



The party is over! The time is ticking...

BE RAPTURE READY!

Unlocking the mysteries and the message of
**The Second Coming of
Lord Jesus Christ**

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Chapter 1

1. Introduction

Lord Jesus Christ will for sure return victorious to earth one day in bodily, visible form. The Lord Himself revealed several things to His disciples about His second coming during the last days of His life on earth. He gave multiple visions to the Apostle John regarding the end-time events that we find in the book of Revelation. He revealed a few facts through Apostle Paul, Apostle Peter and others. He also gave several visions to Old Testament prophets like Daniel, Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Isaiah etc., who wrote about the many key aspects of the “Day of the Lord”, a phrase OT prophets used in general to refer to the second coming. We should take a holistic approach and be very careful while consolidating, analyzing and interpreting the Scriptures by taking into account all the passages related to a particular facet of His second coming.

Our Lord Jesus has revealed several things related to His coming and at the same time there are many “un-revealed” hidden secrets and mysteries. We should study, understand and apply what has been revealed to us, yet at the same time, be very careful NOT to speculate or extrapolate or guess things that have been purposefully kept secret. For example, there is a big question on many people’s minds - “When will the Lord come”? Over the years there have been many speculations, calculation and theories to arrive at a date of the Lord’s coming. However, He said – “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority” (Acts 1:7). Therefore anyone

who tries to figure out a date of His second coming is working contrary to the Word of God.

Surely and speedily the Lord is coming! Whether we trust Him or not, whether we expect His return or not, His coming is for certain. No one knows exactly *when* He will come except our Father in Heaven. He will come like a thief at a time when we least expect Him, when everything is business as usual (Rev. 3:3). "For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them" (1 Thess. 5:2-3).

The primary purpose of Lord's second coming is to take His people to the eternal home where there is neither sin nor sickness, neither death nor darkness! He wants us to be where He is. Oh! What a glorious thought! The Lord himself told – "Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward *is with me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.*" Blessed *are* those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:12-14).

The purpose of the study of the second coming is to build our *character* and not to build a *calendar*! We need to study with an intention of preparing ourselves for His imminent return. May the Lord help us in our pursuit to understand the events of His second coming in the light of the Scriptures alone! May the Lord prepare us so that we may be able to say – "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

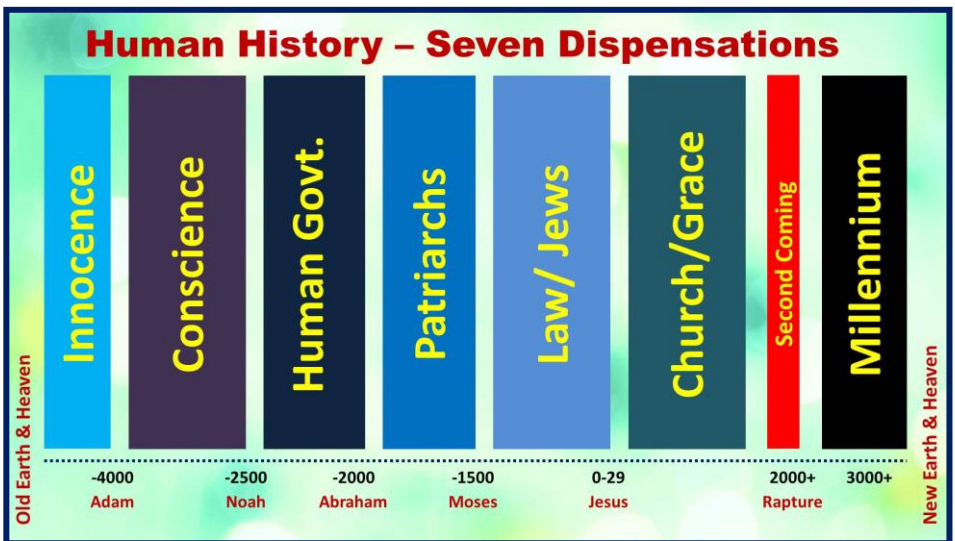
Chapter 2

2. Dispensations in Human History

Seven Major Dispensations in the History of Mankind

In order to understand the events of second coming, we need to get the “big picture” of human history. Unless we comprehend the context properly, we will not be able to correctly interpret the Scriptures.

The “known history” of mankind can be divided into seven major dispensations:



1. Dispensation of **Innocence**: This is the time period from creation of Adam till his fall and expulsion from the garden of Eden. Adam and Eve lived in absolute

innocence, enjoying the presence of the Lord and all the divine blessings.

2. Dispensation of **Conscience**: This is the time period from Adam's fall till Noah's flood (B.C. 4000+ to 2500+ approximately). During this time mankind lived according to their 'conscience'.
3. Dispensation of **Human Government**: This is the time period from Noah's flood till the call of Abraham (B.C. 2500+ to 2000+ approximately). During this period the earth was re-populated by Noah's descendants.
4. Dispensation of **Promise or Patriarchs**: This is the time period from the call of Abraham till the exodus of Israelites from Egypt (B.C. 2000+ to 1500+ approximately). God called Abraham out of idol worship to follow Him so that He can bless him and make him a blessing to all the nations of the world. God raised up the nation of Israel through Abraham, Isaac and the twelve patriarchs. It was God's plan to bring Messiah into the world through Israel.
5. Dispensation of **Law**: This is the time period from the exodus from Egypt till the 1st coming of Jesus (B.C. 1500+ to 4+ approximately). God gave the Law to Israelites. He built them as a nation and prepared a way for the Messiah to enter the human race!
6. Dispensation of **Grace or Church or Holy Spirit**: This is the time period from Pentecost till Rapture, i.e. 1st phase of second coming (A.D. 32+ to 2000+ approximately). Lord Jesus Christ came into the world the first time as the promised Messiah. He completed

the redemptive work by offering Himself as the Lamb of God and made atonement for the sins of the whole world. He died, buried and rose on the third day. He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, transform us and prepare us for His second coming. This period, also called the 'spiritual kingdom', is the period during which our Lord is adding people (predominantly gentiles) to His kingdom by His grace and through the work of the Holy Spirit. At the end of the church-age our Lord is going to come for the second time. There will be several events at His second coming, which is the main subject of this booklet.

7. Dispensation of **Millennium Kingdom**: This is a time period of 1000yrs-reign of Lord Jesus Christ on earth after His second coming (A.D. 2000+ to 3000+ approximately). Following the Millennium Kingdom, the Lord will punish all the unsaved and dead at The Great White Throne Judgement and send them to the lake of fire which is the eternal hell. The Satan, his followers, the fallen and unfaithful angels will be sent to the eternal hell. God will destroy the present earth and the heavens. He will create a new earth and a new heaven, a sinless place, for us to be with Him in eternity.

As we study the various dispensations (also called ages or yugas) in the history of mankind, we marvel at how precisely and meticulously God is unfolding his workings with the mankind. We also realize the love and longing of our Lord to make us more like Him – perfect in holiness, perfect in glory, perfect in love and perfect in all divine characteristics.

Chapter 3

3. The General Sequence of “End-Time” Events

As we can note from the above dispensations, we are at the very end of the sixth dispensation, i.e., the age of the church. At the end of this dispensation, the Lord will come again for the second time. From the Scriptures, we can clearly understand that the second coming of our Lord will happen in two different phases:

- ***During the first phase, also called the “rapture”***, Jesus Christ will come to mid-air for the saints. The dead in Christ will rise first. Believers who are alive will be transformed and raptured.
- ***During the second phase, also called the “Day of the Lord” or “Second Coming”*** which happens after seven-year-tribulation period (will be explained further in later sections), the Lord will come to the earth along with the saints to establish the millennium kingdom, a 1000 years reign of the Lord.

The general sequence of events at the end of the age can be as follows:

1. Rapture: 1st Phase of ‘Second Coming’

Lord Jesus Christ will come to mid-air for the believers. The dead in Christ will rise first. Believers who are alive will be transformed and raptured (1 Thess. 4:13-18; John 14:3; 1 Cor. 15:51-53; Tit. 2:13; 1 John 3:2).

2. Beginning of the “Day of the LORD” or the ‘seven year tribulation period’

The Antichrist, who is part of the ten-nation Revised Roman Confederacy, will appear as a messenger of peace and make a seven-year peace treaty with the nation of Israel. This begins the “70th week of Daniel” which is also called the “Day of the Lord” by many Old Testament prophets.

3. End of the “Day of the LORD” - 2nd Phase of the “Second Coming”

Jesus Christ will return to the earth with His angels and millions of His saints. The Antichrist and his forces will be defeated in the Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 19:11-21). There will be a nation-wide revival of Israelites (Zech. 12:10-14). The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be cast live into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). Satan will be chained and bound in the bottomless pit for thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

4. Judgment of the Living Gentile Nations

There will be a gathering of all the living from all gentile nations to judge them. Those people who presented the genuineness of their salvation through good works (represented as ‘sheep nations’) will enter into the Millennium kingdom (Matt. 25:31-46; Joel 3:1-2) while the rest will be cast out from the presence of the Lord to go to eternal hell eventually.

5. The Millennium Kingdom

The Lord will establish 1000 years reign on the restored earth (Rev. 20:1-6; Is. 11:6-9; Ps. 2:6; 72:7-11; Jer. 23:5-6).

6. The Battle of Gog and Magog

Satan will be released from the bottomless pit after 1000 years for a short period. Once again, he will deceive many and gather them for the battle of “Gog and Magog”. However, God will rain down fire from heaven and will destroy them (Rev. 20:7-10).

7. The Great White Throne Judgment

All “unsaved” human beings will be judged and cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

8. Judgement of the Angels

God will judge Satan, his followers and the fallen/unfaithful angels and send them to the eternal lake of fire to be tormented for ever and ever (Rev. 20:10; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 1:6, 7; Matt. 25:41).

9. The Present Heavens and Earth Judged by Fire

The present heavens and the earth will be destroyed by fire (2 Pet. 3:7-13; Rev. 20:11).

10. The Eternal State – A New Heaven and A New Earth

God will create a new heaven and a new earth. It will be a completely different order of life (Rev. 21, 22). We will enjoy the Presence of the Lord for ever and ever in eternity.

Note: For a detailed study on Seven Dispensations of Human History and The General Sequence of End-Time events, please refer to the YouTube message at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6Td4vRbqk4&t=831s>

Chapter 4

4. Rapture

4.1 Rapture

Scripture Text: 1 Thess. 4:15-17

“¹⁵ 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” (1 Thess. 4:15-17).

As we learnt earlier, rapture is the first phase of the second coming. During this phase Jesus Christ will come to mid-air for the saints. The dead in Christ will rise first. Believers who are alive will be transformed and raptured (1

Thess. 4:16-18; John 14:3; Tit. 2:13; 1 Cor. 15:51-53; 1 John 3:2).

Rapture is a mystery and a glorious truth which was first revealed in the upper room by our Lord to His disciples just before He went to the Cross. **“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. 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”** (John 14:2-3).

Apostle Paul expounded this further in 1 Thess. 4th chapter. It is the hope of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-14). We are “waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). It is a glorious meeting. (John 17:22-24; Rom. 8:17-19; 2 Cor. 4:17-18). It is also a reckoning where we need to give an account of our life (2 Cor. 5:10; 1 Cor. 3:8).

1. Imminent Return of the Lord

No one knows the exact date when the Lord will come. It will happen in a flash i.e., in the twinkling of an eye. “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye” (1 Cor. 15:51-52). **“I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you”** (Rev. 3:3).

2. Resurrection of the Dead in Christ

When the Lord descends from the heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, the dead in Christ will rise first (1 Thess. 4:16). It means that there will be a resurrection of the dead. They will receive a new and glorified body. Apostle Paul explains about this new resurrected body in 1 Cor. 15th

chapter: “³⁵ But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” ³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other *grain*. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. ⁴² So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body” (1 Cor. 15:35-38; 42-44).

Man is a three-part being consisting of body, soul and spirit. When a man dies the body will go to dust (Ps. 104:29) and ‘soul-spirit’ will go to be with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8). At resurrection, the Lord will bring out a ‘new body’ from out of the some of the old body/DNA and gives a new, glorious body. Paul compared this transformation with that of a seed and plant (1 Cor. 15:35-38). Just like the body of a plant is completely different from the body of the seed, our glorified body will be completely different from our natural body. Do not think that we will have the same natural body or a similar one to what we have now, in eternity. Our new body will be immortal, imperishable, incorruptible, honourable, glorious, powerful, spiritual and heavenly. It will resemble the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:49; Phil. 3:20-21).

Bible talks about **two types of resurrections**: Resurrection of life (also called 1st resurrection) and resurrection of judgement (John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:1-6).

