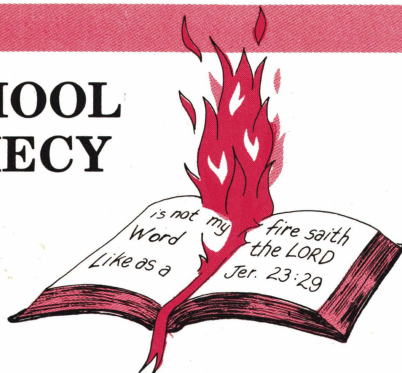


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BIBLE PROPHECY: CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF FUTURE EVENTS

DECLARATION:

Bible prophecies that are directed to our end-time generation have a definite order in their fulfillment. However, the sequence or chronology of prophetic signs and events in vivid fulfillment are not so obvious as other doctrines of God's Word. Remember this vital revelation always in relationship to prophetic understanding: **“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [i.e., no one verse stands alone].”** II Peter 1:20. Biblical, prophetic revelation is a composite vision — the prophecy of one prophet interprets the prophecy of the other prophets. God, through His word, has revealed the way of understanding: “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine . . . The word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept [i.e., verse upon verse]; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little [i.e., here a scripture, there a scripture]; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.” Isa. 28:9, 13.

The Old and New Testaments contain end-time prophecies that relate to our whole sick society including the Church. The prophetic Book of Daniel contains the key to the chronological order of prophesied end-time events: “Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.**” Daniel 12:9. We are just arriving at that very critical period in the history of man, called in Bible parlance, “The Time of the End!” The prophetic vision is now revealed to God's prophets as was not hithertofore unveiled. Now, let's look into God's big prophetic picture window and view very soberly those disturbing prognostications by Jesus Christ, the Holy Prophets, and Apostles of our Lord.

INTRODUCTORY SCRIPTURES.

This is worth repeating: “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation [i.e., no one verse stands alone — the Bible interprets itself when the Holy Ghost unveils it according to Isaiah 28:9-10].” II Peter 1:20. Also: **“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”** Amos 3:7; Eph. 3:5. God's angel assured Daniel concerning end-time prophecy: “Many shall be purified and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Daniel 12:10.

Theology does not nor cannot reveal the chronological order of prophesied endtime events — this unveiling of Bible prophecies in their order of fulfillment comes through prophetic revelation that harmonizes perfectly with the Holy Scriptures. Holy men of God wrote the prophecies of our Holy Bible as they were moved by the Holy Ghost — likewise, holy men of God, moved by the Holy Ghost, must unveil future events through the Holy Scriptures to our end-time generation.

LAST DAYS.

There are 3 distinct Biblical terms used to designate a definite period of prophetic fulfillment: First is “Last Days”; Secondly, “Time of the End”; and, Thirdly, “Day of the Lord.”

The “Last Days” of end-time prophecy began about 1900 when the Holy Ghost was poured out at the beginning of the Latter Rain. The “last days” of prophetic fulfillment consists of two great outpourings of the Holy Ghost — the Biblical terminology is best set forth in this scripture: “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it until he [God] receive **the early and latter rain**. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” James 5:7-8. Cf. also Joel 2:23-25; Zech. 10:1.

[Began At Pentecost]. The “Last Days” did begin at Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2. Apostle Peter paraphrased from Joel 2:28-32 as follows: “And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy . . .” This declaration by the Apostle Peter was from this Old Testament prophecy: “And it shall come to pass afterwards [saith God], that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . .” Joel 2:28-29.

The early church of our Lord received what the Prophet Joel had predicted for our generation — **a Renewal and end-time Restoration**. However, the Apostles’ days were only the beginning of the “Last Days” or “Latter Days” by prophetic designation.

[The Apostles’ Prophecy]. The Apostles of Christ’s Early church prophesied of the “Last Days” thusly that are signs to our generation:

- (1) “This know also, that in **the last days** perilous times shall come, etc. . . .” II Tim. 3:1.
- (2) “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that **in the latter times** [same as “Last Days”] some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils . . .” I Tim. 4:1.
- (3) “Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts . . .” II Peter 3:3: Cf. Jude 17-19.

