10. For testimony to the angels (Job 1:8, Eph. 3:8-11, 1 Pet. 1:12)

▪ ² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4)

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into **great tribulation**, unless they repent of their deeds. (Rev. 2:22)
- And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the **great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (Rev. 7:14)

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

- ¹⁴ “So when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by **Daniel the prophet**, standing where it ought not” (**let the reader understand**), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁷ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ¹⁸ And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹ For *in* those days there will be **tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. ²⁰ And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. (Mark 13)

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 - **4. Nebuchadnezzar's Pride**
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 - **6. The Lion's Den**

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CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

- 1 Babylonian Captivity 606 B.C.
- 2 Nebuchadnezzar's Dream 602 B.C.
- 3 Nebuchadnezzar's Image
- 4 Nebuchadnezzar's Pride
- 7 The Times of the Gentiles 556 B.C.
- 8 Ram and Goat vision 554 B.C.
- 5 Babylon falls to Persians 539 B.C.
- 9 Vision of seventy Weeks 538 B.C.
- 6 The Lion's Den
- 10-12 Closing visions

JESUS' CONFIDENTIAL BRIEFING

- Four Disciples ask about His Return
 - Peter, James, John, Andrew
- Private Briefing in 3 Gospels
 - Matthew 24, 25
 - Mark 13
 - Luke 21
- Points them to Daniel 9 as the key to End-time Prophecy

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

- ³ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will* be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”
- ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one **deceives** you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all^[a] *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences,^[b] and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All *these are* the beginning of sorrows.
- ¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’^[c] spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
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OLD TESTAMENT (TENACH) TEXTS

- Original Hebrew (“Vorlage”)
 - In the days of Ezra and Nehemiah
- Septuagint Translation (LXX)
 - 285-270 B.C. Ptolemy Philadelphus II commissioned 70 top scholars at Alexandria to translate the Hebrew Tenach (Old Testament) into the common Greek of that day
 - Primary quoted text in the New Testament
- Masoretic Text (MT)
 - Derived from the Council of Jamnia, 90 AD

DANIEL 9 – THE INTERRUPTED PRAYER

- Ezra 9, Nehemiah 9 and Daniel 9

- Daniel's Prayer 1-19
- Gabriel's Visit 20-23
- The Seventy Weeks 24-27

DANIEL 9

- In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans—² in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years *specified* by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

JEREMIAH 25:11-12, 29:10

■ Jeremiah 25:11-12

- ¹¹ And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- ¹² ‘Then it will come to pass, when seventy years are completed, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,’ says the LORD; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.’

■ Jeremiah 29:10

- ¹⁰ For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.

DANIEL 9

- ³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴ And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments, ⁵ we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. ⁶ Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land. ⁷ O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as *it is* this day—to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.
- Are we suppose to pray for the second coming?
- In the Lord’s Prayer – “Thy Kingdom Come”

BOLDNESS IN PRAYER – DANIEL 9

- **¹⁷ Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. ¹⁹ O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."**

NOW THE INTERRUPTION

- ²⁰ Now while I *was* speaking, praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God, ²¹ yes, while I *was* speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, reached me about the time of the evening offering. ²² And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand.” ²³ At the beginning of your supplications the command went out, and I have come to tell *you*, for you *are* greatly beloved; therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision:

THE “70 WEEKS” OF DANIEL

- The scope 9:24
- The 69 Weeks 9:25
 - (The Interval) 9:26
- The 70th Week 9:27

THE SCOPE 9:24

- **“Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the Most Holy**

“WEEKS” = ?

- **Days: Sabbath on the 7th Day**
 - Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:11
- **Weeks: Feast of Weeks**
 - Leviticus 23:15-16
- **Months: Nisan to Tishri**
 - Ex. 12:2; Lev. 23:24
- **Years: Sabbatical Years for the Land**
 - Lev. 25:1-22; 26:33-35, Deut. 15; Ex. 23:10-11; 2 Chr. 36:19-21

THE 69 WEEKS – DANIEL 9:25

- “Know therefore and understand, *That* from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until **Messiah** the Prince, *There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks*; The **street** shall be built again, and the **wall**, Even in troublesome times.

THE 69 WEEKS

Commandment
to restore
Jerusalem

The Messiah
the King

$69 \times 7 = 483$ years?



THE DECREES TO “REBUILD JERUSALEM”?

- 1. Cyrus, 537 B.C. Ezra 1:2-4
 - 2. Darius Ezra 6:1-5, 8, 12
 - 3. Artaxerxes, 458 B.C. Ezra 7:11-26
 - 4. Artaxerxes, 445 B.C. Nehemiah 2:5-8, 17, 18
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- Rechob = “street”
 - Charuts = “wall, moat”

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Decree of
Artaxerxes
Longimanus
March 14, 445 BC

NOMINAL 360-DAY YEAR

- **Biblical Usage**
 - **Genesis** Gen. 7:24; 8:3,4
 - **Daniel** Dan. 9:27; 12:6
 - **Revelation** Rev. 11:2,3; 13:5
- **Ancient calendars based on 360-day year**
 - Assyrians, Chaldean, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons, et al
- **Orbital Changes? (just conjectures)**
 - Long day of Joshua Joshua 10:12, 13
 - (Due to Mars Pass-bys?)
 - Resonant Orbit (Earth: 360 days, Mars 720 days)
 - From 701 B.C. 365 and quarter days

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY – ZECHARIAH 9:9

- ⁹ “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your King is coming to you;
He *is* just and having salvation,
Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

CHRONOLOGY OF HIS MINISTRY

- Christ's ministry began in fall 28 AD
 - Tiberius appointed: 14 AD
 - Augustus died August 19, 14 AD
 - (Within the) 15th year of Tiberius **Luke 3:1**
- 4th Passover: April 6, 32 AD
 - Sir Robert Anderson, 1894
- (Other chronologies presume a Friday crucifixion)

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$$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

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445 BC -32 AD	173,740
March 14 -April 6	24
Leap years	116
Total	173,880

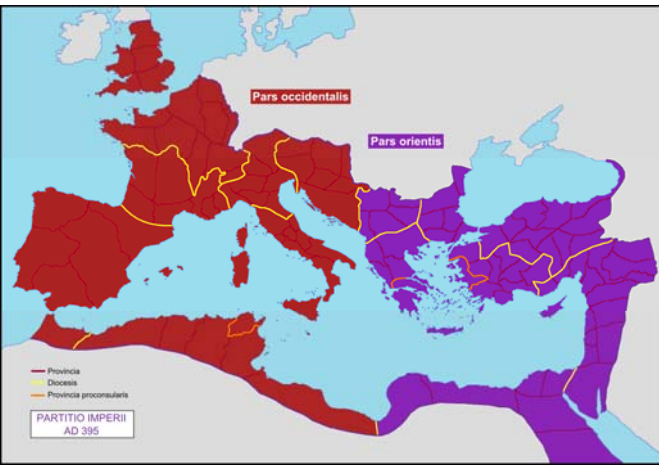
The Triumphal
Entry
April 6, 32 AD

THE INTERVAL – DANIEL 9:26

- “And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are
determined.
- Karat: to cut off, eliminate, kill execute

THE PRINCE

- the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary
- 38 years after Christ died, Roman legion
under Titus Vespasian destroy the city
and the temple



BYZANTINE EMPIRE

- The Byzantine Empire was the predominantly Greek-speaking continuation of the eastern half of the Roman Empire during Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages. Its capital city was Constantinople, originally known as Byzantium.

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

- Distinctions
 - Different Origins, Missions, Destinies
- “Replacement” views deny Israel its place in God’s program
Romans 9,10,11
 - Make God a Liar
 - Laid the base for Christian Anti-Semitism
- The “70 Weeks” deal specifically with Israel
- Paul’s : Jew, Gentiles, Church 1 Cor. 10:32
- Distinctive reappear after Revelation 4

THE INTERVAL

- Interval also implied
 - Isa. 61:1,2 (re Lk. 4:18-20); Rev. 12:5-6; Also Isa. 54:7; Hos. 3:4-5; Amos 9:10-11; (Acts 15:13-18); Micah 5:2-3, Zech. 9:9-10, Luke 1:31,32; 21:24
- Interval defined: Luke 19:42 until Rom. 11:25
 - This interval is the period of the Church, an era kept secret in OT: Matt. 13:34-35, Eph.3:5,9
 - Born at Pentecost: Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 1:5, 11,15-16
 - Prerequisites:
 - Atonement: Matt. 16:18, 21
 - Resurrection: Eph. 1:20-23
 - Ascension: Eph. 4:7-11
 - (Spiritual gifts only after ascension)

WHICH “PRINCE”?

- Antecedent: “The Prince that shall come...”
- Imperial Succession after Nero
 - General Galba – Assassinated
 - Ortho – Unfit and committed suicide
 - General Vespasian (father of Titus, Captain in charge of the siege)
 - (Titus may have been a descendant of Antiochus IV)

THE 70TH WEEK

- Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”
- Daniel 9:27

“TIME, TIMES, AND 1/2 TIME”

- “Times” = dual, later lost in Aramaic
- $1 + 2 + 1/2 = 3 \frac{1}{2}$ Dan. 7:25, Dan. 12:7, Rev. 12:14
- $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years Dan. 9:27; 12:7
- 42 months Rev. 11:2; 13:5
- 1260 Days Rev. 11:3; Dan. 12:6
- $\frac{1}{2}$ “week” Dan. 9:27

THE “ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION”

- ²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. John 10:22

- Which “Feast of Dedication?”
- Solomon’s Temple? Autumn 1 Kings 8:2
- Zerubbable’s Temple? Spring Ezra 6:15-16
- The Rededication Winter 25th of Kislev
(Hanukah “Festival of Lights”)

ANTIOCHUS IV (“EPIPHANES”) 175-164 BC

- Made Torah reading punishable by death
- Slaughtered a sow on the Alter
- Erected an idol to Zeus in the Holy of Holies
 - “The Abomination of Desolation” Matt. 25:15
- The Macabbean Revolt
 - 3 years: threw off the yoke of Seleucid Empire
 - Rededicated the Temple: 25th of Kislev. 165 BC
 - Celebrated as Hannukah John 10:22

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THE “TIME OF JACOB’S TROUBLE” JEREMIAH 30:7

- “At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands *watch* over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, *Even* to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book. (Dan. 12:1)
- I will return again to My place, Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.” (Hosea 5:15)

THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME...

■ Old Testament Allusions

- Seed of the Serpent Gen. 3:15
- Idol Shepherd Zech. 11:16-17
- Little Horn Dan. 7:8-11, 21-26,
Dan. 9:9-12, 23-25
- Prince that shall come Dan. 9:26
- Willful King Dan. 11:36

THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME...

▪ New Testament Allusions

- Beast Rev. 11:7; 13
- False Prophet Rev. 13
- Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ) 1 John 2:22
- Lawless One 2 Thess. 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess. 2:3
- One come in his own name John 5:43
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess. 2:3
- An intellectual genius Dan. 7:20; 8:23; Eze. 28:3
- An persuasive orator Dan. 7:20; Rev. 13:2
- A shrewd Politician Dan. 11:21; Dan. 8:25
- A financial genius Rev. 13:17; Eze. 28:4,5 Psa. 52:7; Dan. 11:38,43
- A forceful military leader Dan. 8:24; Rev. 6:2; Rev. 13:4; Isa. 4:16
- A powerful organizer Rev. 13:1-2; 17:17
- A unifying religious guru 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:3, 14, 15
- Cf. Psa. 10, 52, 55; Isa. 10,11,13,14; Jer. 49-51; Zech 5; Rev. 18

JEW OR GENTILE?

- The Leader will be the Son of Satan
 - Gen. 3:15; Isa. 27:1; Eze. 28:12-19; Rev. 13
- Some believe this leader will be a Jew:
 - Eze. 21:25-27; Eze. 28:2-10 (of the circumcision)
 - Dan. 11:36,37; John 5:43 (Allos, not heteros: thus, a Jew, not a Gentile.)
 - Received by Israel John 5:43; Ps 55
- Some believe he will be a Gentile
 - Roman Prince, etc.
- There are two players Rev. 13

THERE ARE TWO PLAYERS

REV. 13

- **1st Beast:** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of a bear*, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
- His Physical Description: Zechariah 11:17
- **2nd Beast:** ¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. ¹² And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. ¹⁵ He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or^[4] the name of the beast, or the number of his name. ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

WHOSE NUMBER

- Many point to bar codes, insertable chips, etc. for implementation technology and controls;
- They overlook that it is His number and name that is critical identity issue

POST-TRIBULATION PROBLEMS

- Denies NT teaching of Imminency
 - We are to expect Him at any moment
- Requires the Church during 70th Week
 - Israel and the Church mutually exclusive Dan. 9:26
- Church experiences God's Wrath
 - Promised not experience 1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10
- How can the Bride Come with Him?
- Who will populate the Millennium?
- Who are the "Sheep and Goat" Judgment of Matthew 25?

RAPTURE PRECEDES THE TRIBULATION

- 70th Week is defined by covenant enforced by the Coming World Leader – Dan. 9:27
- “Great Tribulation” = last ½ of 70th Week - Matt 24:15,21
- The Leader cannot be revealed until after the Rapture – 2 Thess. 2:6-9
- ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, (2 Thess. 2:6-9)

REVELATION ARCHITECTURE

- The Lampstands
 - Identified as the Church Rev. 1:20
 - In heaven when John arrives Rev. 4:5
- 24 Elders
 - Identified as the Redeemed Rev. 5:9,10
 - Worship before Lamb who receives the Scroll
 - Tribulation begins when Scroll unsealed
- 70th Week Detailed Rev. 6-19

WHY IS THERE A TRIBULATION?