A. First Resurrection or Resurrection of Life: *This is the resurrection of believers.* Believers are raised to eternal life. It also is a *staggered resurrection*, which

means that, we will see this happening many times in different measures and different contexts:

- “Christ the firstfruits” (1 Cor. 15:23)
- Resurrection of saints at rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-17)
- 144,000 Global Evangelists will be raptured (Rev. 7:1-8)
- People who become converts during the Tribulation week will be raptured (Rev. 7:9-17; 20:4-6)
- The two prophets who will minister during the tribulation period will also be raptured (Rev. 11:3-12)

B. Second Resurrection or Resurrection of Judgement:

This is the resurrection of unbelievers. They are raised to be judged and to be sent to eternal hell. This happens after millennium (Rev. 20:1-6).

3. Rapture of the Believers Who are Alive

Latin word ‘rapto’ means “to seize, to carry off”, from which we derive the word ‘rapture’ which means ‘caught up’ or ‘lifted up’. The Greek word ‘harpazo’ has several meanings associated with it in the Scriptures.

- To catch away speedily (Acts 8:39)
- To seize by force (John 6:15)
- To claim for one’s own self (Rev. 21:2)
- To move to a new place (John 14:1-6)
- To rescue from danger (Acts 23:10)

All of these meanings are very much applicable to the event of rapture when the believers will be caught up and transported to a new place, so that they can escape the wrath that is going to be poured out upon the earth.

4. Reunion

It is a time of reunion for us- with the Lord, with our beloved ones who are asleep and with all the saints (1 Thess. 4:17). And we will all be with the Lord forever.

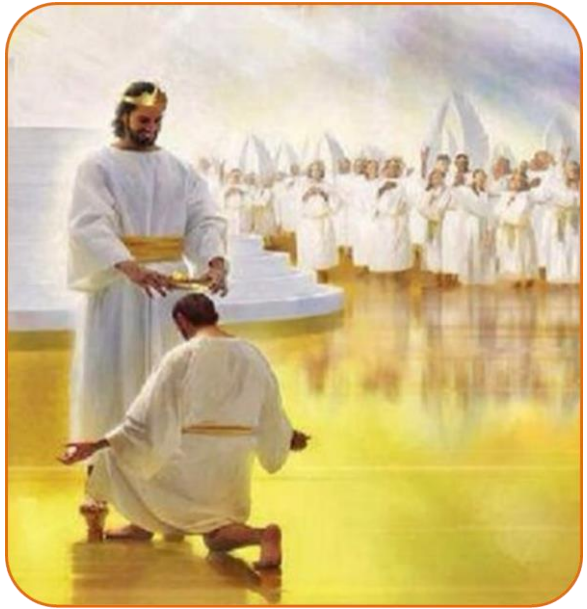
4.2 Believers' Judgment [BEMA]

Scripture Text: 2 Cor. 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil” (2 Cor. 5:10).

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work” (Rev. 22:12).

After the saints are raptured, they must face the judgement seat of Christ. This event is popularly called as “believers’ judgement” or “Bema judgement”. The Greek word ‘bema’ means ‘judgment seat’. The word has been used by Apostle Paul in the epistles to indicate a raised platform where the victor’s crown is



placed on the head of the winner! The bema judgement is NOT to determine whether one should go to hell or to heaven because all those who are raptured will go to heaven. This judgement or evaluation is to determine the rewards for the faithfulness and service of the believers.

Every believer will be evaluated in the following areas:

1. **Our attitudes, motives and thoughts** will be judged. (1 Cor. 4:5; Matt. 6:6-18; Eccl. 12:14)
2. **Our words** will be judged. We need to give an account for every unnecessary word spoken, for all gossip, slandering, lying, backbiting etc. (Matt. 12:34-37).
3. **Our personal spiritual life** will be judged.
 - Our personal holiness, prayer life, worship life etc. will be evaluated on that day. Whether we have lived according to our call or not will be judged.
 - Compromising on morals or values and worldly living (Gal. 5:19-21), disharmony, divisions (1 Cor. 3:3), broken promises (Acts 5, Eccl. 5:4-5), idleness (2 Thess. 3:10-12) etc. will all be assessed.
4. **Our work and ministry** will be judged.
 - **Our work** will be judged: “Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every one according to his work” (Rev. 22:12).
 - We need to give an account of the **time, treasure and talents** the Lord gave to each one of us. How we have invested them for His glory will be examined and evaluated! The Parable of Talents in Matt. 25:14-30 teaches us this principle. If we have been faithful to the Master in utilizing our resources well, we will receive the commendation: “**Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord**” (Matt. 25:21).

- ***Our ministry*** will be judged: “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. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward” (1 Cor. 3:13-14).
- ***Our teachings will be judged*** to check whether they were sound doctrine or human opinions or religious traditions (James 3:1; 1 Tim. 4:16).

Remember that we are NOT saved by good works. We are saved by grace through faith, but we are saved unto good works. ⁸ “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10). Our reward in heaven depends on how faithful we have been, how fruitful we were and how well we had lived for His glory!

4.3 Rapture Vs Day of the Lord

Please understand that “rapture” (1 Thess. 4:13-17), the 1st phase of ‘Second Coming’ when the Lord comes “for” His saints is different from “Day of the Lord” or the second phase of the ‘Second Coming’ when the Lord comes “along with” His saints to the earth (Rev. 19:11-21).

The following table compares the two events in detail:

Rapture (1st phase of Second Coming)	Day of the Lord (2nd phase of Second Coming)
Christ comes for His own (1 Thess. 4:13-17)	Christ comes with His own (Rev. 19:11-21)
Comes to the mid-air (1 Thess. 4:17)	Returns to the earth (Zech. 14:4,5)
Christ is not seen by others (1 Cor. 15:52)	Every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7)
It is the blessed hope of the church (Tit. 2:13)	The Great day of His wrath (Rev. 19:15)
Christ gathers His own (1 Thess. 4:16,17)	Angels gather the elect (Matt. 24:31)
The Lord snatches away true believers from the earth (1 Thess. 4:15,17)	He takes away the unbelievers (Matt. 24:37-41)
Christ comes to reward believers (1 Thess. 4:17)	Christ comes to judge the earth (Matt. 25:31-46)
Believers receive glorified bodies	No one will receive glorified bodies
Occurs before tribulation (Luke 21:36)	Occurs after tribulation (Matt. 24:29-30)
No signs will be given	Many signs will be given
No battles fought	Battle of Armageddon
Resurrection is prominent (1 Thess. 4:15,16)	No resurrection is mentioned
1 Thess. 4:16, 17; 5:23; 1 Cor. 15:51, 52; Tit. 2:13; John 14:3; Phil. 3:20, 21; 2 Thess. 2:1; Heb. 9:28; 1 Pet. 5:4; 1 John 3:2	2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 1:7; 19:11, 14; Jude 14, 15; Zech. 14:4-5; Matt. 24:29, 30; 25:31; Micah 1:3-4

4.4 Left Behind?

There will be millions of people who are going to suddenly disappear from the face of the earth when rapture takes place. The tombs of many who are “dead in Christ” will be opened and they will be resurrected. All over the earth, that day would be a day of confusion and chaos because no one will be able to explain logically what has happened! Unfortunately, there are going to be billions of people who will be ‘left-behind’!

Who will be ‘left behind’?

- The worshippers of false gods and idols
- Those who have never heard the gospel
- Those who have heard the gospel but rejected it
- Those who delayed their decision to put their faith in Him and kept on postponing their commitment to the Lord
- The casual church-goers will also be left-behind. They understood that Jesus is the Savior, yet hardened themselves and never gave their heart, mind, soul, will and body to the Lord. They willfully rejected the free gift of salvation. They deceived themselves with the outward ritualistic activities like going to church, singing songs, reading Bible etc. and they never submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. They are the superficial, shallow and pseudo “Christians”. Externally they appear as Christians, but deep within, they are far from Him. The Lord told His disciples in Matt. 7:21-23 – ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.²² Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and

done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'".

What if you are 'left behind'?

If you are reading this booklet after the saints are “raptured” and you are “left behind”, sorry to say – “You missed the bus!” However, you don’t need to be disheartened; there is still a ray of hope! Here are three first and foremost and immediate steps you need to take:

- A. **Admit** that you are a sinner. Realize that you cannot save yourself and you need God to rescue you. Repent of your sins sincerely.
- B. **Believe** that Jesus died on the cross, shed His blood and paid the penalty on your behalf to set you free from sin and deliver you from the coming wrath of God. Put your faith in Jesus Christ!
- C. **Confess** and choose Jesus to be your Saviour and Lord. Ask the Lord to come into your heart and be your Lord and Master!

God’s Word assures us - “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved” (Romans 10:9, 13).

However, be warned that many drastic changes that are described in this booklet will happen one after the other very quickly. You need lots and lots of grace, faith and courage to withstand all the trials and be faithful to Him!

Note: For a detailed study on RAPTURE, please refer to the YouTube message at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPa7IQr3gpY>

4.5 Different views on rapture

There are many views regarding the occurrence of rapture. In this booklet, I have taken the ‘Pre-Tribulation Rapture’ viewpoint, i.e. the rapture happens before the 7-year tribulation week,. When I studied different end-time events and tried to arrive at a logical sequence of them, the pre-tribulation rapture appeared to be the “best-fit”. We also understand from the Scriptures that it is not in the nature of God to pour out wrath on His children. He may discipline them as a father disciplines his children, to correct them and bring them to maturity, but He will not pour out His wrath upon them. The “seven-year tribulation” is predominantly for the Jewish nation as an extra “grace period”, during which God will be judging the entire world for the rejection of the gospel. Rapture is the hope which Apostle Paul explains in his two letters to the Thessalonians who turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who **delivers us from the wrath to come** (1 Thess. 1:9-10).

Details of the different viewpoints are given in the Appendix under Section- “Different Views on Rapture”.

Note: For a detailed study on different views on rapture, please refer to the YouTube message at:

<https://youtu.be/xbLq2sWBo0U>

4.6 Are you Rapture-ready?

In the light of the imminent return of the Lord and our corresponding rapture, how should we be prepared? Let us

understand seven important ways in which we should be prepared for His arrival.

1. Believe in the Way, Lord Jesus Christ

If you want to be in the group of people that will be raptured, you need to put your faith in Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord said to His disciples in the upper room when He was explaining His second coming, ¹ **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"** (John 14:1-6). There is no other way than the Lord Jesus Christ to go to heaven!

2. Be Washing

We need to live a holy life. We need to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. We need to make sure we are not defiled either by the world outside or by our own fleshy desires and lusts. The people that are seen in heaven "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14). "Blessed are those who *wash their robes*, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city" (Rev. 22:14).

We need to maintain holiness in our lifestyles, our words, our thoughts, actions and reactions, in our ministry, our family life and in all relationships.

3. Be Watchful

The Lord instructed His disciples to “watch out” or “take heed” (Mark 13:5). The exhortation continued throughout the Olivet discourse (Mark 13:5, 9, 23, 33, 35, 37; Luke 21:8, 34, 36). In Mark 13th chapter, we can see that He reiterated the warning six times:

- Take heed that no one deceives you (Mark 13:5).
- Watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues (Mark 13:9).
- For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed (Mark 13:22-23).
- Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is (Mark 13:33).
- Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning (Mark 13:35).
- And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch! (Mark 13:37).

During the Olivet discourse, the Lord told the **“Parable of Ten Virgins”** to emphasize the need for readiness and watchfulness (Matt. 25:1-13). He concluded - "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour" (Matt. 25:13).

4. Be Witnessing

The disciples asked the Lord about His return and restoration of the kingdom. His reply to them was that, it was not for them to know the times or seasons, but that they will be His witnesses to the entire world till He comes again. ⁶ When they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons

which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:6-8).

Today it is our responsibility to be His witnesses to our friends, colleagues, relatives and neighbors – to all those who are in the sphere of our influence! Witnessing is simply proclaiming what we know and what we have experienced so that they can also put their trust in the Lord and come to a true saving experience, through the work of the Holy Spirit!

5. Be Working

The Lord said - "Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to give to every one according to his work" (Rev. 22:12). As we learnt earlier, we need to give an account of our **time, treasure and talents**. How well we have invested them for His glory will be evaluated! We understand this from the Parable of Talents in Matt. 25:14-30. If we are faithful to the Master in utilizing our resources properly, we will receive the commendation: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Matt. 25:21). Therefore, let us abandon the complacency, the laziness and work hard in the vineyard of the Lord. Let us not bury our talents like the third servant and be punished by our Master. The Lord will richly reward us for every little thing we do for the sake of His kingdom!

6. Be Worshipping

Heaven is filled with worship. ⁸ The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a

harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 5:8-10).

Our worship here on earth is a preparation for heavenly worship through eternity. Worship is not just lip service. It should flow out from within our hearts with a deep sense of gratitude for all that He has done for us, for all that he continues to do and for all that He is going to do for us. It must be our life-style. We should prepare ourselves for rapture as people filled with gratitude and worship!