- (4) “Little children, it is **the last time** [or last days]: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.” I John 2:18.

[The Holy Prophets]. The Holy Prophets of the Old Testament prophesied of the “Last Days” — with fulfillments also occurring in our own generation:

- (1) “But **in the last days** it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains [Christ’s temple], and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.” Micah 4:1; Also Isa. 2:2.
- (2) The Prophet Daniel said to King Nebuchadnezzar: “But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known . . . what shall be **in the latter days.**” Daniel 2:28.
- (3) “When thou art in tribulation, and all these things come upon thee, even **in the latter days** [or Last Days] . . .” Deut. 4:30.
- (4) “And thou [Russia] shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be **in the latter days** [or Last Days], and I will bring you against my land . . .” Ezek. 38:16.

TIME OF THE END

This prophetic terminology is peculiar to the Book of the Prophet Daniel. The “Time of the End” is a period of time near the very termination of the longer period in prophetic fulfillment, “The Last Days.” There are signs applicable only to “the time of the end” as the prophet’s vision declares. This is a period of time that consists of a generation approximately 40 years — that is our very own generation that began about 1945-48. Why 1945-48? Answer: The ultimate weapon of annihilation was unleashed on humanity in August 1945 — Israel became a sovereign nation in April 1948! These two climactic signs signified the Beginning of the End. Cf. Luke 21:25-26; Psa. 102:16.

- (1) “Understand son of man; for at **the time of the end** shall be the vision.” Dan. 8:17.
- (2) “And some of them of understanding shall fall [i.e., be martyred], to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to **the time of the end.**” Dan. 11:35.
- (3) “And at **the time of the end** shall the king of the South push at him [the antichrist].” Dan. 11:40.
- (4) “But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to **the time of the end:** many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” Dan. 12:4.
- (5) “And he said, Go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till **the time of the end.** Many shall be purified, and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” Daniel 12:9-10.

DAY OF THE LORD.

[The Prophets]. The “Last Days” embrace the prophetic periods of time called “Time of the End” and the “Day of the Lord.” The “Last Days” are almost 2000 years in length — the “Time of the End” is the last generation of the “Last Days” — the “Day of the Lord” will be approximately 3½ years, the Great Tribulation Period that will climax all end-time prophetic fulfillment.

- (1) “Howl ye: for the **day of the Lord** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty . . . Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the whole land desolate: and he [God] shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.” Isa. 13:6-9. This is much longer than one 24-hour day!
- (2) “Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: **it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.” Jer. 30:7. **The Day of the Lord!**
- (3) “Thus saith the Lord God: Howl ye, Woe worth the day! For the day is near, even **the day of the Lord**, a cloudy day; **it shall be the time of the heathen.**” Ezek. 30:2-3.
- (4) “Alas for the day! for **the day of the Lord** is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come . . . Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the Lord** cometh, for it is nigh at hand . . . **The day of the Lord** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?” Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11.
- (5) “Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for **the day of the Lord** is at hand . . . **The great day of the Lord** is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of **the day of the Lord**: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.” Zeph. 1:7, 14.

[The Apostles Prophecy]

- (1) “But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.” I Thes. 5:1-2.
- (2) “That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled . . . as that **the day of Christ** is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition [i.e., the antichrist].” II Thess. 2:2-3.

The Antichrist will be revealed (unveiled) in the middle of the 7-year Tribulation, that is, at the beginning of the Great Tribulation, the last 3½ years.

Proof: “And there was given him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given him to continue forty and two months [3½ years].” Rev. 13:5. Also Cf. Dan. 7:21-25; ch. 12:7-8. The “Day of the Lord” will come to an end at the Revelation and Appearing of Jesus Christ as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Rev. 19:11-16.

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Joel 2:31	Isa. 2:12-22	II Tim. 3:1	Zech. 10:1
Zech. 14:1	Joel 3:14	Heb. 1:2	I Tim. 4:1
I Thess. 5:2	Obadiah 15	I Pet. 1:5	Jer. 23:20
Rev. 16:10	II Pet. 3:10-12	James 5:3	Dan. 10:14
Hos. 3:4-5	Jude 18	II Pet. 3:3	Hos. 3:5

NOTES:

LESSON EXPOSITION.