- The reason there is a tribulation is so God can accomplish a three of things:
 - Help the nation of Israel finish their rebellion. (**Daniel 9:24**)
 - So the nation of Israel will call out to Yeshua to save them. (**Hosea 5:15**)
 - To judge the surrounding nations for their treatment of the nation of Israel and all God's holy ones. (**Jeremiah 46:1-52:1-34**)

BE READY – MATTHEW 24:44

- **44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.**



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ISRAEL IN THE END TIMES

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THE BEGINNING OF THE END



**He shall gather from the four
corners of the earth"
(Ishaiha 11:11-12)**

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Isaiah 66

8 Who has ever seen anything as strange as this? Who ever heard of such a thing? Has a nation ever been born in a single day? Has a country ever come forth in a mere moment? But by the time Jerusalem's birth pains begin, her children will be born.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Ezekiel 36

22“Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. **23**I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD. **24**For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Matthew 24

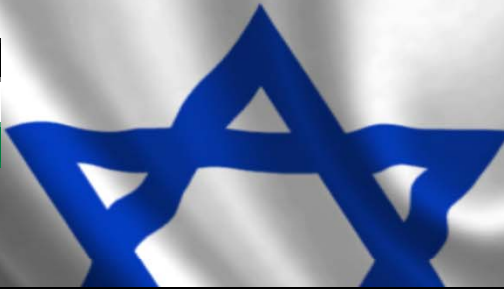
32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. **33** Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it^e is near, right at the door. **34** Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. **35** Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

THE WARS

- Ezekiel 38-39
- Psalms 83
- Isaiah 17
- Zechariah 9



CALL FOR PEACE



CALL FOR PEACE

Zechariah 1

⁸ In a vision during the night, I saw a man sitting on a red horse that was standing among some myrtle trees in a small valley.¹¹ Then the other riders reported to the angel of the LORD, who was standing among the myrtle trees, "We have been patrolling the earth, and the whole earth is at peace."¹⁵ But I am very angry with the other nations that are now enjoying **peace and security**. I was only a little angry with my people, but the nations inflicted harm on them far beyond my intentions.

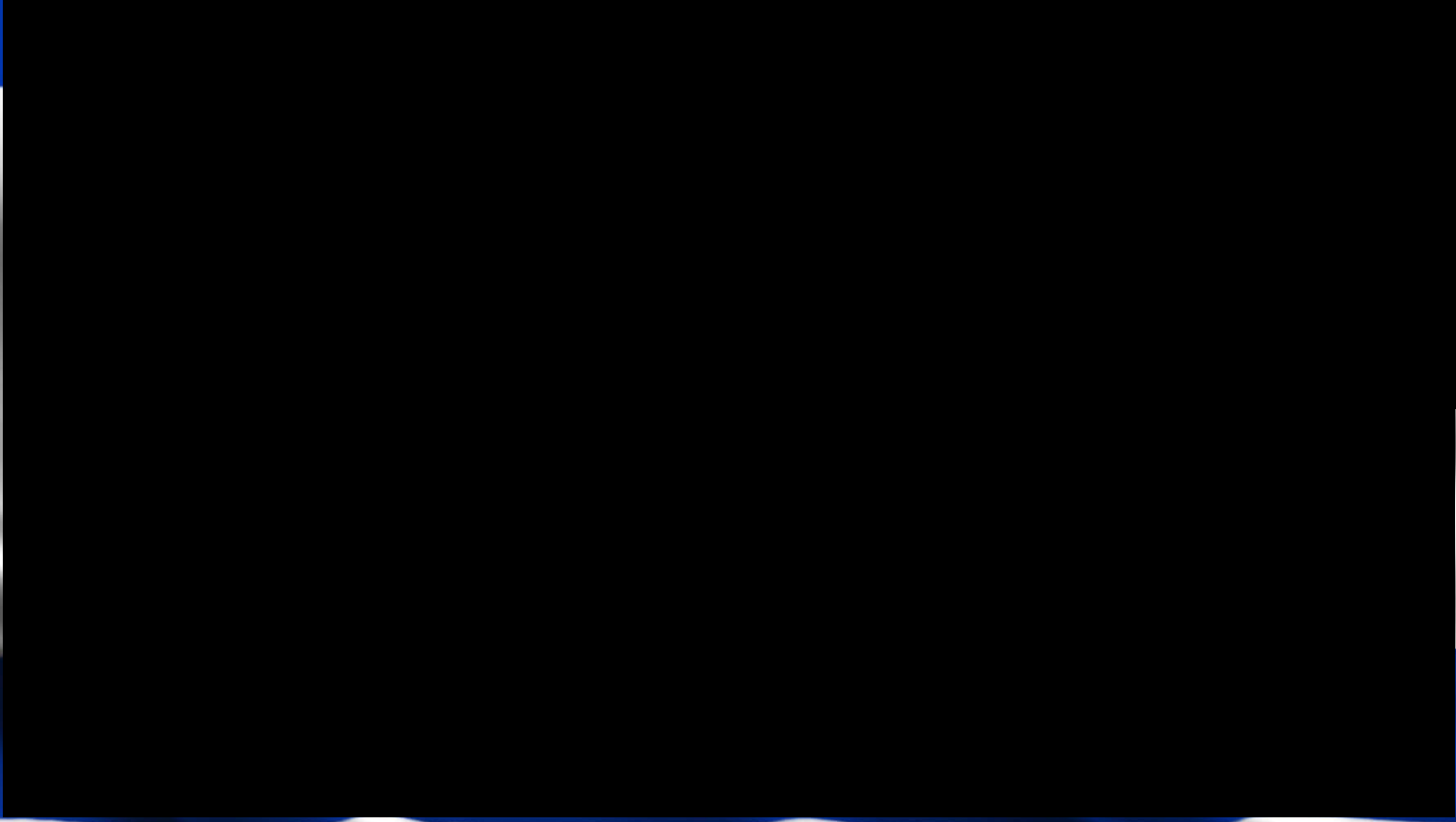
Revelation 6

³ When the Lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, "Come!"⁴ Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take **peace** from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.

2 Thessalonians

³ When people are saying, "Everything is **peaceful and secure**," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

CALL FOR PEACE



RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM



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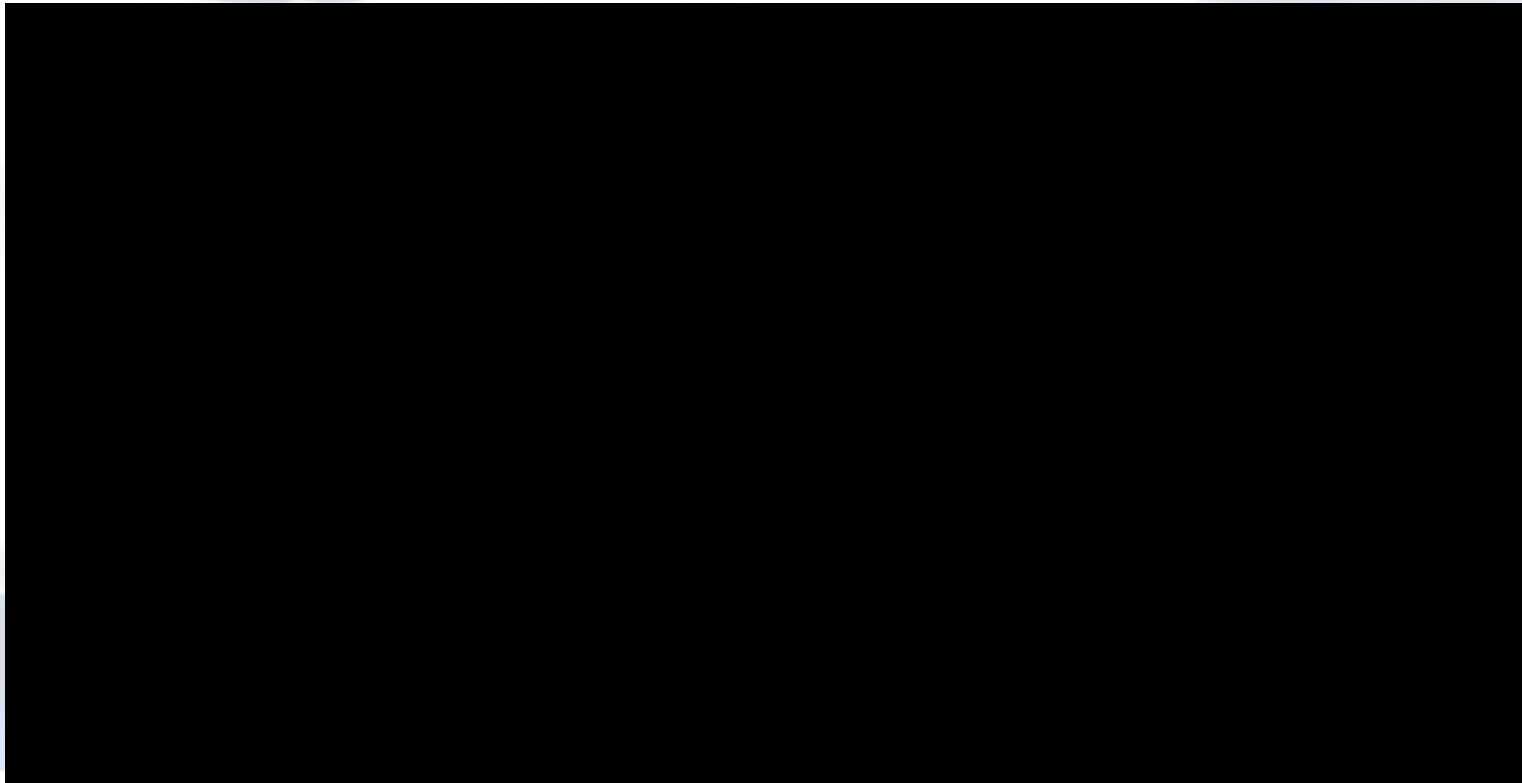
Les Juifs ne sont pas désirés ici, Ste-Agathe est un village canadien français et nous le garderons ainsi.

NOTICE

Jews are not wanted here in Ste. Agathe, so scram while the going is good.

RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM

God wants all of the Jewish people back in the land for the last days.



RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM

Isaiah 43

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west.

⁶ I will say to the north and south, 'Bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth.'⁷ Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.'"

Jeremiah 33

²³ The LORD gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, ²⁴ "Have you noticed what people are saying?—'The LORD chose Judah and Israel and then abandoned them!' They are sneering and saying that Israel is not worthy to be counted as a nation. ²⁵ But this is what the LORD says: I would no more reject my people than I would change my laws that govern night and day, earth and sky. ²⁶ I will never abandon the descendants of Jacob or David, my servant, or change the plan that David's descendants will rule the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Instead, I will restore them to their land and have mercy on them."

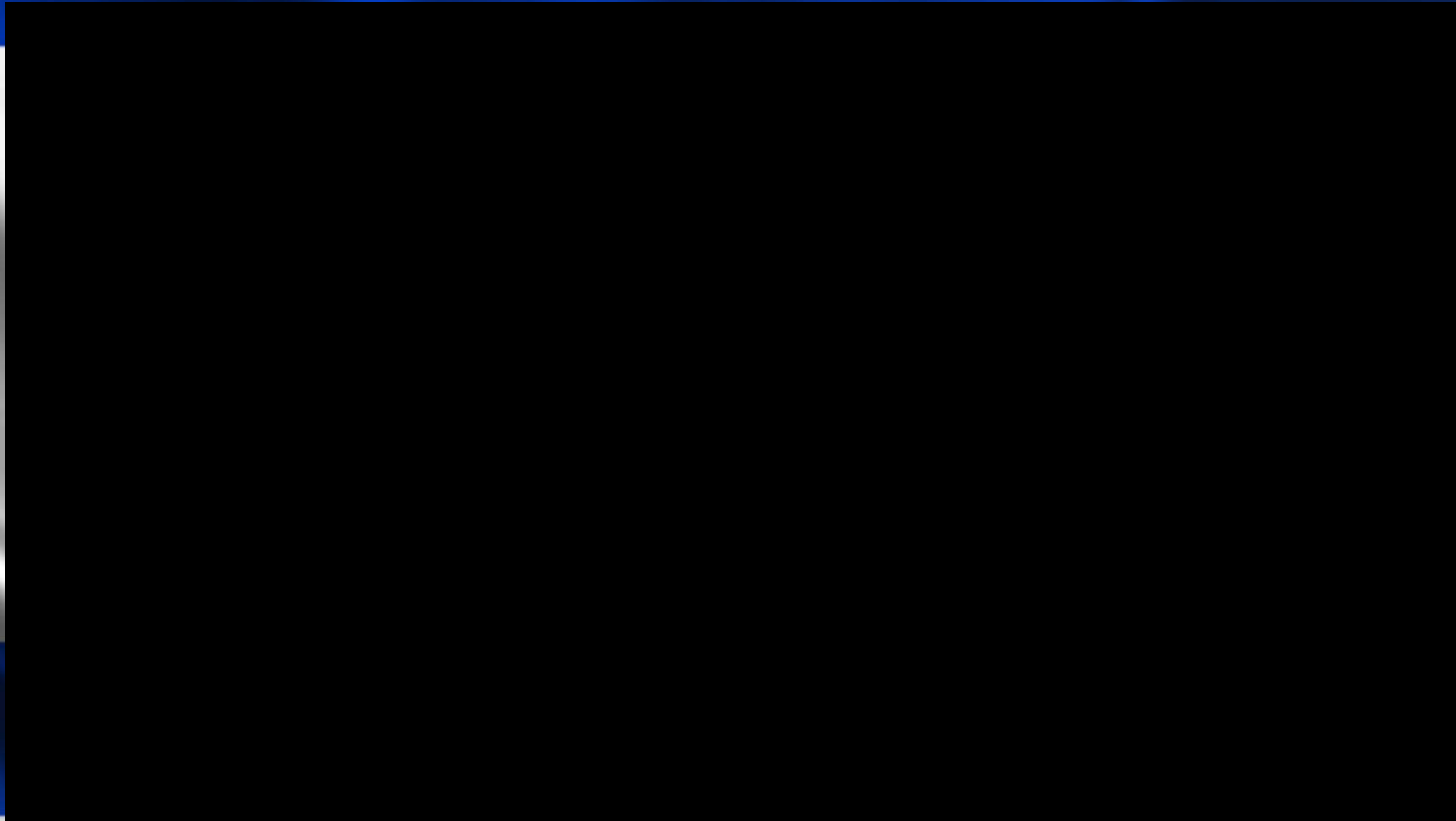
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Zechariah 12

This^[a] message concerning the fate of Israel came from the LORD: "This message is from the LORD, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundations of the earth, and formed the human spirit. ² I will make Jerusalem like an intoxicating drink that makes the nearby nations stagger when they send their armies to besiege Jerusalem and Judah. ³ On that day I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves.