7. Be Winning

The most important message in the light of His coming is to be a winner or an overcomer and live a victorious life. "To him who overcomes" is a phrase that is repeated seven times in the letters to seven churches in Rev. 2 and 3 chapters (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21). The Lord wants us to repent whenever we fall and return to Him to live a victorious life.

Rewards for Overcoming Life

1. "To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God" (Rev. 2:7).
2. "He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death...I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:11, 10).
3. "To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a

new name written which no one knows except him who receives it” (Rev. 2:17).

4. “He who overcomes, and keeps my works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations...and I will give him the morning star” (Rev. 2:26-28).
5. “He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life” (Rev. 3:5).
6. “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God. And I will write on him my new name” (Rev. 3:12).
7. “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on His throne” (Rev. 3:21).

Summary

Are you rapture-ready? Are you prepared to meet the Lord when He comes to take you? Are you ready to give an account for all that you think, talk, do and minister? Are you ready to give an account of how you are using your time, treasure and talents? If we truly were to retrospect ourselves, we will feel ashamed of the way we are living today. The good news is that the Lord wants us to be overcomers in spite of all our failures. Come to Him today, consecrate and rededicate yourself to live a God-centered, God-honoring life. May the Lord give us grace to introspect and correct ourselves, as we prepare for His coming!

Note: For a detailed study on How to prepare for rapture, please refer to the YouTube message at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amitL6LNBec&t=17s>

Chapter 5

5. Who is the Antichrist?

5.1 Day of the Lord

As we learnt in Chapter-3 – “The General Sequence of End-Time Events”, the major event after rapture is the beginning of the ultimate “day of the Lord”. The “day of the Lord” is a phrase used by OT prophets to refer to a time of God’s judgement on people for their sinful condition. For example, in the Book of Joel:

- In the first chapter Joel wrote, “Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand” (Joel 1:15). “Day of the Lord” here refers to God’s judgment by making locusts come upon the land of Israel, in the days of the prophet.
- In the second chapter, he wrote “For the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand” (Joel 2:1). “Day of the Lord” here probably referred to the futuristic Assyrian attack on Judah (Joel 2:20).
- In the third chapter he wrote, “For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision” (Joel 3:14). “Day of the Lord” here refers to the ultimate “Day of the Lord” when the Lord will come for the second time.

We need to understand the phrase “day of the Lord” properly in its context and therefore interpret accordingly. The phrase “day of the Lord” in some places, refers to the entire seven-year Tribulation Week whereas in some other places it refers to the last day of the seven-year Tribulation Week when the Lord will come to the earth with His heavenly hosts.

There are several signs given for the ultimate “Day of the Lord”, which is the second part of second coming of the Lord (Matt. 24; Rev. 6-19). The ultimate “Day of the Lord” begins when the Antichrist, who will come as a peace-messenger, will make a “seven-year peace treaty” with the nation of Israel (Dan. 9:27). This seven year period is also called “Daniel’s 70th week” or “Tribulation week”. The Antichrist will come from Syria, one of the kingdoms of the old Grecian kingdom, which will be part of a ten-nation Revised Roman Confederacy (Dan. 2, 7, 8, 11). We will study more about this in later sections. He will make a seven-year peace treaty with Israel. That is the Biblical sign for identifying the Antichrist. Any other interpretation is just fiction and fabrication!

5.2 Daniel’s Prophecy of 70 Weeks

Scripture Text: Dan. 9:24-27

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. 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. " 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. ²⁷ 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" (Dan. 9:24-27).

According to the prophecy of Daniel, seventy weeks are determined for Israel from the time of the decree to restore and build Jerusalem. According to the historians, the decree was made by Artaxerxes on March 14th, 445 BC (Nisan 1) at time of Nehemiah (Neh. 2:1-8). Here 'week' equals seven years. Each prophetic year is 360 days (According to Rev.12:6, 14, the time span of 1260 days = 3½ years. So, one prophetic year is considered to be 360 days). Therefore 70 weeks = $70 \times 7 = 490$ years are determined for the people of Israel. Within the seventy weeks, we have *three distinct periods*:

- *First 7 weeks* or $7 \times 7 = 49$ years (Jerusalem was rebuilt in 396 BC)
- *Following 62 weeks* or $62 \times 7 = 434$ years
- *Last 1 week or 7 years* is the period in future when the Antichrist will make a peace treaty with Israel.

According to Dan. 9:25 -- "...UNTIL MESSIAH THE PRINCE, there shall be 7 WEEKS + 62 WEEKS". From Nisan 1, March 14th, 445 BC, when we carefully count 69 weeks (weeks of years), i.e., $69 \times 7 \times 360 = 173,880$ days, we come to Nisan 10 or Apr 6th, 32AD. [For details, please refer to Sir Robert Anderson's book, "The Coming Prince". He did great research on this topic and reconciled all the dates]. He carefully counted all the days and came to the conclusion that this is exactly the day on which Jesus entered the temple in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. That was the day on which the Lord was hailed as King and He entered into the temple accompanied by the praises of the people. After that "Messiah shall be cut off". It was fulfilled literally when Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross of Calvary on the next Friday (which we call Good Friday).

However, between the 69th week and the 70th week, there is a gap in the history of Jews. The intervening period is called the “Church Age”. It is a period when God no longer deals with Israel as a nation because they rejected the Messiah. This period is given as a grace period, predominantly for the gentiles to experience salvation (Rom. 11:11-25).

God will deal with the nation Israel once again during the last “unfulfilled 70th week” of Daniel’s prophecy, commonly called “The Tribulation Week”. It begins with the Antichrist making a peace treaty with Israel for seven years (Dan. 9:27). He will help them to get back their temple land which is currently occupied by a Muslim mosque called “The Dome of Rock”. He will let them rebuild their temple and restart their priestly ministry and Levitical duties. However, please note that “in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering” (Dan. 9:27). We will see more about it later.

5.3 How to Identify the Antichrist?

The Antichrist will come from a ten-nation Revised Roman Confederacy. He is referred in the Scriptures with several names such as ‘little horn’ (Dan. 7:8), ‘the man of lawlessness’ (2 Thess. 2:3), ‘the son of destruction’ (2 Thess. 2:3) and ‘the beast’ (Rev. 13:2-8).

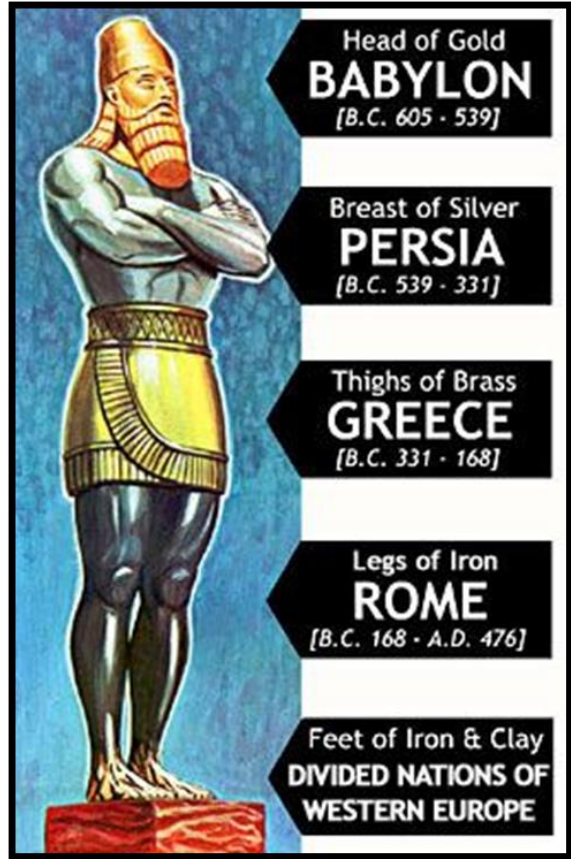
Several visions of Daniel (Dan. 2, 7, 8, 11) tell us clearly where the Antichrist will come from.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of Multi-metallic Image (Dan. 2)

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had a dream of a multi-metallic image. He could not remember the dream when he woke up. However, God revealed the dream to Daniel and also helped him to interpret it.

³⁷ You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory...³⁸ you are this head of gold. ³⁹ But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰ And the fourth kingdom shall be

as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. ⁴¹ Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with



ceramic clay. ⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. ⁴³ As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay... ⁴⁵ The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure (Dan. 2:37-45).

As per the historians the dream was fulfilled as predicted. The first four kingdoms literally came to pass as prophesied:

- **Head of Gold:** Represents the Babylonian Empire between 605-539 B.C.
- **Chest and Arms of Silver:** Represent the Medo-Persian Empire between 539-331 B.C.
- **Belly and Thighs of Bronze:** Represent the Grecian Empire between 331-168 B.C.
- **Legs of Iron:** Represent the Roman Empire between 168 B.C.–476 A.D.
- **Feet of Iron and Clay:** Represent the Revised Roman Empire. This is yet to be fulfilled. It will be fulfilled during the day of the Lord. The new world union will consist of ten-kingdoms. Just like iron and clay do not mix, the new kingdom will not be very united; there will be some strong nations (like iron) and some weak nations (like clay) in that union.

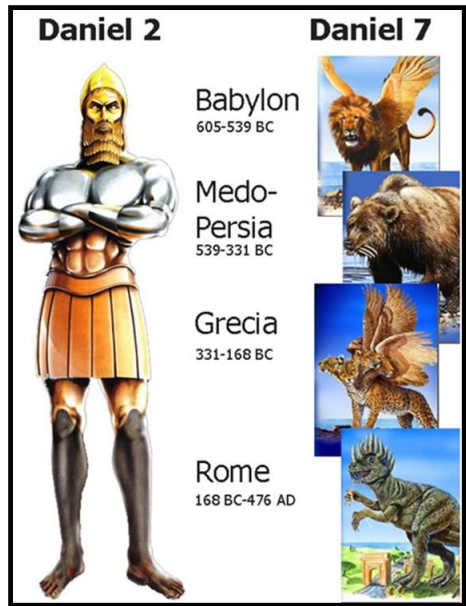
Daniel's Dream of Four Beasts (Dan. 7)

³ And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. ⁴ The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings.. ⁵ And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear... ⁶ After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

⁷ After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. ⁸ I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots (Dan. 7:3-8).

God explained the interpretation of the dream to Daniel as follows:

- The first beast LION represents the BABYLON empire
- The second beast BEAR represents the MEDO-PERSIAN empire
- The third beast LEOPARD represents the GREEK empire
- The fourth terrible beast of ten horns represents the Revised Roman Empire of ten nations!



This vision is very similar to the vision in Dan. 2nd chapter. It also tells us that there will be a future kingdom of ten-nations which will come into existence during the “Day of the Lord”. The “little horn” is the Antichrist who will become a dominant king within the ten-nation union after an “internal war” and the subsequent removal of three horns/kingdoms.

Daniel's Vision of a Ram and a Goat (Dan. 8)

³ Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last... ⁵ And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat

had a notable horn between his eyes. ⁶ Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with



furious power. ⁷ And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand. ⁸ Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven (Dan. 8:3-8).

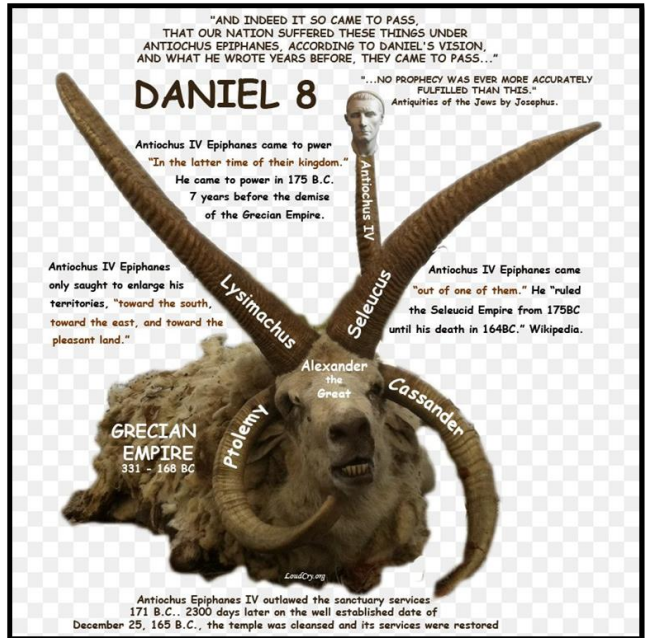
The angel gave the interpretation of the dream: ²⁰ "The ram which you saw, having the two horns--they are the kings of Media and Persia. ²¹ And the male goat is the kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. ²² As for the broken horn and

the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power” (Dan. 8:20-22).

The goat represents the Grecian kingdom. Its large horn, as we know historically, was Alexander the Great (Dan. 8:21). He conquered the world with great speed and military strategy, indicated by the goat's swift movement.