The greatest mystery surrounding the fulfillment of Bible prophecy is **the chronological order** of those earth-shaking, near-future events. Many have set forth their hand to declare the order of end-time prophecy resulting in a mass confusion of tongues — Babel or Babylon! The Holy Ghost reveals the secrets of prophecy to God’s servants, His holy prophets! Amos 3:7. Holy Ghost revelation about the chronological order of future events, fully corroborated by God’s Holy Bible, is the only source of authentic and sure prophetic fulfillment.

The Popular Belief.

The prevalent teaching among today’s Christians and the whole end-time church of Jesus Christ relative to future events is that the next great prophetic fulfillment is the catching-away or “Rapture” of the church. But in reality, is the return of Jesus Christ as imminent as this popular teaching espouses? The answer is NO! **The whole Church is going into the Tribulation Period for chastening and purging.** There are many, many Biblical, end-time prophetic fulfillments to occur before the Rapture or the Return of Christ. Nowhere in the Holy Bible’s end-time prophecies do the scriptures confirm an “easy rapture” of the Church. **The teaching of Christ’s coming before the Tribulation is purely hypothetical or a theory!**

Bible Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled.

The most prominent and earth-shaking of all prophesied future events have not been fulfilled. **Most predictions of the theologians, preachers, and self-proclaimed prophets are theoretical — that is, a guess or a shot in the dark.** Tradition and wishful thinking will neither bring Jesus back to our troubled world, nor create the conditions for true and complete prophetic fulfillment. “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7.

A true prophetic revelation will harmonize with God’s true prophetic Word from the Bible, “precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little [i.e., here a scripture there a scripture].” What are the results of ignoring and disregarding this safety precaution set forth by the Holy Ghost? Answer: “They will go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken [into captivity by the devil].” Isa. 28:13. A true prophet of God with the revelation and authority to teach the whole truth of future events must know God’s Word thoroughly or he and the people he prophecies to will go into captivity of the devil — Deceived, Bewitched, Mislead and Seduced!

The True Prophecies Of The End-Time.

Bible prophecies prominently set forth by holy men who wrote our Holy Bible which are yet unfulfilled are as follows in their chronological sequence or order:

- (1) Russia's Invasion of Israel
- (2) The Great Tribulation Begins
- (3) Revelation of the Antichrist & False Prophet
- (4) The 3½-year ministry of God's two Anointed ones
- (5) Mark of the Beast & Antichrist's Image Set up
- (6) Restoration of Christ's End-time Church Accomplished
- (7) The "Catching Away" or Rapture of Christ's Bride
- (8) Battle of Armageddon
- (9) The Return of Jesus Christ
- (10) Judgment Seat of Christ
- (11) Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- (12) The Millenium Reign of Christ
- (13) Heaven on Earth

Let us proceed to discuss and analyze these great future events in the light of God's prophetic Word from the greatest forecasters of all time — the holy Old Testament prophets, the holy New Testament apostles, and above all — Jesus Christ Himself, the great Prophet of Nazareth!

NOTES:

THE TRUE ORDER OF FUTURE BIBLE PROPHECY FULFILLMENT!

PART A. GOG AND MAGOG'S INVASION OF ISRAEL.

DECLARATION.

The armies of Gog and Magog, ancient cities in Russia, and their allies will invade Israel in the near future. "The word of the Lord came unto [Ezekiel], saying, Son of man, Set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal . . . in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel . . . **Thou shalt come up against my people of Israel**, as a cloud to cover the land; **it shall be in the latter days** . . ." Ezek. 38:1-2, 8, 16. This mighty invasion of Israel, with a tremendous global impact, will occur before the Great Tribulation Period begins, and, before the catching-away of God's saints commonly called The Rapture.