Psalms 83

¹ O God, do not be silent! Do not be deaf. Do not be quiet, O God.
² Don't you hear the uproar of your enemies? Don't you see that your arrogant enemies are rising up? ³ They devise crafty schemes against your people; they conspire against your precious ones.
⁴ "Come," they say, "let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence."

CALL FOR DESTRUCTION

Palestinian Charter

Article (12) Complete liberation of Palestine , and eradication of Zionist economic, political, military and cultural existence.

Article (19) Armed struggle is a strategy and not a tactic, and the Palestinian Arab People's armed revolution is a decisive factor in the liberation fight and in uprooting the Zionist existence, and this struggle will not cease unless the Zionist state is demolished and Palestine is completely liberated.

Article (24) Maintaining relations with all liberal forces supporting our just struggle in order to resist together Zionism and imperialism.

Article (25) Convincing concerned countries in the world to prevent Jewish immigration to Palestine as a method of solving the problem.

THE FUTURE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL



THE FUTURE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL

Ezekiel 38

¹⁰ "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: At that time evil thoughts will come to your mind, and you will devise a wicked scheme. ¹¹ You will say, 'Israel is an unprotected land filled with unwalled villages! I will march against her and destroy these people who live in such confidence! ¹² I will go to those formerly desolate cities that are now filled with people who have returned from exile in many nations.

Zechariah 13

⁷ "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn against the lambs. ⁸ Two-thirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die," says the LORD. "But one-third will be left in the land.

Zechariah 14

Watch, for the day of the LORD is coming when your possessions will be plundered right in front of you! ² I will gather all the nations to fight against Jerusalem. The city will be taken, the houses looted, and the women raped. Half the population will be taken into captivity, and the rest will be left among the ruins of the city.

Joel 3

They threw dice^[a] to decide which of my people would be their slaves. They traded boys to obtain prostitutes and sold girls for enough wine to get drunk.

Revelations 13

⁷ And the beast was allowed to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them.

THE FUTURE SAVING OF ISRAEL



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Matthew 23:39

"For I tell you this, you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Hosea 5:15

"Then I will return to my place until they admit their guilt and turn to me. For as soon as trouble comes, they will earnestly search for me."

Zechariah 12:10

"Then I will pour out a spirit^[b] of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. They will look on me whom they have pierced and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died."

THE FUTURE SAVING OF ISRAEL

Romans 11

²⁵ I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, ^[a] so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say,

“The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, ^[b]
and he will turn Israel ^[c] away from ungodliness.

Zechariah 14

³ Then the LORD will go out to fight against those nations, as he has fought in times past. ⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem. And the Mount of Olives will split apart, making a wide valley running from east to west. Half the mountain will move toward the north and half toward the south. ⁵ You will flee through this valley, for it will reach across to Azal. ^[a] Yes, you will flee as you did from the earthquake in the days of King Uzziah of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all his holy ones with him. ^[b]

OUR JOB

Deuteronomy 32:21

They have roused my jealousy by worshiping things that are not God; they have provoked my anger with their useless idols.

Now I will rouse their jealousy through people who are not even a people; I will provoke their anger through the foolish Gentiles.

Romans 11

¹³ I am saying all this especially for you Gentiles. God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles. I stress this, ¹⁴ for I want somehow to make the people of Israel jealous of what you Gentiles have, so I might save some of them. ¹⁵ For since their rejection meant that God offered salvation to the rest of the world, their acceptance will be even more wonderful. It will be life for those who were dead!

ISLAM

Satan's Attempt of Being god
By Dekoven Riggings



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BACKGROUND

Isaiah 14

13 For you said to yourself,
‘I will ascend to heaven and set
my throne above God’s stars.
I will preside on the mountain of
the gods
far away in the north. [e]
14 I will climb to the highest
heavens
and be like the Most High.’



BACKGROUND

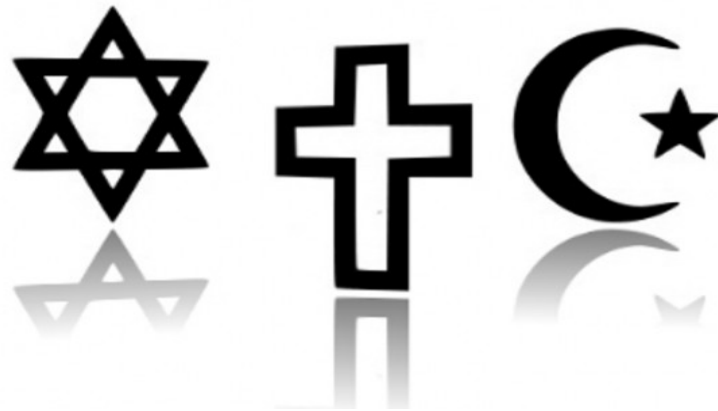
Galatians 4

- ²¹ Tell me, you who want to live under the law, do you know what the law actually says? ²² The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. ^[g] ²³ The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise.
- ²⁴ These two women serve as an illustration of God's two covenants. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received the law that enslaved them. ²⁵ And now Jerusalem is just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, ^[h] because she and her children live in slavery to the law. But the other woman, Sarah, represents the heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother.

BACKGROUND

Galatians 4

²⁸ And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac. ²⁹ But you are now being persecuted by those who want you to keep the law, just as Ishmael, the child born by human effort, persecuted Isaac, the child born by the power of the Spirit.



OVERVIEW



OVERVIEW

- Islam means “submission” in Arabic
- Story of Muhammad’s life, words, and deeds (*hadith*) are basis of Islam
- Teachings of Quran and of Muhammad’s life are fulfilled in the life of a community (the *umma*)
- Combination of religion and government makes Islam similar to empires
- Muslim means one who submits
- Become a Muslim by saying there is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger (must be said in Arabic)

ORIGINS

Muhammad

- Visited by Angel Gabriel in 610 C.E. at age forty; visits continued for twenty years
- After Muhammad's death, his words were memorized and written down as the Quran
- Quran regarded as absolute, uncorrupted word of God
- Discovery of paper and printing speeds the spread of the Quran

ORIGINS

The Five Pillars of Islam

- Declaring the Creed
- Praying five times a day facing Mecca
- Giving alms to the poor
- Fasting each day during Ramadan
- Making a *hajj* (pilgrimage to Mecca)
- *Jihad* (sacred struggle) sometimes called the “sixth pillar”
 - For some it means the extension of Muslim lands (*dar al-Islam*)
 - For others it means personal struggle

Faithful Muslims will attain paradise

Many parallels among Islam, Judaism, and Christianity



TEACHINGS

1. Every person was created a Muslim:

Quran 2:213

Mankind was [of] one religion [before their deviation]; then Allah sent the prophets as bringers of good tidings and warners and sent down with them the Scripture in truth to judge between the people concerning that in which they differed. And none differed over the Scripture except those who were given it - after the clear proofs came to them - out of jealous animosity among themselves. And Allah guided those who believed to the truth concerning that over which they had differed, by His permission. And Allah guides whom He wills to a straight path.



TEACHINGS

2. God has no Son:

Quran 17:43

... other gods along with Allah, but He is Allah, the One, the ... , whom all creatures need. He begets not, nor was He begotten ...

17:111

Say: "Praise be to Allah, who begets no son, and has no partner in (His) dominion: Nor (needs) He any to protect Him from humiliation: yea, magnify Him for His greatness and glory!"

19:35

It is not befitting to (the majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. Glory be to Him! when He determines a matter, He only says to it, "Be", and it is.

19:92

But it is not suitable for (the Majesty of) the Most Beneficent (Allah) that He should beget a son (or offspring or children).

23:91

(or offspring or children) did Allah beget, nor is there any ilah ... to overcome others! Glorified be Allah above all that they attribute

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TEACHINGS

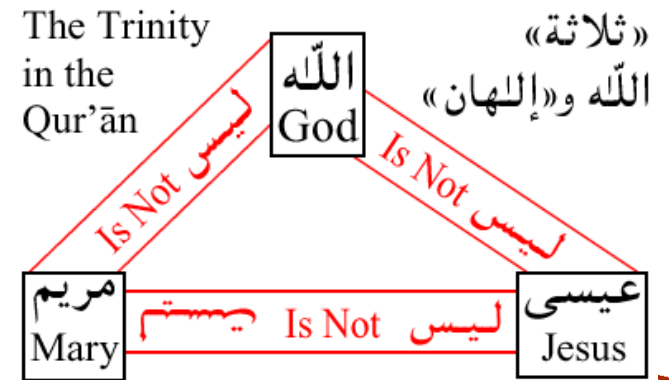
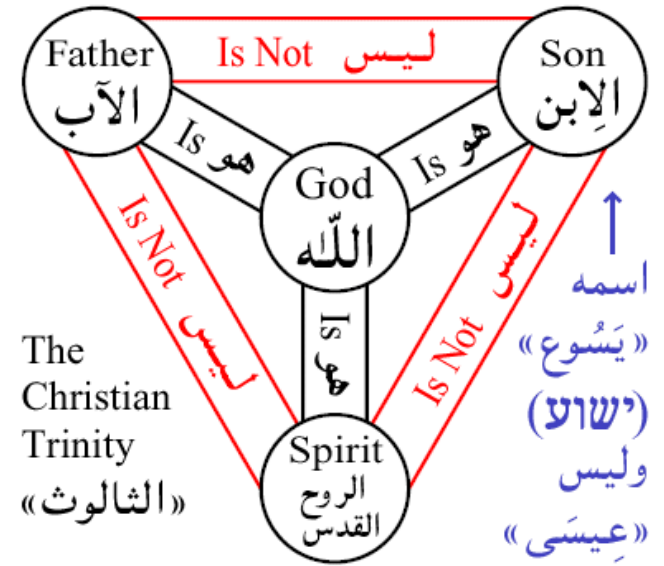
3. There is no Trinity:

Quran 4:171

People of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: Nor ... the son of Mary was (no more than) a messenger of ... and His messengers. Say not "Trinity" : desist: it will be better ...

Quran 5:73

They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity: for there is no god except One Allah. If they desist not from their word (of blasphemy), verily a grievous penalty will befall the blasphemers among them.



TEACHINGS

4. Jesus did not die:

Quran 4:156-158

And [We cursed them] for their disbelief and their saying against Mary a great slander, And [for] their saying, "Indeed, we have killed the Messiah, Jesus, the son of Mary, the messenger of Allah ." And they did not kill him, nor did they crucify him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain. Rather, Allah raised him to Himself. And ever is Allah Exalted in Might and Wise.

TEACHINGS

4. Law of Abrogation:

Quran 2:106 – “Whatever communications We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring one better than it or like it. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things?”

TEACHING

Mecca

- **2:62** Surely those who believe, and those who are Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians, whoever believes in Allah and the Last day and does good, they shall have their reward from their Lord, and there is no fear for them, nor shall they grieve.
- **2:109** Many of the followers of the Book wish that they could turn you back into unbelievers after your faith, out of envy from themselves, (even) after the truth has become manifest to them; but pardon and forgive, so that Allah should bring about His command; surely Allah has power over all things.

Medina

- **3:85** And whoever desires a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the hereafter he shall be one of the losers.
- **9:29** Fight those who do not believe in Allah, nor in the latter day, nor do they prohibit what Allah and His Messenger have prohibited, nor follow the religion of truth, out of those who have been given the Book, until they pay the tax in acknowledgment of superiority and they are in a state of subjection.