Alexander died in his thirties at the height of his power. After his death, his kingdom was split into four parts which were taken over by his four military Generals and four dynasties came through them:

- Ptolemy I of **Egypt** and Palestine
- Seleucus of **Babylonia and Syria**
- Lysimachus of **Turkey/Asia Minor**
- Antipater of **Greece**



"And out of one of them came a little horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land" (Dan. 8:9). When we compare this with history, the

little horn was **Antiochus IV Epiphanes of Seleucus Dynasty**. Israel ("the Beautiful Land") was attacked by Antiochus IV Epiphanes in the second century B.C. He was the eighth ruler of the Seleucid Empire (Babylonia and Syria). He overthrew the high priest, looted the temple and replaced the worship of God with a Greek form of worship. A far-reaching fulfillment of this prophecy will occur in the future with the coming of the Antichrist (Dan. 8:17, 19, 23; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:4).

Daniel's vision of Kings of South and North (Dan. 11)

The Bible scholars and historians have given us a lot of insight about the events prophesied in Dan. 11th chapter and have explained to us how they have been literally fulfilled in the history of mankind.

"Behold, three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth shall be far richer than *them* all; by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece" (Dan. 11:2). The four kings of Persia here were Cyrus (536-527 B.C.), Cambyses (527-520 B.C.), Darius I (520-485 B.C.) and Xerxes-I or Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther (485-464 B.C.).

"Then a mighty king shall arise [Alexander, the Great], who shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. And when he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken up and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not among his posterity nor according to his dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted, even for others besides these" (Dan. 11:3-4). Eventually the Greek Empire of Alexander, the Great was divided into four weaker kingdoms: 1. Egypt (Ptolemy), 2. Babylonia and Syria (Seleucus), 3. Turkey/ Asia Minor (Lysimachus), and 4. Macedon and Greece (Antipater).

In Dan. 11:5-19, “The king of the south” refers to the kings of Egypt, i.e., Ptolemaic dynasty in general which had four kings (Ptolemy I, II, III & IV). “The king of north” refers to kings of Syria and Babylonia, Seleucid dynasty in general. We see the interactions between them from verse 5 through 19: Ptolemy I and Seleucus I (v5), Ptolemy II and Antiochus II (v6), Ptolemy III and Seleucus II (v7-9) and Ptolemy IV and Antiochus III (v10-19). [Please note - detailed historical study of these interactions is beyond the scope of this booklet]

Antiochus Epiphanes IV (Dan. 11:20-35)

Here we see the prophecy related to Antiochus (same person as mentioned in Dan. 8:9-14) who was a picture of the Antichrist. As per history, in his first campaign against Egypt (Dan. 11:25-28), he won the battle even though he failed to take entire Egypt. He then attacked Israel, plundered and defiled the temple, abolishing the daily sacrifices (v28). Two years later he invaded Egypt again (v30). He desecrated the temple by erecting an altar to Zeus and offering a pig as a sacrifice (v31). A priest by name Mattathias and his five sons gathered a small group of faithful Jews, fought and won over him (v33-35). The temple was purified and rededicated. Today, Israelites celebrate the festival of “Hanukkah” to commemorate this victory.

In Dan. 11:36, the prophecy shifts from Antiochus Epiphanes IV to the man he fore-shadowed, i.e., the Antichrist, the last-world-dictator! The Antichrist will put his own image in the temple when he breaks the covenant in the middle of the seven-year tribulation period (Dan. 9:27; 12:11; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14).

Summary of the Visions of Daniel

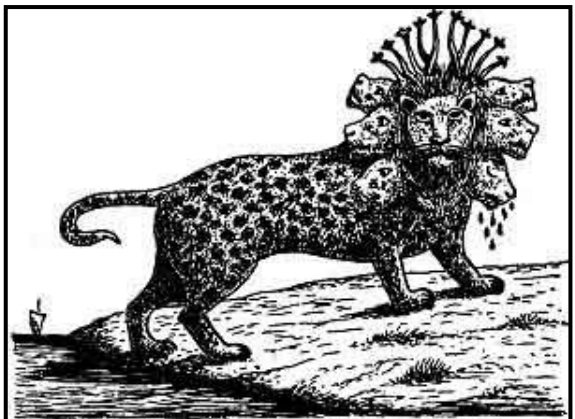
- The visions of **Dan. 2 and Dan. 7** were given to show the formation of Ten-Nation Revised Roman Confederacy and reveal that the Antichrist would come out of one of these ten kingdoms.
- The purpose of **Dan. 8** was to give additional information to that of Dan. 2 and Dan. 7 -- to narrow down the coming of Antichrist geographically; that is from the ten-kingdoms to the four divisions of the Grecian Empire which will make up four of the ten kingdoms of the Revised Roman Empire. These four divisions are known today as Greece, Turkey, Syria/Babylon and Egypt.
- The purpose of the last vision in **Dan. 11** was to narrow down the coming of Antichrist geographically further from the four divisions of the Grecian Empire to one division, the **Syrian/Babylonia kingdom**. Dan. 11:36 - - Dan. 12:13 gives the third and final description of the Antichrist.
- ***So, the Antichrist will probably come from Syria and Babylonia, which is one of the four kingdoms of Greece, which will be a part of ten-nation Revised Roman Confederacy.***

The following table summarizes our study from the Book of Daniel how various visions point to the coming of Antichrist:

Kingdom	Dan. 2	Dan. 7	Dan. 8	Dan. 11	Dan. 11:36
Babylon	Head of Gold	Lion			
Persian	Arms & Chest of Silver	Bear	Ram		
Greece	Belly & Thigh of Bronze	Leopard			
Revised Rome	Legs of Iron, Feet of Iron and Clay	Terrible beast of ten horns	Goat (4 kings of Greece)	Kings of North/Syria	Final Antichrist

Description of Antichrist in Revelation: A beast from the sea (Rev. 13)

“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 [terrible beast – Revised Roman kingdom]. The beast I saw resembled a leopard [Greece], but



had feet like those of a **bear** [Media-Persia kingdom] and a mouth like that of a **lion** [Babylon]" (Rev. 13:1-2).

In prophetic language, "sea" represents gentile nations (Rev. 17:15). Therefore the Antichrist will come from one of the gentile nations. The seven heads represent seven kingdoms: They are: 1. Egypt, 2. Assyria, 3. Babylon, 4. Persia, 5. Greece, 6. Rome and 7. Revised Roman Empire of ten nations. The ten horns represent the ten-nation Roman Confederacy. The Antichrist will be part of this confederacy. He will be one among the other leaders. Then there will be a war within the ten nations and as a result three nations will be pulled out. The 'little horn' i.e., the Antichrist will gain all power in the middle of the seven years (Dan. 7:23-25; Rev. 17:11; 13:3). ***The Antichrist will be in complete control and will become the world dictator for the last 3½ years*** (Dan. 2:44-45; 7:7-25; Rev. 13:1-18).

Fatal Wound?

Three times in the Scripture (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14) it is mentioned that the Antichrist had a fatal wound. As we read, there is an internal war within the ten kings and three kings will be defeated (Dan. 7:25). Some Bible scholars believe that the Antichrist will also get killed but will be resurrected (Rev. 11:7, 17:8). "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. 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" (Rev. 13:14-15). Satan has the power to make an idol come alive and speak; he may be able to bring life back into the slain Antichrist.

Satan will do many such counterfeit miracles to deceive people and to gain absolute power over the entire world. *Just like Jesus Christ is God in the flesh, the Antichrist may be Satan in human body!*

Antichrist is the Abomination that Causes Desolation

The Antichrist, even though he starts off as a peace-maker, will break his agreement with Israel in the middle of the tribulation week and will set himself up as God in the temple (Dan. 9:27; 2 Thess. 2:4; Matt. 24:15; Rev. 13:11-18). “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” (Dan. 9:27).

Summary

The way to identify the Antichrist:

- He will make a seven-year peace treaty with Israel.
- He will break the treaty in the middle of the seven-year period and will set himself up as God in the temple of Jerusalem.
- He is called “little horn”, which indicates that he will come from a weak nation.
- He is the “beast from the sea” which indicates that he will be from a gentile nation.
- He will probably come from the kingdom of Syria/Babylonia which is one of the ten-nation Revised Roman Confederacy.

Note: For a detailed study on “Who is Antichrist”, please refer to the YouTube message at:

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Chapter 6

6. Tribulation Period Events

Scripture Text: Rev. 6-11 chapters

Introduction – Tribulation Period

As we studied in Chapter-3: The General Sequence of End-Time Events, the major event after rapture is the beginning of the “Day of the Lord”. The ultimate day of the Lord begins when the Antichrist, who will act as a peace-messenger, will make a “seven-year peace treaty” with the nation of Israel (Dan. 9:27). This seven-year period is also called “Daniel’s 70th week” or “Tribulation week”. This treaty might help the Israelites to get back the temple land for constructing the temple in Jerusalem for which they have been waiting for centuries. The site where the Temple of Solomon stood previously is currently occupied by "The Dome of the Rock" a Moslem Mosque. After getting back the temple land, the Israelites will rebuild the temple, restart the priesthood and will enjoy a time of peace and prosperity temporarily. However, the rest of the world will go through a time of crisis and chaos.

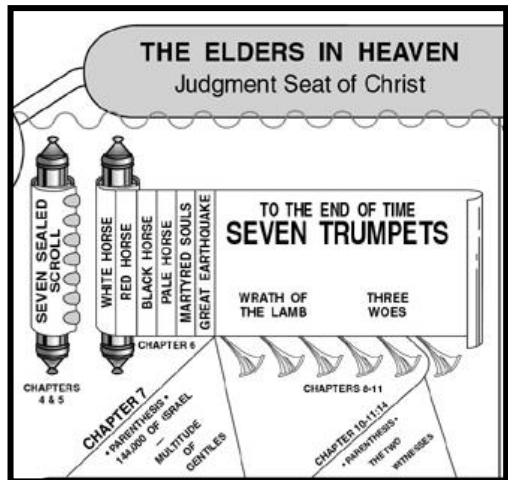
What are the Signs of the “Day of the Lord”?

Many deceivers and false Messiahs will come (Mark 13:6). Kingdom will rise against kingdom. Nation will rise against nation. There will be earthquakes and famines everywhere (Mark 13:8). Believers will be severely persecuted (Mark 13:9). There will be divisions (Mark 13:12). There will be death everywhere because of pestilences, wars and earthquakes (Mark 13:12). The entire world will go through a time of great distress (Mark

13:19). The love of many will grow cold (Matt. 24:12). False doctrines will be flooded everywhere (2 Tim. 3:13; Jude 18; 2 Pet. 3:3, 4). There will be widespread departure from faith. The Lord put a question to the disciples when He was explaining to them the second coming - **“When the Son of Man comes back, will He find faith in the world?”** (Luke 18:8). The Lord told them - **“All these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet”** (Matt. 24:6). These events will lead us to the ultimate “Day of the Lord” when the Antichrist will make a seven-year peace treaty with the nation of Israel! The events that will take place during the seven-year Tribulation Week are recorded in Rev. 6-19, Matt. 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

The “Tribulation Week” can broadly be divided into two sub-periods.

- We read about two distinct 3½-year-periods in the Scriptures. Several phrases are used for them: Forty-two months (Rev. 13:5; 11:2), time (1 yr), times (2 yrs), half-time (½ yr) = 3½ years (Rev. 12:14; Dan. 9:25; 12:7) = 1260 days (Rev. 12:6; 11:3).
- *First 3½ years is called the ‘Tribulation Period’* (Matt. 24:4-14; Rev. 6-11; 11:2, 3; 12:6; 13:5)



- *Second 3½ years is called the ‘Great Tribulation Period’* (Matt. 24:15-26; Rev. 14-19; 13:5; 12:14)

In this chapter, let us study the specific events that will happen predominantly during the first 3½-year-period which are recorded in Rev. 6-11 chapters.

In Rev. 5th chapter, Apostle John had a vision in which he “saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, **sealed with seven seals**” (Rev. 5:1). A search was made to find anyone who was worthy to open the scroll that contained the mysteries of the future end-time events. No one in the heaven nor the earth nor under the earth was able to open the scroll. Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lamb of God, came forward and opened the scroll, seal by seal. When each seal was opened, several events unfold that will take place during the “Tribulation Week”.

6.1 Seven Seal Judgements

Scripture Text: Rev. 6; Matt. 24:4-14

When the seals are opened there are several visions which indicate the events that will take place. The same sequence of events was also revealed by the Lord to His disciples when He talked about his second coming in Matt. 24:4-14

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION						
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL	SEVENTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS	
						
Rev 6: 2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4 th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth quakes Sun darkens moon turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes like a scroll	Rev 8:1 Heaven silent about half hour Rev 11:12 Come up Here!

Seal 1 – White Horse

“When the Lamb opened one of the seals...I looked, and behold, a **white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer” (Rev. 6:1-2).