I. Gog and Magog are ancient names of the descendants of Japheth, son of Noah, who settled in Northern Europe after the great flood. Gen. 10:2-5. Meshech is the ancient name of Moscow — Tubal, the ancient name of Tobolsk, cities of present day Russia. The identity of the land of Magog is hereby certified.

II. Russia's allies in this massive prophesied invasion will be the following nations: "Persia [Syria, Iran & Iraq], Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togormah of the north quarters, and all his bands [i.e., East Germany and the Balkan nations]: and many people with thee . . . Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee." Ezek. 38:5-6, 9.

III. THE PURPOSE OF THIS END-TIME INVASION.

"Art thou come to take a spoil, hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?" Ezek. 38:11-13. Israel is a primary objective for Russia's invasion, but also the oil and gold of the Arabic, oil-producing nations.

IV. UNITED NATIONS WILL PROTEST.

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish [maritime nations], with all the young lions thereof [British Commonwealth & Offshoots of British Empire], shall say unto thee [i.e., file a protest], Art thou come to take a spoil . . . to carry away silver and gold . . ." Ezek. 38:13. There will be no military response from the U.S. or U.N. to Russia's Invasion!

V. GOD WILL RESPOND.

“And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come **against the land of Israel**, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face . . . Surely in that day there shall be a **great shaking in the land of Israel** . . . the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground . . . And I will call for a sword against him . . . every man’s sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his many bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone.” Ezek. 38:18-23.

VI. THE DESTRUCTION OF GOG’S ARMY.

“Thus saith the Lord God; behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince [dictator] of Meshech and Tubal [Russia]; And I will turn thee back, **and leave but the sixth part of thee** . . . **Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel** . . . I will give thee unto ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.” Ezek. 39:1-4. Only one-sixth of this mighty invading army will survive!

VII. SEVEN YEARS OF CLEANSING AND TOURISM FOLLOWS.

“And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall set on fire and burn the weapons . . . and they shall burn them with fire **seven years**: So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests . . . And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the **passengers [Tourists]** those that remain [i.e., bodies of the invading soldiers] upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.” Ezek. 39:9-15. Tourists from all nations will travel to Israel to see what God did to Russia and Communism! The Ten Nations (many more will join) of the Common Market in Europe and around the Mediterranean Sea will merge swiftly at this junction of prophetic fulfillment into the Kingdom of the Beast or Antichrist. This merger of national identities, economically and militarily, is not possible until Communism is crushed by the destruction of Soviet forces who invade Israel and the Middle East. The ten horns on the beast (antichrist) are 10 kings who give him their power. Study Rev. 13:1-3; 17:8-13.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

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PART B. THE TRIBULATION — FIRST 3½ YEARS!

SUMMARIZATION.

Daniel's 70th week of prophetic fulfillment (7 years) — Daniel 9:27 — has two distinct divisions: the first 3½ years of God's judgments; the second 3½ years, a time of God's wrath. Study Isa. 26:9, 20-21; Rev. 15:1-4, for a vividly detailed clarification. Russia's Invasion of Israel, ending in the destruction of her mighty army will break the power of Communism and the Iron Curtain, opening the door to world-wide evangelism.

During this 3½ year period, the Church will be severely persecuted but Restoration will result — the Antichrist and False Prophet will arise but will be powerfully challenged by God's two mighty prophets of Revelation 11. These Anointed Ones will lead Christ's Church into the prophesied Holy Ghost, End-time Revival embracing all nations, kindreds, and languages. Rev. 11:3-9. All the world will hear the Everlasting Gospel from God's true prophets. Rev. 14:6-7. Angels Proclaim — prophets will preach!

The Tribulation will begin soon after Russia's prophesied invasion of Israel — and not until then!

I. GOD'S GREATEST PROPHETS MANIFESTED.

“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days [3½ years], clothed in sackcloth . . . If any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouths, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.” (A COMMENT: Without this unprecedented power, these two true prophets of God would not remain alive for 3½ years. You see, the world and even the Church hates a true prophet of God). **“These have power** (1) to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy, and (2) have power over waters to turn them to blood, and (3) to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they have finished their testimony, the beast [antichrist] that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them . . . and kill them . . . because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.” Rev. 11:3-10.