TEACHING

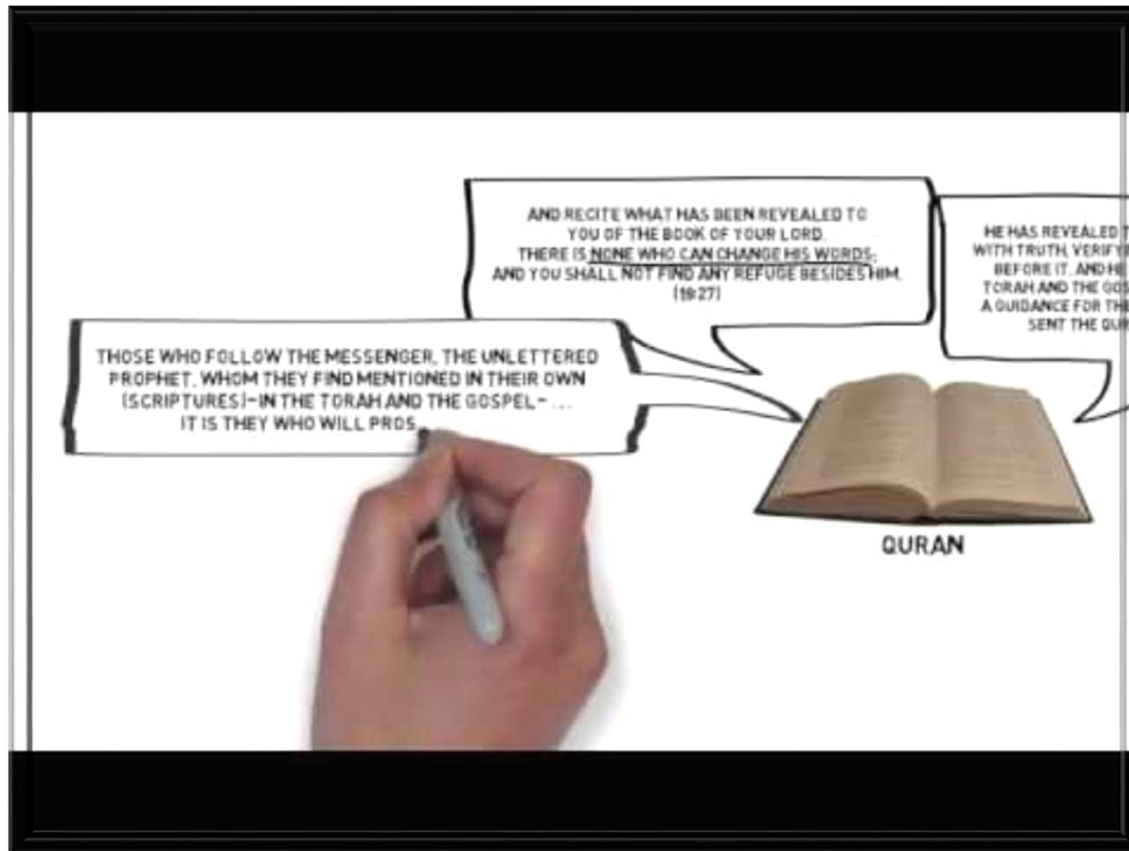
Mecca

- **2:256** There is no compulsion in religion; truly the right way has become clearly distinct from error; therefore, whoever disbelieves in the Shaitan and believes in Allah he indeed has laid hold on the firmest handle, which shall not break off, and Allah is Hearing, Knowing.

Medina

- **9:5** But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practise regular charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.

ISLAMIC DILEMMA





JIHAD

- 10. Quran 3:32 – “Say: Obey Allah and the Messenger (Muhammad); but if they turn away, then indeed, Allah does not love the disbelievers.”
- 9. Quran 48:29 – “Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah; and those with him are forceful against the unbelievers, and merciful among themselves.”
- 8. Quran 4:24 – “And (forbidden are) married women except those (captives and slaves) your right hands possess.”
- 7. Quran 5:33 – “The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His apostle and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement.”
- 6. Quran 9:5 – “When the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captive, and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then leave their way free. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.”

JIHAD

- 5. Quran 9:29 – "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that forbidden which hath been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the Religion of Truth, from among the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizyah with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."
- 4. Quran 9:73 – "O Prophet! strive hard against the unbelievers and the hypocrites and be unyielding to them; and their abode is hell, and evil is the destination."
- 3. Quran 9:111 – "Surely Allah has bought of the believers their persons and their property for this, that they shall have the garden; they fight in Allah's way, so they slay and are slain."
- 2. Quran 47:35 – "Be not weary and fainthearted, crying for peace, when you should be uppermost: for Allah is with you, and will never put you in loss for your (good) deeds."
- 1. Quran 2:106 – "Whatever communications We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, We bring one better than it or like it. Do you not know that Allah has power over all things?"

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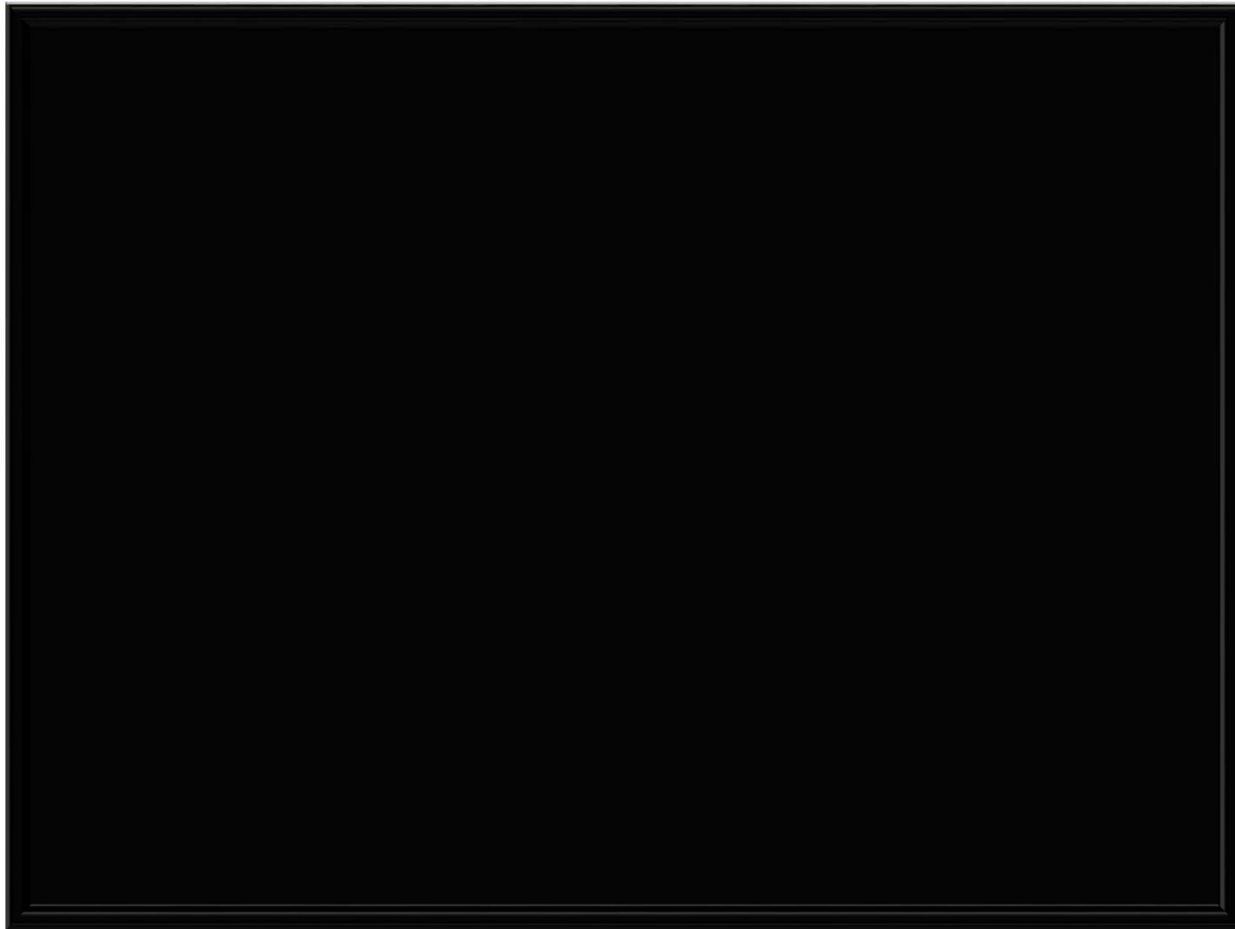


INFIDELOPHOBIA

“I shall cast terror into the hearts of the infidels. Strike off their heads, strike off the very tips of their fingers.”

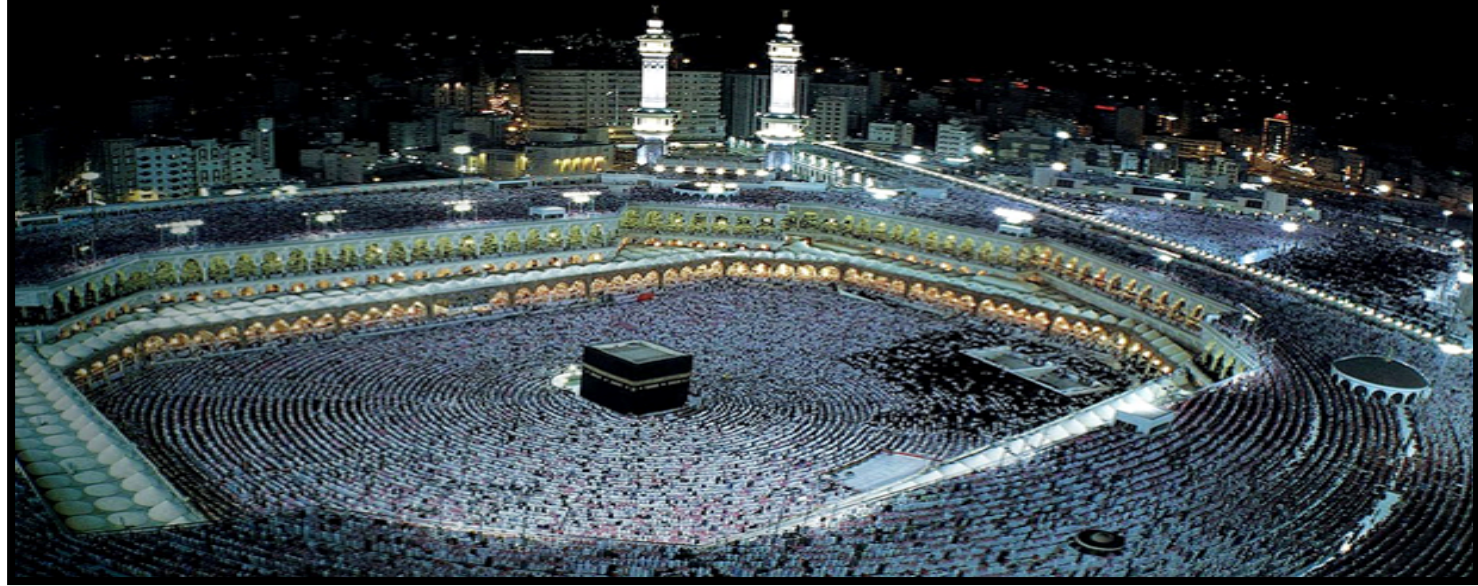
Quran 8:12

JIHAD



Islamic Eschatology

Elijah Priest



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Among the Major Signs, the most anticipated and central sign that Muslims are awaiting is the coming of a man known as, “The Mahdi.” In Arabic, al-Mahdi means, “The Guided One”¹ He is also sometimes referred to by Shi’a Muslims as *Sahib Al-Zaman* or *Al-Mahdi al-Muntadhar* which translated mean “**The Lord of the Age**” and “The Guided/Awaited One.” The Mahdi is the first of the Major Signs. This is confirmed by Ibn Kathir, the renowned Muslim scholar from the eighth century:

- *“After the lesser signs of the Hour appear and increase, mankind will have reached a stage of great suffering. Then the awaited Mahdi will appear; He is the first of the greater clear, signs of the Hour.”*

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islam's Messiah A Man From The Family Of Muhammad

The “rising” of the Mahdi is to the majority of Muslims what the return of Jesus is to Christians.

- The first and most often cited Islamic belief with regard to the Mahdi is the tradition which states that the Mahdi will descend from the family of Muhammad and will bear Muhammad's name:
- The world will not come to pass until a man from among my family, whose name will be my name, rules over the Arabs. ⁸
- The Prophet said: The Mahdi will be of my family, of the descendants of Fatimah [Muhammad's daughter].



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

A Universal Leader For All Muslims

- Throughout the Islamic world today there is a call for the restoration of the Islamic Caliphate. The Caliph (*Khalifa*) in Islam may be viewed somewhat as the Pope of the Muslims. The Caliph is viewed as the Vice-regent for Allah on the earth. It is important to understand that when Muslims call for the restoration of the Caliphate, it is ultimately the Mahdi that they are calling for. For the Mahdi is the awaited final Caliph of Islam. As such, Muslims everywhere will be obligated to follow the Mahdi.
- If you see him, go and give him your allegiance, even if you have to crawl over ice, because he is the Vice-regent (*Khalifa*) of Allah, the Mahdi. ¹⁰
- He will pave the way for and establish the government of the family [or community] of Muhammad... *Every believer will be obligated to support him.* ¹¹

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Army Of Black Flags

- The Mahdi's ascendancy to power is said to be preceded by an army from the east who will be carrying black flags or banners of war. Sheikh Kabbani states:
- Hadith indicate that black flags coming from the area of Khorasan will signify the appearance of the Mahdi is nigh. Khorasan is in today's Iran, and some scholars have said that this hadith means when the black flags appear from Central Asia, i.e. in the direction of Khorasan, then the appearance of the Mahdi is imminent.



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Army Of Black Flags

Another tradition states that:

- The Messenger of Allah said: The black banners will come from the East and their hearts will be as firm as iron. Whoever hears of them should join them and give allegiance, even if it means crawling across snow. ¹⁸
- In Islam there are two flags. One is white and one is black. Written across both flags in Arabic are the words, “There is no God but Allah and Muhammad is his Messenger”. The white flag is called *Al-Liwaa* and serves as the sign for the leader of the Muslim army and is the flag of the Islamic State. The black flag is called *Ar-Raya* and is used by the Muslim army. It is also called the flag of jihad, and is carried into battle. One flag is governmental and the other is a military flag. ¹⁹ When Muhammad returned to his home city of Mecca after being exiled for eight years, he returned as a conqueror. With him were ten thousand Muslim soldiers. They carried with them black flags. On the flags was one word written in Arabic: *punishment*.



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Conquering Of Israel

- Islamic tradition pictures the Mahdi as joining with the army of Muslim warriors carrying black flags. The Mahdi will then lead this army to Israel and re-conquer it for Islam. The Jews will be slaughtered until very few remain and Jerusalem will become the location of the Mahdi's rule over the Earth.
- [Muhammad] said: "Armies carrying black flags will come from Khurasan. No power will be able to stop them and they will finally reach Eela (Baitul Maqdas in Jerusalem) where they will erect their flags." ²¹
- It is important to note here the reference above to "*Baitul Maqdas*". In Arabic this means "the holy house". This is referring to the Dome of the Rock Mosque and is located on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Conquering Of Israel

- There is a very famous tradition that is often quoted throughout the Islamic world that speaks of the Mahdi's military campaign against Israel.