“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many” (Matt. 24:4-5).

This vision tells us that many false messiahs, false prophets and false messengers will come into the world and deceive many. It all culminates with the arrival of the final false messiah, the Antichrist.

Seal 2 – Red Horse

“When He opened the second seal...Another **horse, fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword” (Rev. 6:3-4).

“You will hear of wars and rumors of wars...For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (Matt. 24:6-7).

This vision tells us that many wars will be waged in the world causing much damage to the mankind. Today we read about various wars happening between several nations. We keep hearing many rumors of wars. These will continue and we see the next big one which is the war of Russia and its allies against Israel. [You can read details of this battle in “Appendix – Russian Invasion of Israel”]

Seal 3 – Black Horse

“When He opened the third seal...behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand” (Rev. 6:5).

“There will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places” (Matt. 24:7).

This vision tells us that a severe famine will come upon the whole world. Wars, in general, result in economic crisis and global recession for the nations. Today many countries are struggling with severe food shortage and starvation. However, these will culminate in a world-wide famine during the Tribulation Week.

Seal 4 – Pale Horse

“When He opened the fourth seal... behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth” (Rev. 6:7-8).

“There will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places...they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you” (Matt. 24:7, 9).

This vision tells us that many will die during the Tribulation Week by sword, famine, viruses, plagues and pestilences. Today the entire world is in panic because of Covid-19 virus which spread across the entire globe and is killing thousands of people. However, such viruses will spread in increased intensity during the Tribulation Week resulting in the death of a fourth of mankind. Today we have 7.8 billion people in the world (as of 2020 A.D.). So, that means, 25% of 7.8 billion, i.e., **nearly two billion people will die by the time of the 4th seal!** Those will be terrible days where you will see death everywhere.

Seal 5 – Martyrs Cry Out

⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the

testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed (Rev. 6:9-11).

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake" (Matt. 24:9).

This vision tells us that believers will go through terrible times of persecution, hatred and even face death because of their faith. The martyrs slain for the sake of the Lord will cry out for judgement.

Seal 6 – Several Changes in the Sky/Nature

¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 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 (Rev. 6:12-13).

A great earthquake and several changes in nature like the sun turning black, the moon turning red and the stars falling down etc. will take place (Rev. 6:12-17).

Seal 7 – Triggers Seven-Trumpet-Judgements

¹ When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets (Rev. 8:1-2).

Opening of the seventh seal triggers seven-trumpet judgements during which God's wrath will be poured out upon mankind.

6.2 Ministry of 144,000 Jewish Global Evangelists

Scripture Text: Rev. 7th chapter

Sealing of 144000 Jewish Global Evangelists

"I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed" (Rev. 7:4).

At the beginning of the Tribulation Week, 144,000 Jewish global evangelists (12,000 from each tribe of Israel) will be sealed. They will be divinely protected. They evangelize Israelites as well as the entire world. Many people will be saved because of their ministry (Rev. 7:1-8; 9:4; 14:1-5).

Heavenly worship by Tribulation Martyrs

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹⁴ These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation (Rev. 7:9, 10, 14).

Because of the ministry of the 144,000 Jewish global evangelists multitudes of people from all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues will be saved. We see them here in heaven worshipping the Lamb which indicates that they were raptured sometime during the tribulation period.

6.3 Seven Trumpet Judgements

Scripture Text: Rev. 8-9; 11:15-19

The opening of the seventh seal triggers the seven-trumpet judgements through which the wrath of God will be poured out upon the earth.

Trumpet 1 – Hail, fire, 1/3rd of vegetation will be burnt up

“The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up” (Rev. 8:7).

Trumpet 2 – 1/3rd of sea becomes blood, 1/3rd of sea life dies

“Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed” (Rev. 8:8-9).

Trumpet 3 – 1/3rd of water turns bitter and will kill many

“Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water... and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter” (Rev. 8:10-11).

Trumpet 4 – 1/3rd of sun, moon and stars do not shine

“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” (Rev. 8:12).

Trumpet 5: An army from the pit will torment men with a plague

¹ Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. ² And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit... ³ Then out of the smoke **locusts** came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but **only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.** ⁵ And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months (Rev. 9:1-5).



Trumpet 6: 1/3rd of the mankind will be killed

¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are

bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million... ¹⁷ out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. ¹⁸ By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed (Rev. 9:13-18).

We learnt earlier that when 4th seal is opened nearly two billion people die. Of the remaining six billion people, now a 1/3rd will die by two hundred million army horses when the Trumpet-6 is blown. That means, a total of 50% of the world population, i.e., ***four billion people, will die by the time we come to the mid-point of the tribulation period.*** Those will be terrible days where you will see death everywhere.

Trumpet 7: A war in heaven

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Rev. 11:15).

Satan and his followers will be cast down from the heaven and will not be allowed to enter heaven again (Rev. 11:15-19; 12:7-12).

6.4 Ministry of the Two Witnesses

Scripture Text: Rev. 11:1-13

³ I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. ⁴ These are

the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. ⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire (Rev. 11:3-6).

The Lord is going to raise two witnesses who will prophecy during the *first 3½ years* and encourage people to build the temple. They, referred to as olive shoots, will have the ministry and work of Zerubbabel and Joshua (Zech. 4).



Just like Zerubbabel and Joshua, the High Priest (Zech. 3), who did the work of rebuilding the temple of God, restoring and reviving the people of Judah spiritually after the 70-year Babylonian captivity, these two witnesses will be instrumental during the Tribulation Week to rebuild the temple and restore the Israelites spiritually. They will prophesy for 1,260 days. They will have the power and spirit of Elijah (1 Kings 17) and Moses (Ex. 7:14-18). “These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire” (Rev. 11:6).

The Antichrist, the beast from the bottomless pit, will wage war against the two witnesses probably because they might oppose him from entering the temple and defiling it.

⁸ They will be killed and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city. ⁹ Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet (Rev. 11:9-11). They will be miraculously resurrected.

6.5 Three Woes - Woe, Woe, Woe

1. **Woe 1:** This will occur when the Trumpet-5 is blown. An *army of demonic forces*, ready for battle, will come out from the pit and will torment men, those who don't have the seal of God. They will be allowed to only torment but will not be allowed to kill (Rev. 9:1-11).
2. **Woe 2:** This will take place when the Trumpet-6 is blown. A *demonic army of 200 million* headed by four fallen angels will attack men with their mouths and tails. 1/3rd of the mankind will be killed by them (Rev. 9:13-11:14).
3. **Woe 3:** Satan, represented as the red dragon will be hurled down. It will attack the Israelites and try to kill them (Rev 11:15-16:21). But the Israelites will be miraculously protected. We will study more about this in the next chapter.

Summary of the Events in the First 3½ Years of the Tribulation Week

- Antichrist will come as a peace-messenger and will make a “seven-year peace treaty” with the nation of Israel. The Israelites will enjoy a time of peace and prosperity temporarily (Dan. 9:27).
- The Israelites will rebuild the temple with the help of the two witnesses (Rev. 11).
- The whole world will go through “seven seal judgements” of wars, famines, plagues, economic crises, earthquakes and many celestial changes as well (Rev. 6, 8:1-2).
- Following the seven seal judgments, the world will go through “seven trumpet judgements” where the wrath of God will be poured out upon mankind (Rev. 8-9).
- Nearly 50% of the world population will die within the first 3½ years.
- It will be a time of great distress as we see judgement after judgement being carried out on earth.
- There will be a nation-wide revival in Israel because of the ministry of 144,000 Jewish global evangelists (Rev. 7:1-8).
- Many from the gentile nations will also be saved because of their ministry (Rev. 7:9-17).

Note: For a detailed study on Tribulation Period Events, please refer to the YouTube message at:

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Chapter 7

7. Mid-Tribulation Events

Scripture Text: Rev. 12-13 chapters

Introduction

By the time we come to the mid-point of the Tribulation Week, we observe that the warfare is moving from the physical world to the spiritual forces. Just like God manifested Himself as the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Satan also manifests itself as 'evil-trinity'. The evil-trinity of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet enters the world and dominates the affairs of

the

mankind.
The
Antichrist
will show
his true
colors and
break his
covenant
with the
Israelites.

The evil-
trinity will

persecute the Israelites and all the nations of the world. We also see the introduction of 666, a mysterious number, by the False Prophet.



7.1 Satan – The Red Dragon

Scripture Text: Rev. 12th chapter

¹ Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.² Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.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.⁴ His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.⁵ She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (Rev. 12:1-6).

The woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head represents the nation of Israel. A red dragon with seven heads and ten horns represents Satan, i.e., Lucifer. It swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The stars here are its followers who revolted against God (Is. 14:12-15). Satan tried to prevent the birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer. Throughout the history, Satan always wanted to prevent Messiah coming into the world. When Jesus Christ was born, Satan tried to use King Herod to kill baby Jesus (Matt. 2). He even incited the chief priests and the Sanhedrin to condemn Him and later to crucify Him through the Roman soldiers. However, the Lord turned it out for the salvation of mankind.

⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.⁹ So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him (Rev. 12:7-9).

Here we see there is a final war in heaven between Satan and his followers, Michael and God's angels. Satan lost its place and is hurled down never to enter heaven any longer. Today, for some mysterious reasons, Satan has access to heaven. "The accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down" (Rev. 12:10).

Satan, who was cast down from heaven, will pour out his wrath on the woman, that is, the nation of Israel. However, the Israelites will go into a place of protection away from Satan for 3½ years and will be divinely provided and will be out of reach of Satan (Rev. 12:6, 13-16).

7.2 The Antichrist - The Beast with Seven Heads and Ten Horns

Scripture Text: Rev. 13:1-10

"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 [terrible beast – Revised Roman kingdom]. The beast I saw resembled a **leopard** [Greece], but had feet like those of a **bear** [Media-Persia kingdom] and a mouth like that of a **lion** [Babylon]" (Rev. 13:1-2).

Seven heads represent seven kingdoms: They are 1. Egypt, 2. Assyria, 3. Babylon, 4. Persia, 5. Greece, 6. Rome and 7. Revised Roman Empire of ten nations. Ten horns represent the ten-nation Roman Confederacy. The Antichrist will come out from this confederacy.

We already studied in detail about who the Antichrist is! Please refer to << Section 5.3 How to identify Antichrist? >>

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 (Rev. 13:5-8).

The Antichrist, even though he is one of the ten kings of the Revised Roman Confederacy, in the middle of the Tribulation Week, he will become a predominant world dictator. He will break the covenant with the Israelites. "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" (Dan. 9:27). He will sit in God's temple and force everyone to worship him. He will wage war against anyone who doesn't worship him. All those whose names are not in the Book of Life, which means, all the unbelievers, will worship him. He "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" (2 Thess. 2:4).

7.3 The False Prophet - The Beast from the Earth

Scripture Text: Rev. 13:11-18

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 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 (Rev. 13:11-18).

The Beast from the earth is “The False Prophet”. As he is called the beast from the “earth”, it maybe that he comes from within the nation of Israel. He may be a false prophet that will be part of the evil trinity to work against God. He is the counterfeit “Holy Spirit”. The work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son, to lead people to trust and worship Him (John 16:7-15). In a similar sense, the False Prophet will perform deceptive miracles, set up the idol of The Antichrist in the temple and demand everyone to worship

the Antichrist. Whoever refuses to worship the image will be killed. He will give life to an idol and will make it speak. He will announce the mark of '666' to identify those who obey and worship the Antichrist. If anyone rejects the mark, they will not be able to go about any of their daily livelihood activities and may even be killed. There have been many speculations about what this mark is and how it relates to Antichrist. From the light of the Scriptures, it is a mystery and we cannot conclude anything specific and pin point to anyone as Antichrist or the False Prophet.

Summary

In the mid-point of the Tribulation Week the Antichrist will show his true colors, break his covenant with the Israelites and will sit in the temple of God declaring himself to be God. We also learnt that the evil-trinity of Satan, the Antichrist and the False Prophet enters the world and dominates the affairs of the mankind. In the final war in heaven, Satan and his followers will be defeated and hurled down to the earth. He will try to persecute the nation of Israel. Israelites will be divinely protected, provided for and will be out of reach of Satan. The False Prophet will perform counterfeit miracles and will force everyone to worship the Antichrist. He will also force everyone to take the mark '666'. Otherwise, they will not be able to go about any of their daily livelihood activities and may even be killed.