NOTICE: All people of all nations, genealogies, and languages shall see and hear these two mighty prophetic Bible preachers! How? **On World-wide TV!**

II. ANTICHRIST & FALSE PROPHET UNVEILED.

THE ANTICHRIST.

“**Let no man deceive you** by any means: for that day [coming of Christ] shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed [i.e., unveiled], the son of perdition [antichrist] . . . And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be

revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity [i.e., lawlessness or rebellion against God's Word] doth already work: only he that now letteth [hindereth] will let [hinder or restrain], "until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked [Antichrist] be revealed . . ." II Thess. 2:3-8.

Antichrist will be revealed in the midst of the 7-year week of prophecy: "He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week [7 years]; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation [of the temple worship] to cease." Dan. 9:27. The antichrist is revealed at that time by this event.

In the midst of the week (after 3½ years), he will have power to continue for 42 months (3½ years) more. Rev. 13:5.

Antichrist will sit in the temple of God in Jerusalem claiming to be God. II Thess. 2:3-4. For how long? Answer: "And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed." Dan. 8:14; also vs. 9-13.

The Antichrist's power will be global. "And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Rev. 13:7.

THE FALSE PROPHET

The Bible terminology: "And the beast [antichrist] was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 19:20.

"And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth: and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon [this is the arising false prophet] . . . And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast [antichrist]; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live [this fulfillment occurs in the middle of the 7-year Tribulation Period]. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast [antichrist], that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed [and the Church will still be here to face this perilous challenge]." Rev. 13:11-15.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

"And he [the false prophet] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name . . . **and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**" Rev. 13:16-18.

Christ will not return nor catch away His saints until the anti-christ is unveiled as the “man of sin” and “son of perdition.” The world, the Jews, and much of the Church will be mesmerized by the Antichrist and False Prophet **until they are unveiled** — that is, until their true identify is made manifest. The false prophet will declare the Antichrist to be Jesus Christ or God Himself for 3½ years to the chagrin of Christ's wise saints, but when the Mark of the Beast is offered, and all nations are commanded to worship his image, all of God's elect will have their spiritual eyes opened to the truth about Satan's Master of Deceit.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Dan. 7:7-8	Dan. 8:23-25	I John 2:18	II Thess. 2:10-12
Dan. 7:19-25	Dan. 11:31-39	John 5:43	Rev. 13:1-8

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PART C. RESTORATION OF CHRIST'S TRUE CHURCH.

SUMMARIZATION.

“And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution [i.e., Restoration] of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” Acts 3:20-21.

Prophets, anointed and prophesying in the spirit and power of Elijah, will **Restore** the end-time Church of Jesus Christ to its first love, holiness, divine unity (not ecumenicism), faith, and Holy Ghost power. The two mighty prophets of Restoration (Rev. 11) will be the epitomization of Moses and Elijah: Moses and Elijah was transfigured with Christ before His Apostles — “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias [Elijah] truly shall first come, and restore all things.” Matt. 17:11. The spirit and power of Elijah is “to turn the hearts of the fathers [parents] to the children, and the disobedient [Christians] to the wisdom of the just [i.e., wisdom of a righteous man]; **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**” Luke 1:17.

CHRIST'S SAINTS PERSECUTED.

The church and all Christians must endure the first 3½ years of the Tribulation Period amid great persecution and the judgments of God — famine, terrorism, and pestilence! Today's church is mostly asleep, or dead, or lukewarm — they are living sumptuously in the supper room and have left their first love. Rev. 2:4-5.

- (1) “Is not the meat [i.e., of God's Word] cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?” Joel 1:16.
Answer: YES!
- (2) “And the same horn [antichrist] made war with the saints, and prevailed against them . . . And he shall speak great words against the most High, **and shall wear out the saints of the most High.**” Dan. 7:21, 25. Saints are from the Church!
- (3) “And some of them of understanding [i.e., understand the Bible's prophecies] shall fall [be martyred], to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end.” Dan. 11:35. Understanding is to the wise. Dan. 2:21.
- (4) “I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held [i.e., clinged to].” Rev. 6:9. Christians!
- (5) “**After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne,** and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands . . . And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation,** and

have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Rev. 7:9-14. Caught-up saints of God!