The Prophet said... The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Miraculous Provider Who Will Be Loved By All

- It is said that the Mahdi will have control over the wind and the rain and the crops. Under the Mahdi's rule, the world will live in prosperity. Islamic tradition relates that Muhammad once said:
- In the last days of my Ummah [universal Islamic community], the Mahdi will appear. Allah will give him power over the wind and the rain and the earth will bring forth its foliage. He will give away wealth profusely, flocks will be in abundance, and the Ummah will be large and honored... ²⁴
- In those years my community will enjoy a time of happiness such as they have never experienced before. Heaven will send rain upon them in torrents, the earth will not withhold any of its plants, and wealth will be available to all. A man will stand and say, "Give to me Mahdi!" and he will say, "Take." ²⁵

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Miraculous Provider Who Will Be Loved By All

- As a result of the numerous benefits that the Mahdi brings, it is said that all the inhabitants of the Earth will be possessed with a deep love of him:
- Allah will sow love of him in the hearts of all people.²⁶
- Al Mahdi appears, everyone only talks about Him, drinks the love of Him, and never talks about anything other than Him.



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Timing of The Mahdi's Reign

- While there is more than one tradition regarding the nature and timing of the Mahdi's ascendancy to power, there is one particular hadith that places this event at the time of a final peace agreement between the Arabs and the Romans ("Romans" should be interpreted as referring to Christians, or more generally, the West). Although this peace agreement is made with the "Romans", it is said to be mediated specifically through a Jew from the priestly lineage of Aaron. The peace agreement will be made for a period of seven years
- Rasulullah [Muhammad] said: "There will be four peace agreements between you and the Romans [Christians]. The fourth agreement will be mediated through a person who will be from the progeny of Hadrat Haroon [Honorable Aaron – Moses' brother] *and will be upheld for seven years.* (Emphasis mine) ²⁸

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Timing of The Mahdi's Reign

- It appears that the period of this seven year peace agreement will likewise be the period of the Mahdi's reign. While there are a few traditions that specify that the Mahdi will reign on the earth for as much as eight or possibly even nine years, most traditions state that the time of his reign will be seven years.
- The Prophet said... He will divide the property, and will govern the people by the Sunnah of their Prophet and establish Islam on Earth. *He will remain seven years*, then die, and the Muslims will pray over him.
- The Prophet said: The Mahdi... will fill the earth with equity and justice as it was filled with oppression and tyranny, and *he will rule for seven years*.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Al-Mahdi, The Rider On A White Horse

Ka'b al-Ahbar is supported in his view that this description of the rider on the white horse as found in the Book of Revelation is indeed the Mahdi by two well known Egyptian authors, Muhammad Ibn 'Izzat and Muhammad 'Arif in their book *Al Mahdi and the End of Time*



ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Beast of the Earth

Abu Dawud At-Tayalisi recorded from Abu Hurayrah, may Allah be pleased with him, that the Messenger of Allah said...

*A beast will emerge from the earth, **and with it will be the staff of Musa and the ring of Sulayman**, peace be upon them both. It will strike the nose of the disbelievers with the staff, and it will make the face of the believer bright with the ring, until when people gather to eat, they will be able to recognize the believers from the disbelievers.*

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Beast of the Earth

*this was also recorded by Ibn Majah. Ibn Jurayj reported that Ibn Az-Zubayr described the beast and said, “**Its head is like the head of a bull, its eyes are like the eyes of a pig, its ears are like the ears of an elephant, its horns are like the horns of a stag, its neck is like the neck of an ostrich, its chest is like the chest of a lion, its color is like the colour of a tiger, its haunches are like the haunches of a cat, its tail is like the tail of a ram, and its legs are like the legs of a camel. Between each pair of its joints is a distance of twelve cubits. It will bring out with it the staff of Musa and the ring of Sulayman.** There will be no believer left without it making a white spot on his face, which will spread until all his face is shining white as a result; and there will be no disbeliever left without it making a black spot on his face, which will spread until all his face is black as a result, then when the people trade with one another in the marketplace, they will say, ‘How much is this, O believer’ ‘How much is this, O disbeliever’ And when the members of one household sit down together to eat, they will know who is a believer and who is a disbeliever. Then the beast will say: ‘O so-and-so, enjoy yourself, for you are among the people of Paradise.’ And it will say: ‘O so-and-so, you are among the people of Hell,’ This is what Allah say*

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

▪ **The Subordinate Of The Mahdi**

At this time, Jesus descends to meet the army of the Mahdi which will be preparing for battle. It will be just before the time of prayer.

Muslims will still be preparing themselves for the battle drawing up the ranks. Certainly, the time of prayer shall come and then Jesus, son of Mary would descend.

Based on the relevant Hadith, Islamic scholars seem to be in universal agreement that the Mahdi will ask Jesus to lead the prayers. Jesus will then refuse this request and will defer instead to the Mahdi to lead the prayer.

The Messenger of Allah said: A section of my people will not cease fighting for the truth and will prevail until the Day of resurrection. He said: Jesus son of Mary would then descend and their [Muslims'] commander [the Mahdi] would invite him to come and lead them in prayer, but he would say: No, some amongst you are commanders over some.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

■ Jesus The Faithful Muslim

After Jesus returns, in keeping with his identity as a faithful Muslim, he will perform the ritual pilgrimage to Mecca called *hajj*:

The Prophet said: Verily Isa ibn Maryam shall descend as an equitable judge and fair ruler. He shall tread his path on the way to hajj (pilgrimage) and come to my grave to greet me, and I shall certainly answer him!

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

▪ Jesus Will Institute Islamic Law

While the Mahdi, as the Caliph (vice-regent) and Imam (leader) of the Muslims is clearly seen as being a superior to Jesus, Jesus is still said to be a leader of the Muslim Community. According to the Islamic traditions, Jesus' primary purpose will be to oversee the institution and the enforcement of the Islamic Shariah law all over the world.

Ibn Qayyim mentioned in *Manar al-munif* that the leader... is the Mahdi who will request Jesus to lead the Muslims in prayer. Jesus will remain on the earth, not as a prophet, but as one of the Community (*ummah*) of Prophet Muhammad. Muslims will follow him as their leader. According to Shalabi, the Mahdi will lead the Muslims in prayer, and Jesus will rule the Muslims according to the Divine Law (Shari'ah).⁸

Jesus, the son of Mary will descend and will lead them judging amongst them according to the holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

■ **Jesus: The Greatest Muslim Evangelist**

Islamic tradition teaches that because Jesus will declare himself to be a Muslim, he will lead many Christians to convert to Islam. Regarding those who do not convert to Islam, the Quran states that Jesus will be a witness against them on the Day of Judgment:

There is not one of the People of the Scripture (Christians and Jews) but will believe in him before his death, and on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them. (Surah 4:159)

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

▪ Jesus Will Abolish Christianity

It is crucial to understand that according to Islamic tradition and belief, when Jesus returns, he does not merely come to convert *most* Christians to Islam but to literally abolish Christianity entirely. This fact is understood when we analyze a very well-known, and oft-quoted tradition that refers to four specific things that Jesus will do when he returns. Jesus is said to:

1. Break crosses.
2. Kill all swine.
3. Abolish the jizyah tax (a Muslim tax on non-Muslims)
4. Kill the Muslim antichrist and his followers.

The Prophet said: There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus. He will descent (*sic*) (to the earth)... He will break the cross, kill swine, and abolish jizyah. Allah will perish all religions except Islam.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

Islamic Jesus

▪ **Jesus The Slayer Of Jews**

Beyond the “accomplishment” of abolishing Christianity on a worldwide scale, another of Jesus’ primary jobs is to kill a figure known as the Dajjal, or the Muslim version of the Antichrist. But not only will Jesus kill the Dajjal, but also all of the Dajjal’s followers, who consequently, will mostly be Jews.

▪ **Jesus: A Good Muslim Family Man**

One final aspect of the Muslim Jesus’ return must be pointed out. After converting the world to Islam and killing unbelievers, the Dajjal and his followers, Jesus is said to marry, have children and eventually die:

The Prophet said: There is no prophet between me and him, that is, Jesus... He will destroy the Antichrist and will live on the earth for forty years and then he will die. The Muslims will pray over him.

ISLAMIC ESCHATOLOGY

The Islamic Anti-Christ (the Dajjal)

The Prophet was warning us that in the last days there would be someone who would deceive all of humanity. The Dajjal will possess power over this world. Thus, Muslims must be careful not to have the love of the world in their hearts so they won't leave their religion and follow him. He will be able to heal the sick by wiping his hand on them, like Jesus did, but with this deceit the Dajjal will lead people down the path to hell. Thus the Dajjal is the false Messiah, or Anti-Christ (Massih ad-Dajjal). He will pretend to be the Messiah, and deceive people by showing them amazing powers.

The Dajjal Will Claim To Be Jesus Christ And Will Claim To Be Divine

The above tradition shows that the Dajjal's deceptive signs will be for the purpose of leading people into believing that the Dajjal is actually their "lord". Muslim scholars universally have concluded that the Dajjal will claim to be divine. According to the very well known Muslim scholar, Abu Ameenah Bilal Phillips, the Dajjal, "will claim to be God".

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THE ANTI-CHRIST

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THE ANTI-CHRIST

- ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: **“Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.**

KRISHNA VENTA

- Krishna Venta (1911—1958), born Francis Herman Pencovic in San Francisco, founded the WKFL (Wisdom, Knowledge, Faith and Love) Fountain of the World cult in Simi Valley, California in the late 1940s. In 1948 he stated that he was Christ, the new messiah and claimed to have led a convoy of rocket ships to Earth from the extinct planet Neophrates. He died on December 10, 1958 after being suicide bombed by two disgruntled former followers who accused Venta of mishandling cult funds and having been intimate with their wives.



SUN MYUNG MOON

- Sun Myung Moon (1920–2012), believed by members of the Unification Church to be the Messiah and the Second Coming of Christ, fulfilling Jesus' unfinished mission. Church members ("Unificationists") consider Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Hak Ja Han, to be the True Parents of humankind as the restored Adam and Eve.



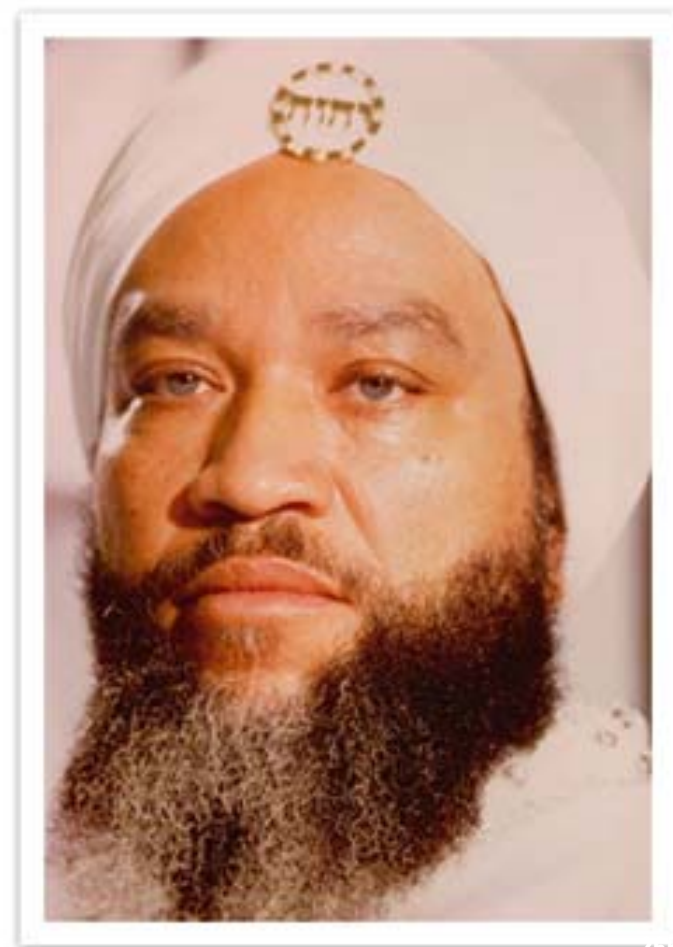
JIM JONES

- Jim Jones (1931–1978), founder of Peoples Temple, which started off as an offshoot of a mainstream protestant sect before becoming a personality cult as time went on. He claimed to be the reincarnation of Jesus, Akhenaten, Buddha, Vladimir Lenin, and Father Divine in the 1970s. Organized a mass murder suicide at Jonestown, Guyana on November 18, 1978. He shot himself after the murders were done.