Note: For a detailed study on Mid-Tribulation Period Events, please refer to the YouTube message at:

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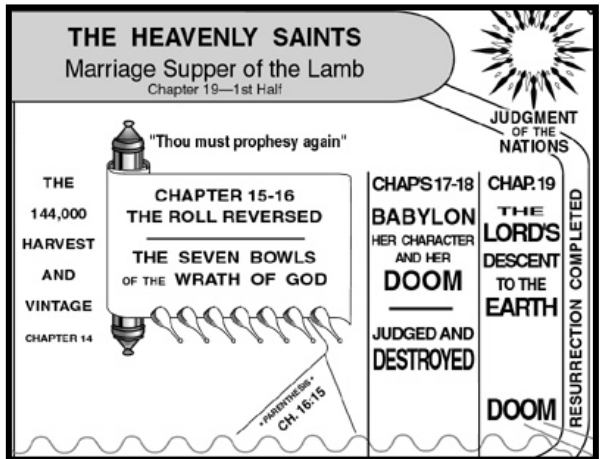
Chapter 8

8. Great Tribulation Period Events

Scripture Text: Rev. 14-19 chapters

Introduction

The second 3½ years of Tribulation Week is called “Great Tribulation Period”. This is a special time when the Lord uses angels to preach the gospel to mankind. Seven bowls of the plagues of God’s wrath will be poured out on the earth on those who received the 666 mark of the Antichrist. And with that the wrath of God will be complete. During this time the Antichrist becomes a predominant world leader. He will establish a one-world religion and a one-world government. He will force everyone to worship him alone! It is a time of great distress as we see Satan displaying his wrath to the people who do not take the mark of ‘666’; while on the other side we see God pouring out His wrath on those who take the mark. Those will be terrible days!



8.1 Worship in heaven by 144,000

Scripture Text: Rev. 14:1-5

³ They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴ These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first-fruits to God and to the Lamb. ⁵ And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God (Rev. 14:3-5).

The 144,000 Jewish global evangelists who were redeemed from the earth are seen singing a unique song on Mount Zion. They might have been resurrected and raptured, probably sometime during the middle of the tribulation period. They are blameless and had not defiled themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. In other words, they are unmarried and dedicated to the evangelistic work of the Lord during the tribulation. They are also called the “first-fruits”. This suggests that God is going to have a rich harvest and that this is only the first portion of it. Many gentiles will also be saved during the Tribulation Week (Zech. 13:8-9; Rom. 11:226-27).

8.2 Ministry of the Angels

Scripture Text: Rev. 14:6-18

During this period God uses His angels to preach the gospel to mankind. Today, it is our privilege to share the

gospel; angels are not given the privilege today. Several angels are involved here and each with a distinct message.

- **First Angel** exhorts the people of the earth to “Fear God and give him glory”, indirectly urging people not to worship the Antichrist!
“I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people--saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him”” (Rev. 14:6-7).
- **Second Angel** proclaims that “Babylon is fallen”. Babylon represents the religious and political system of the world. We will study this in detail in next Section.
“Another angel followed, saying, “Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication”” (Rev. 14:8).
- **Third Angel** exhorts people to escape God’s wrath by not worshipping the beast and by not receiving his mark.
“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, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God...”” (Rev. 14:9-10).
- **Other Angels** proclaim that the harvest is ripe!
“Another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, “Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe”” (Rev. 14:15). “Another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud

cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe" (Rev. 14:17-18).

8.3 Worship in Heaven by Tribulation Victors

Scripture Text: Rev. 15:1-4

Those who have the victory over the beast...sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before you, for your judgments have been manifested" (Rev. 15:3-4).

There is a wonderful and lively worship by the victorious people who have overcome the beast i.e. the Antichrist. They worship God for His works, His ways and for His Name!

8.4 Seven Bowl Judgements

Scripture Text: Rev. 16th chapter

Seven bowls of plagues of God's wrath will be poured out on the earth on those who receive the 666 mark. And with that the wrath of God is complete. The Seven trumpet judgements in Rev. 8-9 during the first 3½ years of Tribulation Period and seven bowl judgements in Rev. 16 during the second 3½ years of Great Tribulation Period touch the same areas. But the bowl judgements will be with increased intensity and impact!

Bowl 1 – Boils and horrible sores will come upon all who received the 666 mark

“I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.” So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image” (Rev. 16:1-2).

Bowl 2 - Sea will turn into blood, killing all marine animals

“Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died” (Rev. 16:3).

Bowl 3 - Rivers and drinking water will turn into blood.

“Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood” (Rev. 16:4).

Bowl 4 - Men will be scorched with intensified heat of sun

⁸ Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹ And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory (Rev. 16:8-9).

Bowl 5 - The Antichrist’s kingdom will be covered with darkness

¹⁰ Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹ They blasphemed the God of

heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds (Rev. 16:10-11).

Bowl 6 - The Euphrates will dry up, making a way for the oriental army to march to Armageddon

“Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared” (Rev. 16:12).



Bowl 7 - Great earthquake and upheaval of nature

¹⁷ “Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air... ¹⁸ there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake... ¹⁹ Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell... 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” (Rev. 16:17-21).

The following table compares the Seven Trumpet Judgements (Rev. 8) and Seven Bowl Judgements (Rev. 16):

	The Judgement	The Trumpet	The Bowl
1	The earth	8:1-7: Hail and fire mixed with blood hurled upon the earth, 1/3 rd of the earth was burned up.	16:1-2: Ugly and painful sores broke out on the people.
2	The sea	8:8-9: 1/3 rd of sea turned into blood and 1/3 rd of living things in the sea died.	16:3: Sea turned into blood and every living thing in the sea died.
3	The rivers	8:10-11: 1/3 rd of fresh water turned bitter and many died.	16:4-7: Fresh water turned into blood.
4	The heavens	8:12-13: 1/3 rd of the sun, moon and the stars turned dark.	16:8-9: Sun was given power to scorch people with fire and intense heat.
5	Mankind in agony	9:1-12: An army of demonic forces comes out from the pit and will torment men, those who don't have the seal of God.	16:19-11: Satan's kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men in agony because of their pains and their sores.

6	An army	9:13-21: A demonic army of 200million attack and kill 1/3 rd of the mankind.	16:12-16: The Euphrates will dry up, making a way for the oriental army to march out for the Battle of Armageddon.
7	Earth quake, hailstorm etc.	11:15-19: Flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.	16:17-21: Flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. Every island fled away. Huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds fell upon men.

Also note that some of the Bowl Judgements are similar to Egyptian plagues!

- The first Bowl Judgement of boils and horrible sores is similar to sixth Egyptian plague (Ex. 9:8-12).
- The second and third Bowl Judgements of turning water into blood is similar to the first Egyptian plague (Ex. 7:14-25).
- The fifth Bowl Judgement of striking the land with darkness is similar to ninth Egyptian plague (Ex. 10:21-29).
- The seventh Bowl Judgement of hail and fire is similar to seventh Egyptian plague (Ex. 9:13-25).

8.5 World Religious system judged

Scripture Text: Rev. 17th chapter

¹ 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. 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" (Rev. 17:1-5).



The harlot represents the false religious systems of all the kingdoms of the world. The beast with seven heads and ten horns represents the kingdoms of the world. From the beginning of human history, the false gods and false religions have been supported by the various governments. In many countries we see the inter-mingling of religions and government. Satan is behind all the false religions.

However, at the climax of human history, the beast, representing the Antichrist, will hate the harlot, that is the earlier religious systems and kill her and burn her with fire. This indicates that the Antichrist will demolish all the earlier religious systems and will demand everyone to worship him alone! It is called "BABYLON" because the city of Babylon, built by Nimrod (Gen. 10:8-11), was the birthplace of all false religions!

As we saw earlier, Antichrist will break the covenant with the Israelites and will enter the temple of God declaring himself to be God. Satan always wanted the worship of mankind ever since he fell down from his place. Now that he knows that his end is near and that he has a very limited time, with the help of the False Prophet he will force everyone to worship him alone!

However, in the end, "The Lamb will overcome them" (Rev. 17:14). The false religious system and the Antichrist will be destroyed by Lord Jesus Christ.

8.6 World Political and Economic Systems Judged

Scripture Text: Rev. 18th chapter

¹ 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. 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." ⁴ 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"" (Rev. 18:1-4).

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? 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" (Rev. 18:15-18, 21).

Here, Babylon represents all the corrupt nations of the world! All the governments of the world will collapse; the Antichrist will gain all power and will become a dictator of the whole world during the last 3½ years. Babylon represents the economic and political systems of the world. God will punish them for 1. Idolatry, 2. Worship of luxuries, 3. Pride. 4. Killing the prophets. However, in the end, the Antichrist will be destroyed by Lord Jesus Christ in the Battle of Armageddon.

Summary

In the second half of the Tribulation Week, called as “The Great Tribulation Period” we saw the worship of 144,000 global evangelists as well as many of the tribulation martyrs. God will use angels during this time to preach gospel to the mankind, one last time, before He pours out His wrath on mankind through the seven bowls of plagues bringing death, destruction and damage upon those who took the mark of the beast. The Lord will judge all false religions and the world’s political, economic and military systems.

Note: For a detailed study on Great Tribulation Period Events, please refer to the YouTube message at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pT6ijBhT3dY>

Chapter 9

9. End-Tribulation Period Events

9.1 Wedding Feast of the Lamb

Scripture Text: Rev. 19:5-9

⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" ⁶ And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" ⁷ Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the

saints. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" (Rev. 19:5-9).

It is the time of rejoicing, celebration and worship. The union of the Lord with believers is described as the wedding feast of the Lamb with the



bride. Some Bible scholars believe that the bride represents the church (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-33). However, I believe that the bride represents both the Old Testament and the New Testament saints. In Rev. 21, we read that the Holy City is the bride (Rev. 21:9). The names of the *twelve tribes of Israel* are written on the twelve gates of the city. The names of the *twelve apostles* are written on the twelve foundations of the city. So, we see the representation of OT and NT saints in the Holy City which is the bride of the Lamb. ⁹ "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel... ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb" (Rev. 21:9-14).

Many Bible scholars believe that the entire Millennium Kingdom Age is the wedding feast of the Lamb where saints will communion with Him and reign along with Him!

9.2 Nation-wide Revival of Israelites

Scripture Text: Zech. 12:10-14

¹⁰ I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

¹¹ In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² And the land shall mourn, every family by itself (Zech. 12:10-12).

There will be a nation-wide revival among the Israelites when Jesus Christ comes down from heaven. God will pour out a spirit of grace and supplication upon all the Israelites. They will look at the one they pierced! They will realize that Jesus Christ is the real Messiah who came 2000yrs ago, whom they rejected and crucified. They will confess and mourn bitterly as if they lost their firstborn. Because of their confession and repentance, almost all of Israel will be saved on that day. Apostle Paul explains this clearly in Romans – “That blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so, all Israel will be saved” (Rom. 11:25-26).



9.3 Battle of Armageddon

Scripture Text: Rev. 19:11-21

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe

dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. ¹⁵ Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11-16).



Last day of the “Day of the LORD” - 2nd Phase of the “Second Coming”

At the end of the seven-year period, Jesus Christ will return to earth as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS with His angels and millions of His saints to the Mount of Olives (Rev.14:14-20; 16:16; 19:11-21; Jude 14-15; Zech. 14:4). The Antichrist and the combined armies of all his allies of the ten-nation Roman Confederacy and the 200+million demonic forces will be gathered for the Battle

of Armageddon (Rev. 9:13-19; 16:12, 16; 17:10-14). As Jesus speaks the “Word of God” from His position on Mount of Olives, a plague will go out and will absolutely destroy the millions of people who came to fight the battle against God (Zech. 14:1-12; Rev. 19:15, 21; 14:20). There will be a great earthquake, cyclone, hurricane, hailstones etc. (Rev. 16:16-21). The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire becoming the first occupants of Gehenna, the future final hell (Rev. 19:20). Satan will be captured by the Angel of God, chained and bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years (Rev. 20:1-3).

The Battle of Armageddon is symbolically called the “Supper of great God”. We read that an angel calls out the birds of the midair to come and feast on the flesh of people who were killed in the battle. "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all *people*, free and slave, both small and great" (Rev. 19:17-18).

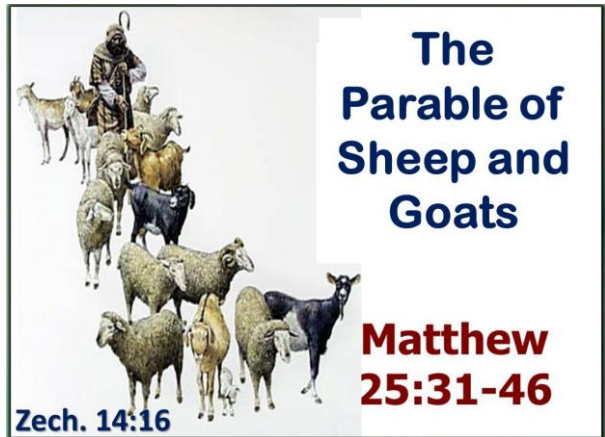
9.4 Judgment of Living Gentile Nations

Scripture Text: Matt. 25:31-46

³¹ When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³ And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you

gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me' (Matt. 25:31-40).