- (6) “And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire [a symbol of great suffering and persecution]: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast [antichrist], and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass [before God’s throne], having the harps of God.” Rev. 15:2. The Church triumphant!

These saints came through God’s great judgments of 3½ years — verse 4. These saints also appear in heaven [prophetically] just before God’s wrath is poured out during the latter part of the Tribulation Period. verse 7.

“And they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” Rev. 12:11.

God will call lukewarm Christians out of the World Church of the Antichrist during the Tribulation Period: “And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.” Rev. 18:4. Ecumenicism, or the World Church of the Antichrist, will entice many Christians into the “ecclesiastical whore,” characterized by the woman of Rev. 17:5.

The True Church of Jesus Christ is symbolized by the woman of Revelation 12: “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars . . . And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days [3½ years] . . . from the face of the dragon [devil].” Rev. 12:1, 6, 14.

There is but one Church or Body of Christ consisting of Jews and Gentiles: “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.” Rom. 10:12. Also: “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles.” I Cor. 12:13. Study also Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 3:6; Rom. 11:17-25.

The New Testament was written to Christians of Christ’s Body, the Church. The woman of Revelation 12 is a characterization or symbol of the Church of Jesus Christ of which both Jews and Gentiles compose the membership.

The Wilderness. The woman flees into a refuge from the face of the serpent (devil) symbolically called the wilderness. “Wilderness’ sym-

bolizes a refuge — this will be among the “sheep nations” who rebel against the Antichrist’s dominion — rejecting his mark and his image. **Read Matthew 25:31-40.** The “sheep nations” on Christ’s right hand at His judgment seat receive special reward because they protected and ministered to Christ’s brethren during the Tribulation Period. **His brethren? Who are they?** The answer is in Christ’s own words: “For whosoever shall do the will of God, **the same is my brother,** and my sister, and mother.” Mark 3:35. Also: “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one [i.e., one body]; for which cause he [Jesus] is not ashamed to call them **brethren.** Saying, I will declare thy name unto **my brethren,** in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee [God].” Heb. 2:11-12.

“Give none offence, neither to the (1) Jews, nor to the (2) Gentiles, nor to the (3) church of God [true Christians].” I Cor. 10:32.

Israel, nationally, will be Restored to the Lord’s divine favor as a result of the Great Tribulation. The Church will be purged, chastened, and Restored to its first love, etc. through God’s judgments of the first 3½ years of Tribulation. Christ will be formed in worldly Christians: The church of today has been spewed out of the mouth of Christ — characterized by the lukewarm church of prophecy — Rev. 3:14-20. Today’s church is as the Apostle Paul rebuked: “My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you . . . I stand in doubt of you.” Gal. 4:19-20.

Christ is formed in Christ’s end-time lukewarm church during the Tribulation Period; that is, **Restoration** is accomplished through great persecution: “And she [the church] brought forth a man child [Christ formed in God’s saints], who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness . . .” Rev. 12:5-6.

The Bride of Christ — a holy remnant of perfected saints — will be “caught up” to God’s throne after the Antichrist is revealed — the Church will flee from the face of the Devil and his puppet, the Antichrist. Many of God’s Elect (who are members of Christ’s Body or the Church) will be exposed to the wrath of the Devil: “The dragon [devil] was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed [Christians] which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev. 12:17.

To be in the Bride of Christ, a Christian must be brought into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, **unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.**” Eph. 4:13. Jesus has declared: “The disciple is not above his master: **but every one [every Christian] that is perfect shall be as his master [Christ].**” Luke 6:40.

POWER OVER THE NATIONS.