YAHWEH BEN YAHWEH

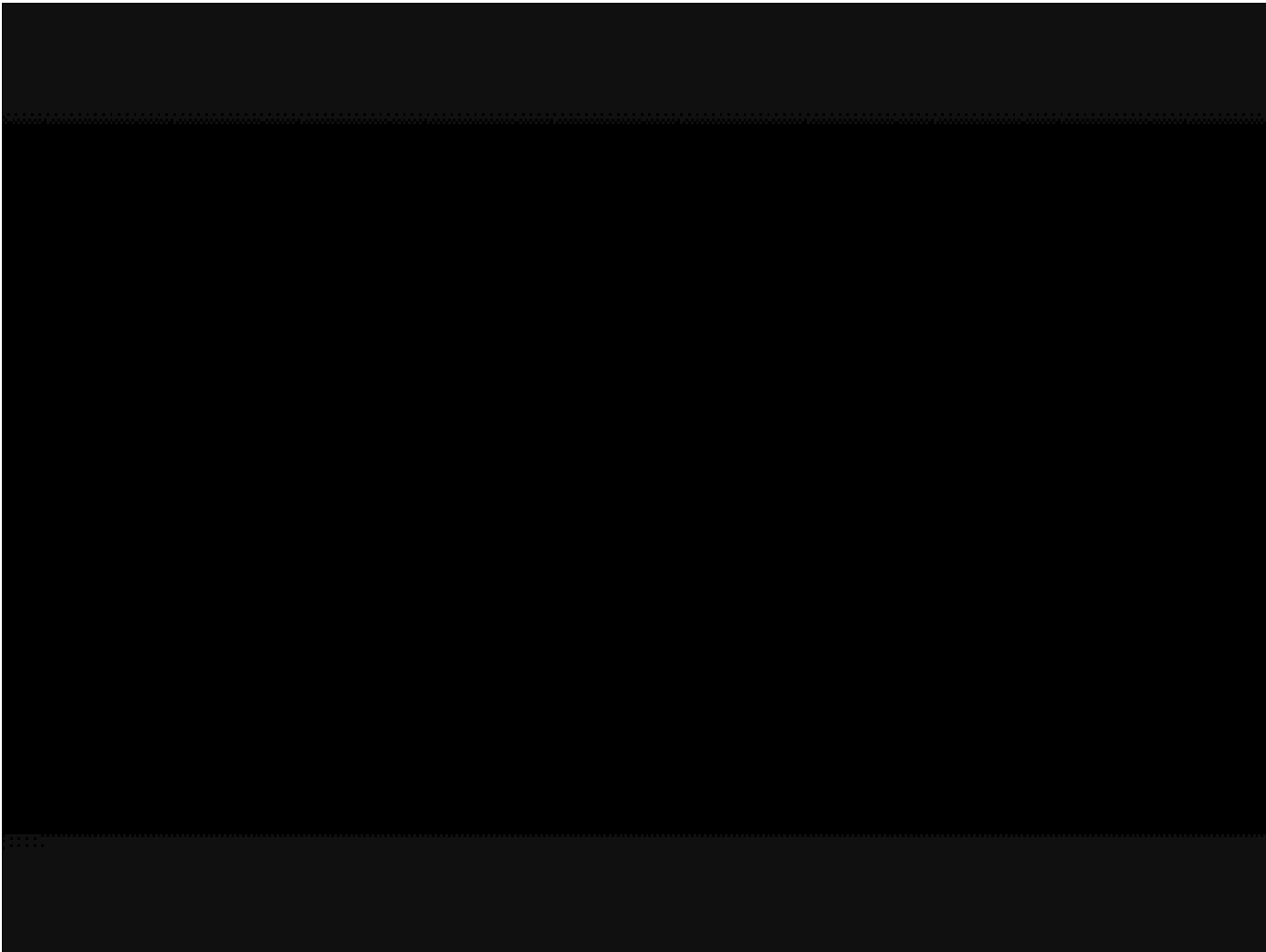
- Yahweh ben Yahweh (1935–2007), born as Hulon Mitchell, Jr., a black nationalist and separatist who created the Nation of Yahweh in 1979 in Liberty City, Florida. His self-proclaimed name means "God, Son of God." He could have only been deeming himself to be "son of God", not God, but many of his followers clearly deem him to be God Incarnate. In 1992, he was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and sentenced to 18 years in prison.



THE POPE

- Joseph Devarbe's Catechism - Page 279
- The priest does really and truly forgive sins in virtue of the power given to him by Christ. "The Pope is not only the representative of Jesus Christ, but he is Jesus Christ, Himself, hidden under the veil of flesh", **Catholic National, July, 1895.**
- **La Civila Cattlica - March 18, 1871**
- "The Pope is the supreme judge of the law of the land ... He is the vicegerent of Christ, and is not only a priest forever, but also king of kings and Lord of lords."





REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- Then **I** stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.
- “He stood ...” [John “saw...”]
- Therion, beast of prey, (vs. zoa)
- A Gentile? Rev. 17:15; Isa. 57:20, 21
- 7 Heads, 10 diadems Dan. 2 & 7, Luke 4:6,7

REV. 17:15

- **¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.**

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- ² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.
- Lion, Bear, Leopard: (reversed) Dan. 7:3-8
- The Lion communicates arrogantly (Babylon)
- The Bear controls extensively (Meds and Persia)
- The Leopard conquers swiftly (Greeks)



REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.
- Head wound: identifier Rev. 13:3, 14, 14; Zech. 11:17
- ¹⁷ Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. **Zech. 11:17**

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- **⁴ So they worshiped the dragon** who gave authority to the beast; and **they worshiped the beast**, saying, “*Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?*”
- Followers are Satan worshipers. Are there today Satan Worshipers?
- Who is “Allah”?

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- ⁵ And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. ⁶ Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ It was granted to him to make **war with the saints and to overcome them**. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE SEA

- **⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.**
- **Section 1**
- **Political Leader, Very powerful, Worshiped, Commonly call the Anti-Christ**

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

- ¹¹ Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had **two horns like a lamb** and spoke like a dragon.
- Horn – idiom for power, authority
- Horn – Political and religious?
- This Leader may be a Jew:
 - Ezek. 21:25-27; Ezek. 28:2-10 (of the circumcision)
 - Dan. 11:36:,37;
 - John 5:43 (allos, not heteros)
 - Received by Israel Psalms 55

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

- ¹² And **he** exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, **whose** deadly wound was healed. ¹³ He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴ And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which **he** was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

- ¹⁵ **He** was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶ **He** causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, ¹⁷ and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the **mark** or the **name of the beast**, or the **number of his name**.

- (mark) Charagma: brand, seal

- A mark is prohibited: Lev. 19:29; 21:5; Deut. 14:1; Isa. 49:16; Ezek. 9:4; Ex. 13:9, 16

ZECHARIAH 11:17

- **¹⁷ Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.**

REVELATION 13 - THE BEAST FROM THE EARTH

- ¹⁸ Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

666

Χριστός	Christos
X ε ς	Antichrist = Pseudo-Christ
χ 600	ἑξακόσιοι hexakosioi
ε 60	ἑξήκοντα hexakonta
ς <u>6</u>	ἕξ hex
666	

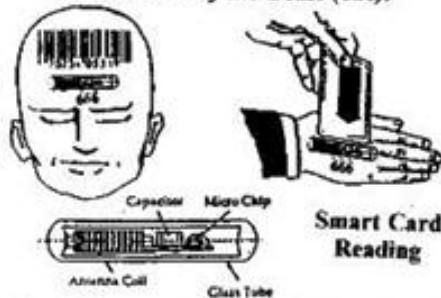


FORMS OF GEMATRIA

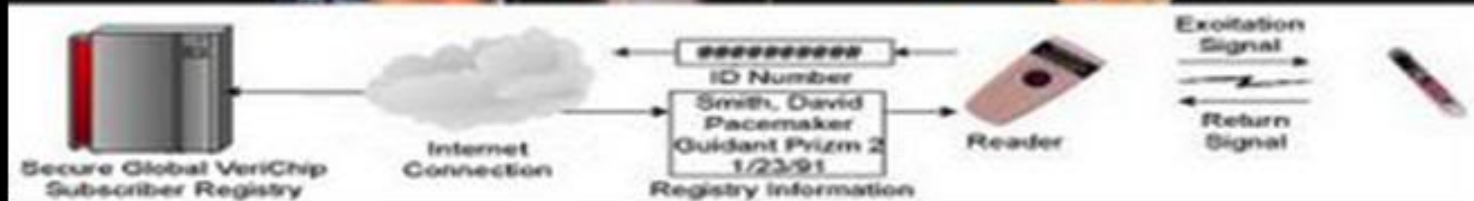
- Ragil (nominal)
- Kolet – the regil values plus the number of letters in the word
- Katan – small values; all tens and hundreds reduced to 1 – 9 by summing the digits (also called “reduced” values.)
- Hakadmi, nominal values plus the values of each letter preceding it.
- Hameruba Hakjali. - the value of the word squared.
- Hameruba Haperati – the sum of the squares of each individual letter
- Miluy – the sum of the values of the names of each letter that makes up the work. (Also called “filling.”)



The "Mark" of the Beast (666):



"Micro Chip": Injected under the skin. Size: 1/20 of a grain of rice. Holds 20,000 pages.



Whose Number?

- Insertable chips, RFID, bar codes, etc. for implementation?
- Remember: it is His number and name that are the critical identity issues



OLD TESTAMENT ALLUSIONS

- Assyrian
5:5:6
Isa. 10:5, 12, Micah
- Seed of the Serpent
Gen. 3:15
- Idol Shepherd
Zech. 11:16-17
- Little Horn
Dan. 7:8-11, 21-26,
Dan. 9:9-12, 23-25
- Prince that shall come
Dan. 9:26
- Willful King
Dan. 11:36

THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME...

▪ **New Testament Allusions**

- Angel of the Bottomless Pit Rev. 9:11
- **Beast** Rev. 11:7; 13
- **False Prophet** Rev. 13
- Father of the lie Jn. 8:44; 2 Thess. 2:11
- **Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ)** 1 John 2:22
- Lawless One 2 Thess. 2:8
- **Man of Sin** 2 Thess. 2:3
- One come in his own name John 5:43
- **Son of Perdition** 2 Thess. 2:3
- Prince of Darkness 1 Thess. 5
- Star Rev. 8:10; 9:1
- Unclean Spirit Mt. 12:43
- Vine of the earth Rev. 14:18

THE “70 WEEKS” OF DANIEL

- The Scope 9:24
- The 69 Weeks 9:25
- (The Interval) 9:26
- The 70th Week 9:27

THE 69 WEEKS

Commandment
to restore
Jerusalem

The Messiah
the King

$$69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880 \text{ days}$$

Decree of
Artaxerxes
Longimanus
March 14, 445 BC

445 BC -32 AD	173,740
March 14 -April 6	24
Leap years	116
Total	173,880

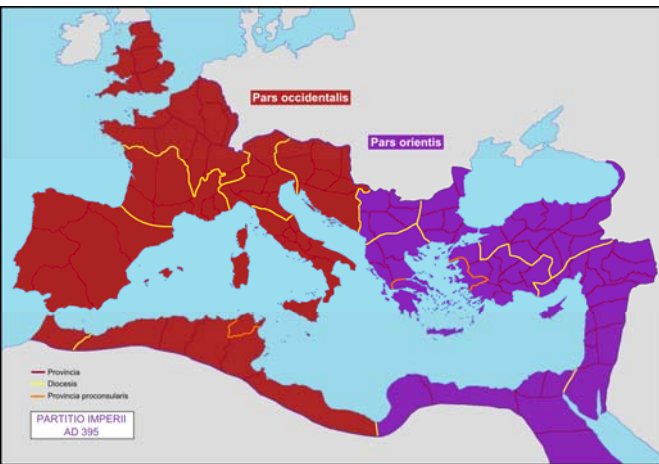
The Triumphal
Entry
April 6, 32 AD

THE INTERVAL

- “And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
And the people of **the prince who is to come**
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.
The end of it *shall be* with a flood,
And till the end of the war desolations are
determined.
- Karat: to cut off, eliminate, kill execute

THE PRINCE

- the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary
- 38 years after Christ died, Roman legion
under Titus Vespasian destroy the city
and the temple



BYZANTINE EMPIRE

- The Byzantine Empire was the predominantly Greek-speaking continuation of the eastern half of the Roman Empire during Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages. Its capital city was Constantinople, originally known as Byzantium.

The "Times of the Gentiles"

Daniel 2

Gold

Silver

Brass

Iron

Iron + Clay



Babylon

606 BC - 539 BC

Persia

539 BC - 332 BC

Greece

332 BC - 68 BC

Rome I

68 BC - ?

"Rome II"

Daniel 7

Winged Lion

Bear on side

Leopard

Terrible Beast

10 Heads...

DANIEL 7

- ¹⁷ ‘Those great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings *which* arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.’
- ¹⁹ “Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, *with* its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, *which* devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that *were* on its head, and the other *horn* which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance *was* greater than his fellows.

DANIEL 7 AND REV. 13

- ²¹ “I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and **prevailing** against them, (Dan. 7:21-22)
- ⁷ It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to **overcome** them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (Rev. 13:7)
- ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall **not prevail** against it. (Matt. 16:18)

DANIEL 7

- ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. ²³ “Thus he said: “The fourth beast shall be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which shall be different from all *other* kingdoms, And shall devour the whole earth, Trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴ The ten horns *are* ten kings *Who* shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first *ones*, And shall subdue three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak *pompous* words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then *the saints* shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.

DANIEL 7

- ²⁶ ‘But the court shall be seated, And they shall take away his dominion, To consume and destroy *it* forever. ²⁷ Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.’ ²⁸ “This *is* the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart.”

SATAN'S SEVEN SUPER-KINGDOMS

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Rome II (10 Horns)

- ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. (Rev. 12:3)
- ⁹ “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits.¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. (Rev. 17:9-11)

Satan's Seven Super-Kingdoms

• Egypt

• Assyria ?

• Babylon

• Persia

• Greece

• Rome

• Rome II
10 Horns
The 11th Horn

Daniel 7:8, 20-26; 8:9-14

And there appeared another wonder in heaven;
and behold a great red dragon,
having seven heads and ten horns,
and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:3

And there are seven kings:
five are fallen, and one is,
and the other is not yet come;
and when he cometh,
he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:10

And the beast that was, and is not,
even he is the eighth,
and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition

Revelation 17:11

MICAH 5:5-6

- ⁵ And this *One* shall be peace. When the **Assyrian** comes into our land, And when he treads in our palaces, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight princely men.
- ⁶ They shall waste with the sword the land of **Assyria**, And the land of Nimrod at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver *us* from the **Assyrian**, When he comes into our land And when he treads within our borders.