After the Battle of Armageddon, there will be a gathering of the living from the gentile nations. The Lord explained this through "The Parable of Sheep and Goat" (Matt. 25:31-46). The



The Sheep nations are those gentiles who put their faith in Jesus and proved the genuineness of their faith by helping the Israelites during their tough times during the Tribulation Period. They are those who did not take the mark of the beast. They helped the Israelites even though they themselves were going through a very tough phase because of the cruel dictatorship of the Antichrist. They will be commended and permitted into the Millennium kingdom while others who did not put their faith in Jesus will be destroyed (Matt. 25:31-46; Zech. 14:16-21; Joel 3:1-2; Jude 14-15).

Please note that this judgement is different from The Great White Throne Judgment as can be seen from the following table:

Judgment of Living Gentile Nations	The Great White Throne Judgment
Living Nations will be judged (Matt. 25:31-46)	Wicked dead resurrected and judged (Rev. 20:11-15)
Before the Millennium	After the Millennium
On earth (Zech. 14)	In heaven (Rev. 20)
Two classes – Sheep and Goats	One class – all unsaved people
Some saved	None saved
Some punished	All punished
No resurrection	Resurrection of wicked dead
No books opened here	Books are opened
One generation – those living at that time are judged	All generations are judged

Summary

At the end of the Tribulation Week, Lord Jesus Christ will come again (this is the second phase of the second coming) along with all the saints that were raptured during the first phase. He will descend on the Mount of Olives. He will end the “Day of the Lord”. There will be a nation-wide revival among the Israelites. Almost all Israel will be saved on that day. We also saw the wedding feast of the lamb with all the OT & NT saints. Satan and his armies will gather to fight with the Lord at the Battle of Armageddon. As Jesus speaks the “Word of God” from His position on Mount of Olives, a plague will go out and absolutely destroy the vast military of Satan and the Antichrist. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be cast alive into the lake of fire. Satan will be captured and bound in the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Note: For a detailed study on End-Tribulation Period Events, please refer to the YouTube message at:

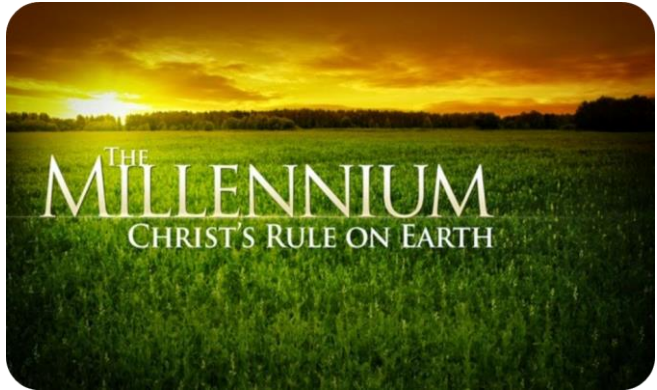
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Chapter 10

10. Millennium Kingdom

Scripture Text: Rev. 20:1-6; Is. 11:6-9

⁶ "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The



cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6-9).

Introduction

Millennium means 1000years reign of Jesus Christ on the earth (Rev. 20:1-6; Ps. 2:6; 72:7-11; Jer. 23:5-6). This is called Kingdom Age. Many of the unfulfilled prophecies about the 'Day of the Lord' and the following kingdom of God, where a total restoration and revival is foretold, will be fulfilled during the Millennium kingdom. The Lord will

also renovate the whole earth and make it as good as the Garden of Eden!

Government of Millennium Kingdom: THEOCRACY

The government will not be a monarchy, democracy or an autocracy, but theocracy, i.e., God Himself will be its head and will reign through the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matt. 25:31-46; Luke 1:32-35; Rev. 11:15). It will be under the direct rule of God in the Millennium.

- *Jesus Christ*, the King of kings and Lord of lords will rule with love, grace, justice and truth (Rev. 11:15, 19:16; Luke 1:31-33; Dan. 2:44).
- *David*: Will be ruling Israel (Jer. 30:9; Ez. 34:24; Hosea 3:4-5).
- *Twelve Apostle* will be reigning and judging (Matt. 19:28).
- *Glorified saints (OT & NT)* will be judging and reigning during this period (Rev. 5:10; 1 Cor. 6:2).
- *Tribulation martyrs* will be resurrected and will be given glorious thrones (Rev. 20:4-6)

Capital of the Millennium Kingdom: Jerusalem

Jerusalem will be the capital of the kingdom (Is. 2:2-4; 11:11-12:6; Jer. 17:25; Ez. 34:1-31; 43:7). It will be the center of worship and government. It will be rebuilt, restored and will have great, marvelous splendor (Joel 3:17, 20; Ez. 34:1-31, 43:7; Jer. 17:25; Is. 60:13-14).

Citizens of the Millennium Kingdom – Glorified & Physical

There will be two types of citizens – some in their glorified bodies and some in their renovated natural bodies.

- All the Israelites that are saved on the last day at the Battle of Armageddon will enter into the Millennium as normal citizens (Zech. 8:7-8; 12:10).
- The living from among the gentile nations who put their trust in the Lord and proved the genuineness of their salvation by good deeds (represented by the Sheep nations in the Parable of Sheep and Goats) will enter into the millennium as normal citizens (Matt. 24:31-46; Is.19:23-25).
- Tribulation martyrs will be resurrected and will be given glorious thrones (Rev. 20:4-6).
- Old Testament and New Testament glorified saints will be judging and reigning during this period (Matt. 19:28; Dan. 7:22, 27; 1 Cor. 6:2).
- The glorified saints will be like angels in heaven. **“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven” (Matt. 22:30).** The saints with natural bodies will have renovated bodies. They will be able to marry and procreate. They will re-populate the whole earth.

Temple of the Millennium Kingdom

- Jesus Christ will build a new temple in Jerusalem (Ez. 40).
- Offerings and sacrifices will be established again in the Millennium (Zech. 14:16-21; Jer. 33:18; Is. 66:20-23; Mal. 1:11).
- The Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord (Is. 11:9; Hab. 2:14).
- Everyone will be required to go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14:16; Is. 11:9).
- Holy Spirit will be poured out on all people (Joel 2:28-29).

Conditions during the Millennium Kingdom will be just like Eden

- All nations of the earth will enjoy the promised blessings (Is. 2:1-5; 4:1-6; 11:1-9; 12:1-6; 30:18-26; 35:1-10).
- Nature will be set free from the bondage of sin (Rom. 8:19-22).
- Nature will be transformed and there will be worldwide prosperity. (Is. 11:6-9; 35:1-7; 55:13; 65:21, 23)
- Life-span will be extended (Is. 65:20-22; Zech. 8:4). People will live for hundreds of years just like at the beginning days of creation.
- Sicknes, diseases and deformities will decrease (Is. 35:5, 6).
- There will be increase of light (Is. 30:26; 60:18-22).
- There will not be any more wars. Crime-rate will decrease (Hos. 2:18; Mic. 4:3; Is. 9:7; Ps. 46:9).
- There will be universal peace and harmony between animals and mankind (Is. 11:6-9; 2:4; 9:6; Micah 4:3).
- However, there will be sin and death on earth during the Millennium (Is. 65:20).
- Satan is bound in the bottomless pit. So, he cannot deceive any one.
- However, there will be sin in the kingdom. Even though all those who entered Millennium are believers, the children born to them may not fully be committed to the Lord. That is why the Scripture says, "He will rule them with an iron scepter" (Rev. 19:15; Ps. 2:9; Rev. 2:27; 12:5). These are the people who will be deceived by Satan who will be released after the 1000years are over, which we will study in the next chapter.

Note: For a detailed study on Millennium Kingdom, please refer to the YouTube message at:

<https://youtu.be/N4ovL9C2ux0>

Chapter 11

11. Post-Millennium Events

11.1 The Battle of Gog-Magog

Scripture Text: Rev. 20:7-10

⁷ Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. ⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 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 (Rev. 20:7-10).

As we read earlier, the Antichrist and the False Prophet were thrown in the lake of fire before the Millennium itself. Satan who was bound for 1000 years during the Millennium will now be released from the Abyss for a short time.

Why will God do this? God does this as a “final test” to mankind. According to some Bible scholars, Adam and Eve spent 100 years in the Garden of Eden before God allowed Satan to tempt them. As we know, they were deceived by Satan and sin entered into the world. Now that God showed all His love, goodness, justice and truth for 1000 years to mankind, God wants to test them one last time – “Will they now love me or listen to Satan’s

deception”? Hence God will release Satan and let him tempt mankind. Unfortunately, mankind is going to fail again. That shows the depravity of the human heart!

Satan will go out and deceive many nations from the four corners of the earth and gather them to attack the saints and the city of Jerusalem. Even though all those who entered Millennium are believers, the children born to them may not fully be committed to the Lord. These are the people who will be deceived by Satan and will join him to attack the holy city. This is the final battle of Gog and Magog. There will not be any physical battle as such; God will rain down fire from heaven and consume them. God will cast Satan into the lake of fire where the Antichrist and the False Prophet were already present for the last 1000 years. Please note that this battle is different from the Battle of Gog-Magog in Ezekiel 38-39 chapters [explained in Appendix – “Russian invasion of Israel”] as that battle happens at the beginning of the Tribulation Period.

11.2 The Great White Throne Judgment

Scripture Text: Rev. 20:11-15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. ¹³ The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the

second death. ¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

At “The Great White Throne Judgment” all unsaved-dead – right from Adam till the last person in the Millennium

Kingdom who rejected God - will be judged. The unbelievers will be ‘resurrected’ and will be given bodies that will not be



annihilated by the lake of fire. This is called “Second Resurrection” or “resurrection of judgement”. “For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth -- those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation” (John 5:28-29).

The Book of Life is a reference book that states that those who are standing at the judgement are those who are NOT in the Book of Life. Other books that contain all the wicked deeds of the unsaved people will be opened. The severity of the torment in the eternal hell depends on how wicked they have been.

Death and Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire which indicates that there will no more be death in eternal heaven!

11.3 Judgment of the Angels

Scripture Text: Jude 1:6; 2 Pet. 2:4

“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” (Jude 1:6)

“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment” (2 Peter 2:4)

God will judge Satan, all his followers and all the fallen, unfaithful angels and send them to the eternal lake of fire to be tormented forever and ever (Rev. 20:10-15; 21:8; Matt. 25:41, 46). God is going to involve the believers also in the process of judgement (1 Cor. 6:3). Oh! What a privilege for us to reign with the Lord and to judge even the angels!

11.4 The Present Heavens and Earth judged

Scripture Text: 2 Pet. 3:7; Rev. 20:11

“But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Peter 3:7)

“I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away” (Rev. 20:11)

The present heavens and earth will be judged by fire. God will create a new heaven and a new earth – a completely different order of life.

Summary

Satan who was bound during the Millennium will be released from the Abyss for a short time at the end. He will stir many and try to fight against Jesus Christ. God will rain down fire from heaven and destroy all the followers of Satan. Following that, all the unsaved people in the entire history of mankind will be resurrected and judged at The Great White Throne Judgement where the degree of punishment in eternal hell will be determined. The fallen and unfaithful angels will be judged. The present heavens and the earth will be judged by fire.

Chapter 12

12. New Earth and New Heaven

Scripture Text: Rev. 21 - 22 chapters

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven



from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."⁴ And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow,

nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:1-5). ¹² She had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Rev. 21:12-14).

The Bible begins with the creation of heavens and the earth and closes with the creation of new heaven and new earth. The Holy City, New Jerusalem, is not only the home of the bride, it is the bride itself. It is holy and heavenly. It is filled with the glory of God. As we saw earlier, the bride is nothing but the group of all NT and OT saints represented by the twelve Apostles and the twelve tribes of Israel.

Who will NOT enter the kingdom?

- ***Sinful cannot enter:***

- But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 21:8).
- There shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Rev. 21:27).
- Outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie (Rev. 22:15).

- ¹⁹ The works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21).
- ***Immoral cannot enter:*** No fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ (Eph. 5:5).
- ***Wicked cannot enter:*** ⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10).
- ***Self-righteous cannot enter:*** “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20).
- ***Rich who trust their riches cannot enter:*** “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (Matt. 19:24).
- ***Babblers cannot enter:*** Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven (Matt. 7:21).

Who will enter the kingdom?

- ***Only “Born-again” people will enter the kingdom of God.*** ³ Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of

God... ⁵ Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5).

- **Only saved people will enter the kingdom of God:** Only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter the kingdom of God. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God (Rev. 21:27, 3).
- **Only those who do Lord's commandments will enter the kingdom of God:** Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city (Rev. 22:14).
- **Only victorious people will enter the kingdom of God:** "He who overcomes shall inherit all things" (Rev. 21:7). "He that overcometh" is an important phrase in the book of Revelation (2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21; 12:11). These are not some "elite" people, but truly born-again believers who are all victorious. "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4-5).