Through great tribulation, Christ's wife [Bride] will be perfected and made ready for the marriage supper. Rev. 19:7-9. A "holy rib" or holy remnant out of the persecuted Church of Jesus Christ, will compose the Bride (Gen. 2:21-24). The whole Church is His Body but His Bride will be purified, made white, and tried to Perfection. Here's a revelation of the Bride in Christ's kingdom of 1000 years — her reward for complete submission, faithfulness, and purity: "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: **And he shall rule them with a rod of iron** [as in Rev. 12:5]; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star," Rev. 2:26-28.

The early church of our Lord fully epitomizes the Restored Church of the end-time. There is nothing about our end-time church, lacking so pitifully the love, unity, faith, holiness, power, and the Fear of God so powerfully manifested by the early church (recorded in the Book of Acts), that even remotely or faintly resembles It. Christ will not accept today's church until it is fully Restored! Make no mistake about it!

ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED.

"And so all Israel shall be saved." Rom. 11:26; Isa. 45:17. **However note this carefully:** "For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel." Rom. 9:6. All the Jews will not be saved, but there will be a remnant saved: "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a [holy] remnant shall be saved." Rom. 9:27.

When? Answer: When Christ returns at the consummation of the Battle of Armageddon. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me [Jesus Christ] whom they have pierced." Zech. 12:9-10. Also: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." Zech. 13:1. Israelis must be converted to Christ and turn to God in full repentance to be saved just like a Gentile! Acts 3:19.

THE 144,000 JEWS

"And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God . . . saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed [each tribe of Israel, 12,000]." Rev. 7:2-4. These were saved through the ministry of the two great prophets of Revelation 11, through the blood of Jesus unto repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12.

These will be caught up or raptured when Jesus comes for His Bride: “And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb [Christ] stood on the mount Sion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their foreheads . . . [and] **they are without fault before the throne of God.**” Rev. 14:1-5.

FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Word of Prophecy Magazines, May & July, 1979, The study entitled “Restoration.”

“The Bride of Christ” Book by Brother Ray Pringle.

A BIG P.S. — THE FIRST RESURRECTION.

DISCUSSION.

The First Resurrection is widely misunderstood and a vastly underated prophetic fulfillment. “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection.” Rev. 20:6. The first resurrection is one, but it has component parts that complement the whole resurrection of the just who compose the Elect of God of all ages.

Participants of the First Resurrection at different times or stages are as follows:

- (1) Enoch was caught up or translated. Cf. Heb. 11:5.
- (2) Elijah was caught up or translated. Cf. II Kings 2:11.
- (3) Christ resurrected and caught up. Cf. Acts 1:9; I Cor. 15:23.
- (4) God’s holy saints at Christ’s Resurrection were translated and caught up. Cf. Matt. 27:52-53; Eph. 4:8-10.
- (5) Christ’s Bride translated and caught up. Cf. I Thess. 4:13-18.
- (6) All of God’s Elect resurrected. Cf. Dan. 12:1-3; Rev. 20:5; John 5:25-29.

All of God’s Elect.

The Bride of Christ is translated and caught up to be presented to Christ before His Father’s throne during the midst of the Great Tribulation Period. The general resurrection of all God’s Elect including carnal Christians, will occur at Christ’s Return.

STUDY THE TRUMPETS’ SIGNIFICANCE.

- (1) The Last Trumpet. Cf. I Cor. 15:50-54; Rev. 11:15. A signal for Christ’s Bride to Rise to meet Him in the air.
- (2) The Great Trumpet. Cf. Matt. 24:31; Isa. 27:12-13; Dan. 12:3. This is the general First Resurrection consummated.

PART D. THE RAPTURE OR CATCHING AWAY OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST.

SUMMARIZATION.

There will be only one Rapture — not several as many teach: “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” I Thess. 4:15-17.

ALL CHRISTIANS: TRIBULATION SAINTS.

This is not the Day of the Lord when he literally appears to all the world — this is a secret theft of Christ’s Jewels, after they have been tried in the fire and have overcome the beast, his mark, and the number of his name. Cf. Rev. 15:2. All God’s saints will be Tribulation saints, for all will come out of great tribulation and have their robes made white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 7:13-14.

A Jewel Theft. Christ will secretly catch away His “Jewels”, not the Christians who are paste pearls. “Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine. . . when I make up my jewels.” Mal. 3:16-17. These will be Christians without sin in their lives — sanctified ones. Cf. I John 3:1-3.