RECENT RE-EMERGENCES

- 1906 Iran
- 1921 Afghanistan
- 1922 Egypt
- 1922 Iraq
- 1924 Turkey
- 1930 Lebanon
- 1938 Syria
- 1946 Jordan
- 1947 Pakistan
- 1948 Israel
- (Iraq and Syria make up what was once call Assyria, Nineveh as its capitol)



THE COMING WORLD LEADER

- “Big Mouth” Dan. 7:8, 11, 20; 11:36; Ps. 52; 2 Thess. 2:4
- The Leader will be the Son of Satan: Gen. 3:15; Isa. 27:1; Ezek. 28:12-19; Rev. 13
- He will be an intellectual genius: Dan. 7:20; 8:23; Ezek. 28:3
- He will be an oratorical genius: Dan 7:20; Rev. 13:2
- He will be a political genius: Dan. 11:21
- He will be a commercial genius: Rev. 13:17; Ps. 52:7; Dan. 11:38, 43; Ezek. 28:4, 5

THE COMING WORLD LEADER

- He will be a commercial genius: Dan 8:25; Rev. 13:17; Ps. 52:7; Dan. 11:38, 43; Eezk. 28:4,5
- He will be a military genius: Dan. 8:24; Rev. 6:2; Rev. 13:4; Isa. 14:16
- He will be a governmental genius: Rev. 13:1, 2; 17:17
- He will be a religious genius: 2 Thess. 2:4 (“Allah”?); Rev. 13:3,14,15
- See also: Ps. 10, 52, 55; Isa. 10, 11,13,14; Jer. 49-51; Zech. 5; Rev. 18

THE TWO BEATS – REV. 13

- **Beast out of the Sea**
 - **7 Heads, 10 Horns**
 - **Heads with the name of blasphemy**
 - **One of the heads: deadly wound healed**
 - **Powered by the Dragon for 42 months**
 - **Overcomes the Saints**
 - **Earth-Dwellers worship**
 - **All those not written in the Book of Life**

THE TWO BEATS – REV. 13

- **Beast out of the Earth (“False Prophet”)**
 - **Two horns like Lamb**
 - **Speaks as the Dragon (deceit)**
 - **Causes Earth to worship the 1st Beast**
 - **Deceives the Earth with miracles**
 - **Forces worship of an image of 1st Beast**
 - **All receive mark in right hand or foreheads**
 - **No man may buy or sell without the name or number of 1st Beast: 666**

2 THESSALONIANS 2

- ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

THE ANTI-CHRIST

- ⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: **“Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.**

MYSTERY BABYLON

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SUN WORSHIP

- The earliest form of Paganism, originating on the plain of Shinar.
- Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10)
 - - Hebrew, marad, “to rebel”; future tense, “we will rebel.”
- ⁸ Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. ⁹ He was a mighty hunter **before** the LORD; therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod the mighty hunter **before** the LORD.” ¹⁰ And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. (Gen. 10:8-10)
- “**Before**” should be “in defiance of” the Lord.

GLOBAL DICTATOR

- Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-10)
 - - Hebrew, marad, “to rebel”; future tense, “we will rebel.”
- The final global dictator will be an Assyrian: (Nimrod II”?)
 - Micah 5:5-6, Isaiah 10

BABYLON

- **ONE OF THE MOST** outstanding examples of how Babylonian paganism has continued to our day may be seen in the way the Romish church invented Mary worship to replace the ancient worship of the mother goddess.

BABYLON

- **The story of the mother and child was widely known in ancient Babylon and developed into an established worship. Numerous monuments of Babylon show the goddess mother Semiramis with her child Tammuz in her arms. When the people of Babylon were scattered to the various parts of the earth, they carried the worship of the divine mother and her child with them.**

BABYLON

- **This explains why many nations worshipped a mother and child in one form or another centuries before the true savior, Jesus Christ, was born into this world! In the various countries where this worship spread, the mother and child were called by different names, for, we will recall, language was confused at Babel.**

BABYLON

- The Chinese had a mother goddess called **Shingmoo** or the "Holy Mother." She is pictured with child in arms and rays of glory around her head.



BABYLON

- The ancient Germans worshipped the virgin Hertha with child in arms. The Scandinavians called her Disa who was also pictured with a child. The Etruscans called her Nutria, and among the Druids the Virgo-Patitura was worshipped as the "Mother of God." In India, she was known as Indrani, who was also represented with child in arms.

BABYLON

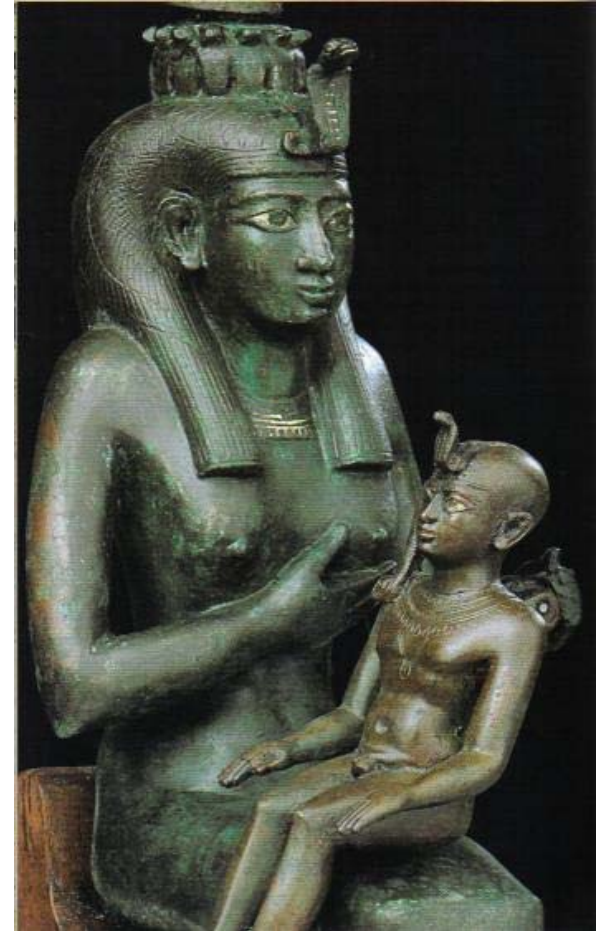
- The mother goddess was known as Aphodite or Ceres to the Greeks; Nana, to the Sumerians; and as Venus or Fortuna to her devotees in the olden days of Rome, and her child as Jupiter. At one time the mother and child were known as Devaki and Crishna. For ages, Isi, the "Great Goddess" and her child Iswara, have been worshipped in India where temples were erected for their worship.

BABYLON

- **In Asia, the mother was known as Cybele and the child as Deoious. "But regardless of her name or place", says one writer, "she was the wife of Baal, the virgin queen of heaven, who born fruit although she never conceived."**

BABYLON

- In Egypt, the mother was known as Isis and her child as Horus. It is very common for the religious monuments of Egypt to show the infant Horus seated on the lap of his mother.



BABYLON

- When the children of Israel fell into apostasy, they too were defiled with this mother goddess worship. As we read in **Judges 2:13**: "They forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth." Ashtaroth or Ashtoreth was the name by which the goddess was known to the children of Israel. It is pitiful to think that those who had known the true God would depart from him and worship the heathen mother.

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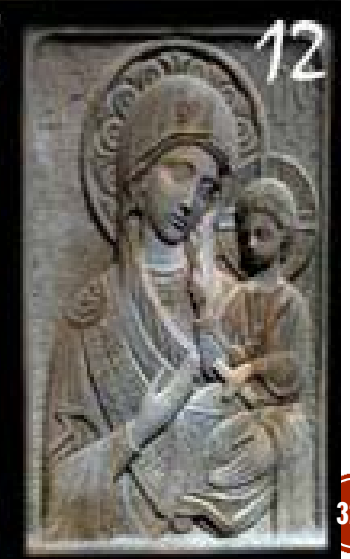
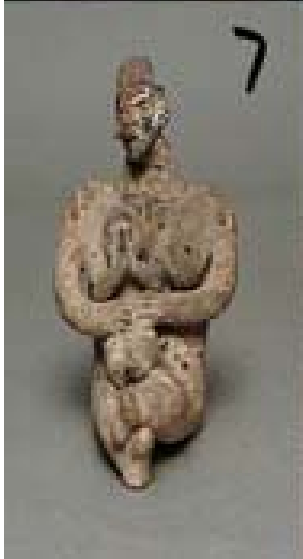
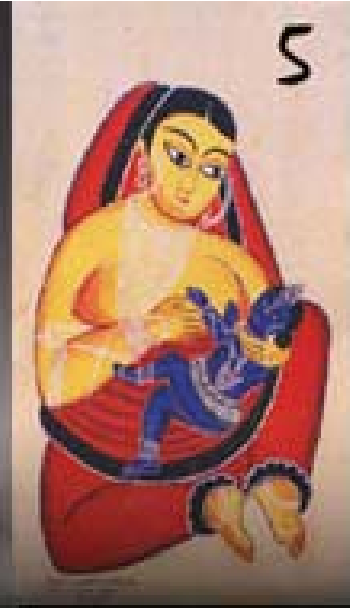
- Yet this is exactly what they did repeatedly (Judges 10:6; 1 Sam. 7:3, 4; 12:10; 1 Kings 11:5; 2 Kings 23:13). One of the titles by which the goddess was known among them was "the queen of heaven" (Jeremiah 44:17-19). The prophet Jeremiah rebuked them for worshipping her, but they rebelled against his warning.

BABYLON

- **In Ephesus, the great mother was known as Diana. The temple dedicated to her in that city was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world! Not only at Ephesus, but throughout all Asia and the world was the goddess worshipped (Acts 19:27).**

BABYLON

- This false worship, having spread from Babylon to the various nations, in different names and forms, finally became established at Rome and throughout the Roman Empire. Says a noted writer concerning this period: "The worship of the Great Mother...was ...very popular under the Roman Empire. Inscriptions prove that the two (the mother and the child) received divine honors ... not only in Italy and especially at Rome, but also in the provinces, particularly in Africa, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, and Bulgaria."





REVELATION 16



SEVENTH BOWL: THE EARTH UTTERLY SHAKEN

- ¹⁷ Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl **into the air**, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “**It is done!**” ¹⁸ And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
- Who is the prince of the air?

SEVENTH BOWL: THE EARTH UTTERLY SHAKEN

- ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. **And great Babylon** was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. ²⁰ Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹ And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. **Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail**, since that plague was exceedingly great.

SPIRITUAL BABYLON

- All forms of occultic practices have had their origin in the original city of Babylon (Isa. 47)
- Tammuz, the son of Nimrod and his queen Semiramis (earlier name Thyatira) was identified with the Babylonian Sun God, and worshipped following the winter solstice ~ Dec 22-23
- As Babylon was conquered by subsequent empires, this entire religious system was transplanted, first to Pergamos, (Rev. 2:12-17) and then to Rome.

SPIRITUAL BABYLON

- **As Christianity was established as the official state religion of Rome, many of the religious traditions and practices of the earlier pagan worship were adapted and incorporated, including:**
 - **Many of our traditions surrounding Christmas**
 - **The Babylonian worship of Ishtar, the Golden Egg of Astarte and the fertility rites of spring give us Easter**
 - **The Calendar year-end on October 31, and its associated occultic rituals, gave us our Halloween**
 - **This was related to worship of Baal (Mars) and many have been stimulated by the perturbation of the orbit of the earth associated with the planet Mars**

	Israel Chapter 12	Woman riding Beas Chapter. 17
Where?	In Heaven	Upon many waters
Mother	Of Man-Child	Of Harlots
Clothed with	With sun	Purple Scarlet, Gold
Identity	Sun, Moon, Stars	Reigns over kings of the earth
Enemy	Dragon	10 Kings (ultimately)
Relationship	Hated by the world	Caressed by the world
Sustained by	Wing of Heaven	Dragon
Headdress	Crown of 12 stars	Mystery Babylon the Great
Status	Widowed, divorced	Am no Widow
Final location	New Jerusalem	Habitation of demons



MYSTERY BABYLON – REV. 17 & 18

- **The Great Whore (chapter 17)**
 - **Rides the Beast with 7 heads, 10 horns**
 - **Mother of Harlots and Abominations**
 - **Drunk with the blood of the saints**
- **Babylon the Great (City) (chapter 18)**
 - **Kings**
 - **Merchants**
 - **Those that trade by sea**

BABYLON

- **Mentioned over 300 times in the Bible**
- **Alluded to 3 times in Christ's genealogy**
- **Capital of the**
 - **1st World Dictator**
 - **The Last World Dictator**
- **A “Litmus Test” for the literal view**

THE SCARLET WOMAN AND THE SCARLET BEAST

- Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, ² with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” ³ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast *which was* full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- Harlotry is a form of false devotion

THE SCARLET WOMAN AND THE SCARLET BEAST

- ⁴ The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. ⁵ And on her forehead a name *was* written:
- MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS
AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS
OF THE EARTH.
- ⁶ I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- ⁷ But the angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸ The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- ⁹ “Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. ¹¹ The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

SATAN'S SEVEN SUPER-KINGDOMS

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Rome II (10 Horns)

- ³ And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. (Rev. 12:3)
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- Greece

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- Rome II
10 Horns
The 11th Horn

Daniel 7:8, 20-26; 8:9-14

Daniel's 4 + 1

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Revelation 12:3

And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

Revelation 17:10

And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition

Revelation 17:11

THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- ¹² “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. ¹³ These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is **Lord of lords** and **King of kings**; and those *who are* with Him *are* called, chosen, and faithful.”

THE MEANING OF THE WOMAN AND THE BEAST

- ¹⁵ Then he said to me, “The **waters** which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, **multitudes, nations, and tongues.** ¹⁶ And the **ten horns** which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. ¹⁸ And the **woman** whom you saw is that **great city** which reigns over the kings of the earth.”