Characteristics of the Eternal Kingdom of God

1. Kingdom of Life

The new kingdom will be full of life. "There shall be no more death" (Rev. 21:4) as the last enemy, death, is destroyed (1 Cor. 15:26). The Bible begins with the tree of life in the Garden of Eden to which man lost his access because to his sin (Gen. 3:22-24). The Bible ends with the tree of life in the new kingdom where all the children of God will enjoy eating its fruit and drinking from the water of river of life (Rev. 21:6, 22:1-2).

2. Kingdom of Glory and Light

The new kingdom will be full of the glory of God. “Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal” (Rev. 21:11). “The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it” (Rev. 21:23-24). “There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light” (Rev. 22:5).

3. Kingdom of Joy

The new kingdom will be full of joy unspeakable and full of glory. “God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away” (Rev. 21:4).

4. Kingdom of Victory

The new kingdom will be full of victory as only victorious people will inherit the kingdom. “He who overcomes shall inherit all things” (Rev. 21:7). They overcome Satan through the victory of the Lamb. “The Lamb will overcome them” (Rev. 17:14). “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony” (Rev. 12:11).

5. Kingdom of Holiness

The new kingdom will be full of holiness of God. There is no room for any impurity, immorality or sin there. It is a sinless world. Wow! What a marvelous experience it would be to live in the sinless world among the perfected saints. “There shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie” (Rev. 21:27). That is why it is called “Holy City” (Rev. 21:2, 10). “I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband" (Rev. 21:2). We shall be made as perfect as Lord Jesus Christ!

6. Kingdom of Worship

The new kingdom will be full of worship. Rev. 4 and 5 show us about how the Lord is being worshipped in heaven for ever and ever. "The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Rev. 4:8). "The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created" (Rev. 4:10-11).

Whenever Apostle John saw the visions related to heaven, he saw the heavenly worship (Rev. 4:4-11; 5:6-14; 7:10-17; 11:15-18; 12:10-12; 15:3-4; 16:4-7; 19:1-8). So, what we will be doing in eternity is to enjoy His presence and worship Him day and night!

7. Eternal Kingdom

The new kingdom is eternal kingdom. The Lord said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last" (Rev. 22:13; 21:6). "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8). He is the beginning and He is the end. His kingdom is a never-ending, eternal kingdom!

Note: For a detailed study on Post-Millennium Events, please refer to the YouTube message at :

<https://youtu.be/1dyCDx69Ezu>

APPENDIX

A. Battle of Gog and Magog - Russian Invasion of Israel

Scripture Text: Ezekiel 38 - 39 chapters

¹ Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ² "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh,



Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, ³ and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. ⁴ I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. ⁵ Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; ⁶ Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops--many people are with you (Ezek. 38:1-6)

In Ezekiel 38-39 chapters we see one of the major wars prophesied which is yet to be fulfilled. This is the Russian invasion of Israel. Some Bible Scholars believe that this will happen when the Second Seal is opened which signifies various wars throughout the world, which happens during the first 3½ years of the Tribulation Week. Some others are of the opinion that this will happen before the seven-year covenant and will pave the way for the arrival of the Antichrist onto the world scene. We cannot ascertain clearly anything from the information available in the Scriptures.

Russia and its allies will attack Israel

- Russia will attack when Israel is living in peace and safety (Ezek. 38:11, 14).
- Gog, Magog, Meshech, Tubal are part of today's Russia (Ezek. 38:2. Gog is the symbolic name of the nation's leader and Magog is his land).
- Persia refers to today's Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan etc. (Ezek. 38:5).
- Cush and Put refers to today's Egypt and Ethiopia in the upper Nile region and North African Arab nations such as Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco etc. (Ezek. 38:5).
- Gomer refers to today's Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Eastern Europe etc. (Ezek. 38:6).
- Togarmah refers to today's Bulgaria, Rumania, Turkey etc. (Ezek. 38:6).

Who will support Israel?

- Sheba, Dedan (Ezek. 38:13)
- "The merchants of Tarshish and young lions" – According to some Bible scholars it refers to USA, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand, Australia etc.

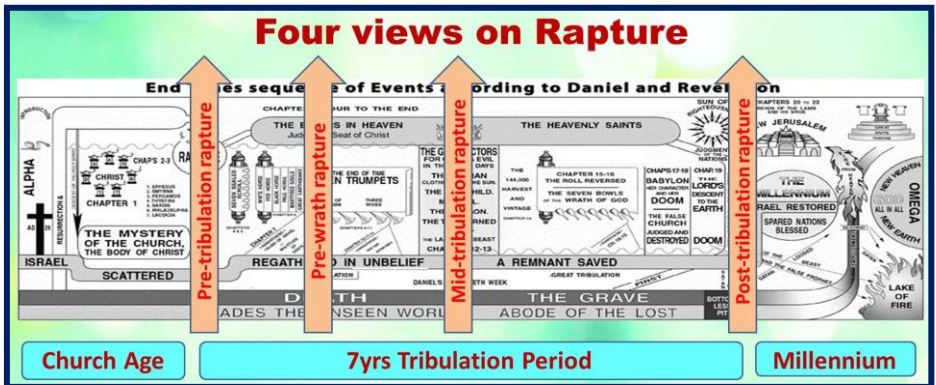
those who traded with Tarshish and who are the outcomes of the British Empire (the young lions) (Ezek. 38:13).

- These countries will sympathize with Israel, yet may not provide much support for their defense. God Himself will fight for Israel.

How will the Lord Deliver Israel?

Russian armies and the allied forces will be destroyed as a result of a mighty earthquake, confusion amongst forces, pestilence, great hailstones, fire and brimstone coming down from heaven (Ezek. 38:19-22).

B. Different views on Rapture



Rapture is a mystery and a wonderful truth. It is the hope of the saints (1 Thess. 4:13-14). The saints are “waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). It is a glorious time of reunion with our Lord and with all His saints. It will happen in a flash i.e., in the twinkling of an eye as explained by Apostle Paul - “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we

shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Cor. 15:51-52).

However, "when will the rapture happen?" is a question debated by many theologians as well as believers over the centuries without any clear consensus. There are at least four predominant viewpoints about the occurrence of the rapture.

- 1. *Pre-tribulation rapture:*** This viewpoint states that saints will be raptured before the 7yrs-Tribulation Period begins.
- 2. *Mid-tribulation rapture:*** This viewpoint states that saints will be raptured at the mid-point of the 7yrs-Tribulation Period.
- 3. *Post-tribulation rapture:*** This viewpoint states that saints will be raptured at the end of the 7yrs-Tribulation Period. This basically means that there are no two different phases. The rapture of the saints and coming back to the earth along with the Lord happens at the same time.
- 4. *Pre-wrath rapture:*** This viewpoint states that saints will be raptured just before the seven-trumpet-judgements when the wrath of God begins to be poured out on the mankind.

While all the viewpoints have their own supporting arguments and Scripture references, it is my conviction that the rapture happens before the 7yrs-Tribulation Period. Tribulation Week is predominantly for the Israel nation to complete the un-fulfilled prophetic week in Daniel's 70-week-prophecy (Dan. 9). It is the extra grace-time for the Israelites. Rapture is a mystery and the hope of a predominantly gentile church! So, we should never mix them up!

Pre-Tribulation Viewpoint

- It is the “best-fit” viewpoint that supports logical sequencing of end-time events.
- It is not the nature of God to pour out wrath on His saints. He might discipline them as a father disciplines his children to correct them and bring them to maturity, but He would not pour His wrath upon them. We see that from several examples in the Scriptures:
 - Noah’s flood: God delivered the righteous Noah when the whole world was judged.
 - Lot’s deliverance when Sodom and Gomorrah were judged for their wickedness.
- We don’t see the word “Church” or “Churches” after Rev. 3:22. The presence of the twenty four elders in heaven worshipping the Lamb is also an indication that the church might be raptured before events of Tribulation Week that begin in Rev. 6th chapter onwards.
- It is the promise of the church: **“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).**
- That is the hope which Apostle Paul explains in his two letters to Thessalonians who “turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:9-10). “For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9).

Second Coming in Epistles to Thessalonians

- Apostle Paul explained about the rapture in First Thessalonians 4:13-18.
- He explained, predominantly, about the “Day of the Lord” in Second Thessalonians 2nd chapter.
- ¹ Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 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 (2 Thess. 2:1-7).
- In 2 Thess. 2, Apostle Paul writes in verse-1, about the rapture and in verse-2 about the Day of the Lord. In verse-2, he writes, “do not be alarmed that “the Day of Christ/Lord” had already come”. As we saw earlier, “Day of the Lord” is a phrase that is used to refer to the Daniel’s 70th week (the unfulfilled week in his prophecy). So, this will come when the one who restrains is taken away (v7). Many Bible scholars believe that the restrainer is the church!

Summary

Summing up the various viewpoints, I believe the pre-tribulation-rapture viewpoint will help us the best from “readiness” perspective! If we are ready for “pre-

tribulation”, we are ready for all the “other-tribulation” viewpoints. Isn’t it?

Note: For a detailed study on various viewpoints on rapture, please refer to the YouTube message at:
<https://youtu.be/xbLg2sWBo0U>

C. How to escape the wrath of God?

Scripture Text: Rom. 1:18; 1 Thess. 5:9

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men” (Romans 1:18). However, “God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thess. 5:9)!

The Word of God tells us that “there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:22-23). "There is none righteous, no, not one; They have all turned aside... There is none who does good, no, not one" (Romans 3:10, 12). There is no difference: you may be rich or poor, educated or uneducated, rural or urban, man or woman, white or brown or black - there is no difference in the sight of God. All of us are below the holy standards of God. We are sinners by birth and by our deeds. We are sinful and selfish by nature. Negative emotions such as jealousy, envy, hatred, anger etc., exist in everyone. For example, if our neighbors are better than us (financially, socially, academically or any other aspect), we are jealous! Why? This is because of the sinful nature inside us! It seems as if it is part of our DNA. This sinful nature prompts and provokes us to sinful acts like lying, deceiving, lusting, taking bribes, fighting, getting addicted to alcohol, drugs

etc. We are trying hard to get rid of the sinful deeds and the sinful nature. We are trying out various ways like meditation, yoga, giving alms, praying to God etc. But we are not able to come out of the clutches of sinful habits! "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). The sin takes us to eternal death and hell fire.

The only way we can escape the wrath of God and hell fire is by having our sins forgiven and reconciling with Him. The Holy Bible tells us - "Without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). So, God himself came into the world in order to make atonement for our sins. His birth was unique and unparalleled in human history. He lived a holy life. His miracles were wonderful and unique. His teachings were life-transforming, powerful and authoritative. His death, burial and resurrection (rising from death) were historical and monumental. He is none other than Lord Jesus Christ. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus Christ), that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). He touched the lepers and healed them. He drove the demons out of demon-possessed people and joined them back into the society. He gave eyes to the people born-blind. He raised up the paralytics. He brought many dead people back to life. He performed many unique and amazing miracles. He lived a sinless life. In Him there is no sin (1 John 3:5). He committed no sin (1 Pet. 2:22). He knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21). He went to the cross and shed His precious, sinless and holy blood to make atonement for our sins. "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross" (Col. 1:19-20).

The Lord is calling you today – “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matt. 11:28). All that you need to do is very simple: Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord", then you will be saved (Rom. 10:9). You will become the child of God for the Word of God tells us – “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12).

As we learnt in this booklet, Lord Jesus Christ is coming again for His children to take them to be with Him and to pour out His wrath on those who reject Him. **The decision is yours!** You can reject Him today and come under His wrath or you can receive Him and be raptured at His Second Coming!

Here are three simple steps to receive Jesus into your heart:

- A. **Admit** that you are a sinner. Realize that you cannot save yourself and you need Jesus to rescue you. Repent of your sins sincerely.
- B. **Believe** that Jesus died on the cross, shed His blood and paid the penalty on your behalf to set you free from sin and deliver you from the coming wrath of God. Put your faith in Jesus Christ!
- C. **Confess** and choose Jesus to be your Saviour and Lord. Ask the Lord to come into your heart and be your Lord and Master!

If you have not yet received Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour so far, I humbly plead with you in the name of the Lord to receive Him as your personal Saviour and Lord so that you can escape the wrath of God that is going to be poured out on the whole world. Oh! What a glorious experience it is to be lifted up and to live with Him in His eternal glory forever and ever! May that be your experience! God Bless You!

Concluding Remarks

The “Second Coming” of the Lord is a certainty. He is coming very soon. But no one knows exactly when He is coming. The Lord, in His sovereignty, purposefully maintains secrecy in relation to the futuristic events. Only when we meet the Lord in heaven, will we be able to reconcile many of the calculations and fully understand the visions and symbols in the Scriptures. Till then, as believers, we should be watchful, faithful and be prepared for His coming. We should be ready to say – “Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20). May the Lord help us!

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