REVELATION 17

- Notice that the prostitute is not the beast, but rides the beast. She initially exploits the beast, but is eventually destroyed by him. (Rev. 17:16-17)
- The reference to the “golden cup” is another link with Jeremiah, et al.
- Mystery Babylon as a false religious system has been identified with the city of Rome from the early centuries until this present hour.

TEN CLUES

- 1. A prostitute: promiscuous, unfaithful
- 2. Has universal influence; all over the world
- 3. She is seated upon the beast (steers, dominates)
- 4. Purple, Scarlet, Gold, and Jewels
- 5. Golden cup: precious, yet a counterfeit, filled with abominable things
- 6. Mystery, Babylon the Great; linked with Babylon of Nimrod (Cf Rev. 11:8)
- 7. Mother of Prostitutes: has spiritual offspring; Not alone
- 8. Persecutor of Christians, revels in their blood
- 9. Seven Hills, Rome Built on seven hills:
 - The original city of Romulus was built upon Palatine Hill (Latin: Mons Palatinus). The other hills are the Capitoline, Quirinal, Viminal, Esquiline, Caelian, and Aventine (known respectively in Latin as the Mons Capitolinus, Mons Quirinalis, Mons Viminalis, Mons Esquilinus, Mons Caelius, and Mons Aventinus)
- The Great City that rules of the kings of the earth
 - In John's day, could only be Rome.

BABYLON OF 17 = 18

- 1. The usage of the word “Babylon” is never used of the beast or its head (Rev. 17:5,18)
- 2. The context before and after Revelation 18
 - Cf. 16:19, 17:1,18; 18:2-3; 19:2
- 3. The statements of Revelation 18:3, 24 with 6:9-11

THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. ² And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “**Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!** ³ For all the nations have **drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication**, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.”

THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “**Come out of her, my people**, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. ⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. ⁶ Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her **double** according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix **double** for her.

THE FALL OF BABYLON THE GREAT

- ⁷ In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, **‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’** ⁸ Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong *is* the Lord God who judges her.

THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- ⁹ “The **kings of the earth** who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰ standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- **¹¹ “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: ¹² merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble;**

THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- **¹³ and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men. ¹⁴ The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.**

THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- ¹⁵ The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ¹⁶ and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! ¹⁷ For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' **Every shipmaster**, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance ¹⁸ and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What *is* like this great city?'

THE WORLD MOURNS BABYLON'S FALL

- ¹⁹ “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.’
- ²⁰ “**Rejoice over her, O heaven,** and *you* holy apostles and prophets, for **God has avenged you on her!**”

FINALITY OF BABYLON'S FALL

- **²¹ Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, “Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore. ²² The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.**

FINALITY OF BABYLON'S FALL

- ²³ The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your **merchants were the great men of the earth**, for by your **sorcery all the nations were deceived.** ²⁴ And in her was found the **blood of prophets and saints**, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

THE ORIGIN OF BABYLON

- The first world dictator: Nimrod (“Rebel”)
 - “a mighty hunter in defiance of the Lord.” Gen. 10:9
 - Babel = (as well as “Babylon”) means “**gateway to the gods**” or “**gate of the gods**” in the local Mesopotamian languages. In Hebrew the word babel is related to balal, meaning “to confuse.”
- This was the beginning of the city of Babylon
 - This ziggurat was later rebuilt by Nebuchadnezzar as Etemenanki, “the building which is the foundation of heaven and earth”
 - The Letter to Cyrus
 - When Cyrus made his grand entrance Daniel presented him with an ancient scroll of Isaiah, which contained a personal letter addressing him by name (Josephus, Antiquities, XI, 1 2)
 - Isaiah had died 150 years before Cyrus was born! (Isa. 45:1-5)

ISLAM: BABYLON THE GREAT?

- ISLAM: Babylon the Great? <http://youtu.be/X4hh0Zxn5Xg?list=PLom-MY97-2IN96SGCKsAuOzLUVrMwMKnW>



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WHAT IS THE MILLENNIUM?

Rev 20:6

- Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

WHO WILL WE REIGN OVER?

Zech 14

- ¹⁶ Then the survivors from all the nations that have attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD Almighty, and to celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles.

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Isa 34:4

- The heavens above will melt away and disappear like a rolled-up scroll. The stars will fall from the sky like withered leaves from a grapevine, or shriveled figs from a fig tree.

Isa 51:6

- Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth below. For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing. The people of the earth will die like flies, but my salvation lasts forever. My righteous rule will never end!

Rev 6:14

- The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places.

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Rev 19

- ¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh^[a] was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Isa 11:4

- He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and **one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.**

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Zech 14:1-3

- A day of the LORD is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls. ² I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. ³ Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle.

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Zech 14

- ⁴ On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. ⁵ You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake^[a] in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

WHEN DOES THE MILLENNIUM BEGIN?

Isa 63:3

- “I have trodden **the winepress alone**; from **the** nations no one was with me. I trampled **them** in my anger and trod **them** down in my wrath; **their** blood spattered my garments, and I stained all my clothing.

Isa 24:5

- The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

False Prophet & Anti-Christ the First in Hell

Rev 19

- ¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Satan Locked Up

Rev 20:1-3

- Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.



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EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Christ Builds a Temple

Zech 6

- ¹² Tell him, ‘This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies says: Here is the man called the Branch. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the LORD. ¹³ Yes, he will build the Temple of the LORD. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king from his throne. He will also serve as priest from his throne, ^[e] and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles.’

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

The Kings Reign

Isaiah 2:2-4

- Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths." For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

The Kings Reign

Micah 4:1-3

- And it will come about in the last days That the mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains It will be raised above the hills, And the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD And to the house of the God of Jacob, That He may teach us about His ways And that we may walk in His paths " For from Zion will go forth the law, Even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

No More War

Isa. 2:4

- **The LORD will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.**

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Up all Day

Zech 14

- ⁶ On that day the sources of light will no longer shine, ^[c]
⁷ yet there will be continuous day! Only the LORD knows how this could happen. There will be no normal day and night, for at evening time it will still be light.

Rev 21

- ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. ²⁴ The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Long Life

Isa 65:20

“No longer will babies die when only a few days old.

No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life.

No longer will people be considered old at one hundred!

Only the cursed will die that young!

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Peace over All things

Isa 11:6-8

- In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together; the leopard will lie down with the baby goat. The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion, and a little child will lead them all. The cow will graze near the bear. The cub and the calf will lie down together. The lion will eat hay like a cow.⁸ The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra. Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

The Highway

Isa 19

- ²³ In that day Egypt and Assyria will be connected by a highway. The Egyptians and Assyrians will move freely between their lands, and they will both worship God.

Isa 11:16

- He will make a highway for the remnant of his people, the remnant coming from Assyria, just as he did for Israel long ago when they returned from Egypt.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Punishments

Zech 14

- ¹⁷ Any nation in the world that refuses to come to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, will have no rain. ¹⁸ If the people of Egypt refuse to attend the festival, the LORD will punish^[e] them with the same plague that he sends on the other nations who refuse to go. ¹⁹ Egypt and the other nations will all be punished if they don't go to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Safe Jerusalem

Zech 14

- **¹¹ And Jerusalem will be filled, safe at last, never again to be cursed and destroyed.**

EVENTS OF THE MILLENNIUM

Zech 14:9

- And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day there will be one LORD—his name alone will be worshiped.



THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM

The Defeat of Satan

- ⁷ When the thousand years come to an end, Satan will be let out of his prison. ⁸ He will go out to deceive the nations—called Gog and Magog—in every corner of the earth. He will gather them together for battle—a mighty army, as numberless as sand along the seashore. ⁹ And I saw them as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them.
- ¹⁰ Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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HELL

- What is Hell?
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HELL - WHAT IS HELL?

- ⁴¹ “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the **everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: (Matthew 25:15)**
- ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life, Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. **(Daniel 12:2)**
- ¹⁰ The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the **lake of fire** and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the **lake of fire. (Rev. 20:10, 5)**
- **Hell is a place prepared for the devil, his angels, the beast, false prophets and those who’s name are not in the Book of Life.**

WHERE IS HELL?

- Various theories on the location of hell have been put forward. A traditional view is that hell is in the center of the earth (**Luke 15:10, Ephesian 4:9**). Others propose that hell is located in outer space in a black hole. In the Old Testament, the word translated “**hell**” is **Sheol**; in the New Testament, it’s **Hades** (meaning “unseen”) and Gehenna (“the Valley of Hinnom”). **Sheol** is also translated as “**pit**” and “**grave.**” Both Sheol and Hades refer to a temporary abode of the dead before judgment (Psalm 9:17; Revelation 1:18). Gehenna refers to an eternal state of punishment for the wicked dead (Mark 9:43).

WHERE IS HELL (LAKE OF FIRE)?

- ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. (**Matthew 12:40**)
- ⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? (**Ephesians 4:9**))
- ⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. (**Revelation 14:9-10**)

HOW LONG IS HELL (LAKE OF FIRE)?

- Some believe it will be for a short time
- Others believe it will be eternal



HOW LONG IS HELL (LAKE OF FIRE)? — SHORT TIME

- ⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should **perish** but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)
- ⁴⁶ And these will go away into everlasting **punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.” (Matthew 25:46)
- The punishment itself is not eternal, but the results are.
- ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jude 1:7)
- ⁶ and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; (2 Peter 2:6)
- But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away. (Psalm 37:20)
- ⁶ then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever. (Exodus 21:6)
- ²² But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “*Not* until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the LORD and remain there forever.” (1 Samuel 1:22)

HOW LONG IS HELL (LAKE OF FIRE)? — ETERNAL

- ⁸ “If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. (**Matthew 18:8**)
- ²⁴ “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (**John 5:24**)
- ⁹ These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (**2 Thessalonians. 1:9**)
- ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” (**Revelation 14:11**)
- ¹⁷ His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” (**Luke 3:17 or Matt. 3:12**)

IS HELL ETERNAL?

- Yes, it is.
- *Why will God go through great lengths to get us save if at the end, the unsaved will be gone in a second.*
- **¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)**



HEAVEN

- “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.” (1 John 3:2)
- When we enter heaven will be changed physically and spiritually. John tells us we will be like Jesus.
- What will that be like?



WE WILL NO LONGER SIN

- “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Phil 1:6)
- In heaven Jesus will remove our sinful nature and complete making us new creations. Imagine you have a computer program that has problems (Ha! Not too hard to imagine that, is it). But then the new version comes out and everything that is good about the program is left in but everything bad is fixed — and not only that, but many great new features are added. That’s what we will be like in heaven.



WE WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME LAWS OF PHYSICS

- In **John 20:19, 26** we find Jesus walking through walls and locked doors to reach the disciples. Elsewhere in the Bible we read about angels that appear and disappear. We will be able to travel anywhere instantly.



WE WILL STILL EAT AND TOUCH

- We will be able to walk through solid objects and still be able to touch and eat like Jesus did in John 20:27 and John 21:10-15. Paul tells us that “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven” (1 Cor. 15:59), so eating will be done for pleasure and not necessity. And Revelation 22:2 tells us that in heaven there will be a tree of life that bears twelve different kinds of fruit each month. Some think that there may be a feast each month when this tree blooms and a time of great fellowship as we gather around to share a meal together.

WE WILL STILL EAT AND TOUCH — ISAIAH 65

- ¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.



WE WILL NEVER BE SICK AGAIN

- We currently live in a fallen, imperfect world. People get sick, suffer and die. In heaven that won't be true. God tells us in heaven there will “no longer be any curse” (Rev. 22:3). What does that mean? Revelation 21:4 tells us: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Heaven will be a world where, “the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. And the lame will leap like a deer, and the mute tongue will shout for joy” (Isaiah 35:5-6). There will be no more suffering in heaven.



WE WILL RECOGNIZE ONE ANOTHER

- You can read Matthew 17:3 for a little insight here. Moses and Elijah appear and talk with Jesus. Peter recognizes both of them even though they both lived many years before him.
- In heaven, we will know not only our loved ones but everyone else that is there!



WE WILL HAVE DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS

- There will be no marriage in heaven (Matthew 22:30). The reason is that relationships will be much deeper than anything on earth. Remember that we'll be free from sin.
- Relationships will be pure and free of doubt, jealousy and gossip. Love, joy and peace in heaven we will experience these things the way they were meant to be. We can only experience these things partly now. While it's true we love and have joy and peace on earth, we don't fully experience them because we also know what it is to hate, grieve, and have trouble. In heaven, when these things are removed, we will love and rejoice and be at peace completely.



THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH

- “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the Throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be his people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the Throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’” – Revelation 21:1-4

THE NEW JERUSALEM

- Revelation 21:2-3 tells us we will have a new home called “New Jerusalem”. Jerusalem means, “city of peace”. This New Jerusalem is massive! It will be about 1,500 miles wide, 1,500 miles long, and 1,500 miles high. (Revelation 21:15-16). That would make this huge city roughly the size of the moon. The city will have 12 gates with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel written on them. The foundation will be twelve layers to it with the names of the twelve apostles written on them. (Revelation 21:12-17)
- And the entire city will be made of gold and jewels. The walls will be made of pure diamond and the city of pure gold – clear as glass (Revelation 21:18). The foundation will be filled with precious stones (Revelation 21:19-21).



WE WILL BE WITH CHRIST

- More important than anything else is the fact that we will be with our Lord forever. From His throne flows the River of Life. It will be perfect, clear as crystal. And we will see Him face to face (Revelation 22:4).
- We will be able to talk to Him, ask Him questions, and listen to Him speak. Imagine hearing His voice – the Bible says it will be “like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder (Revelation 14:2). Imagine the stories He’ll tell, the lessons He’ll teach, and the love He’ll share.