THE RAPTURE — WHEN?

The Catching-Away or Rapture of Christ’s faithful and Holy Saints, the Bride, cannot occur until after the Antichrist has been unveiled. The Church must be **Restored** through the great end-time revival of 3½ years. Jesus warned prophetically: You don’t know when I will return — but, said he, “Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house [the church] cometh, at even [sundown], or at midnight [middle of the Tribulation night], or at the cockcrowing [the darkest part of the Tribulation], or in the morning [after the long 7-year night]: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.” Mark 13:32-37. Christ’s return is indefinite, but one thing sure — it will be after Christ’s saints are purged and tried and made white by the Antichrist’s persecution. Where will other Christians who resist God’s attempt to perfect them appear? These will go through the entire tribulation and appear at the judgment seat of Christ, their works burned! Study I Cor. 3:12-15; II Cor. 5:10-11.

RESURRECTION OF THE JUST.

This resurrection will occur at Christ’s Return, at the end of the Great Tribulation. “And many of them that sleep in the dust of the

earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame [caused by loss of reward] and everlasting contempt.” Dan. 12:2. Cf. I John 2:28. Also: “Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.” Isa. 66:5.

GOD’S ELECT GATHERED.

Also at Christ’s return: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . . they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together **his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” Matt. 24:29-31. Mark 13:27 account reads: “And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, **from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**” This is the resurrection of all God’s elect of all ages plus the gathering together of all living Elect who are hid and preserved by the Lord even during the outpouring of His wrath. Study carefully Isa. 33:13-19; Isa. 26:16, 20-21.

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PART E. 7 SEALS — 7 TRUMPETS — 7 VIALS OF REVELATION.

SUMMARY.

The Book of Revelation is not written in a chronological sequence of the prophetic events recorded. There are also many parenthetical previews of future events, interwoven throughout the Revelation.

I. SEVEN SEALS OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS.

Rev. 6:1-17; 8:1-5. These prophetic scenes are a panoramic view of our whole troubled age — from now until the return of Christ at Armageddon.

SEAL ONE: The white horse rider is the spirit of antichrist which is well at work, presently.

SEAL SIX: The great earthquake of God's judgment causes men to cry out, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb [Christ]: for the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:12-17. This occurs at the climactic ending of the Great Tribulation.

II. SEVEN TRUMPETS OF GOD'S JUDGMENTS.

Rev. 8:2-13; 9:1-21; 11:15-19. The judgments of God occurring during the first 3½ years of Tribulation are not world-wide in fulfillment — they are localized to certain geographic locations. The 7 trumpets of God's judgments occur just prior to the outpouring of God's wrath (symbolized by the 7 Vials of Rev. 16), during the first 3½ years of Tribulation: "And the seventh angel sounded [his trumpet]; and there were voices in heaven saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever . . . And the nations were angry, **and thy wrath is come**, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged . . ." Rev. 11:15, 18.

III. SEVEN VIALS OF GOD'S WRATH.

DISCUSSION.

Even the cataclysmic acts of God's wrath, reserved for the very "Time of the End" — occurring at the latter part of the 3½ years of Great Tribulation, are not entirely global in effect. Jesus warned of this terrible period thusly: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the world began, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake [i.e., Christ's disciples] those days shall be shortened." Matt. 24:21-22; Cf. Dan. 12:1.

GOD'S WRATH IS NOT GLOBAL.

If the 7 vials full of the wrath of God were to fall upon the whole world, there would be nothing but death, debris, and destruction. There would remain no habitable earth for the millions who will replenish the earth during the 1000-year reign of Christ.

GOD'S ELECT

Note: “**E**lect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.” I Peter 1:2.

Of Israel, the Apostle revealed concerning God's Elect: “So then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the **election of grace** . . . What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election [God's elect among them] hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded . . . For if thou [Gentiles] were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree [Israel]: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?” Rom. 11:5, 7, 24. We Gentiles are adopted sons of God under a covenant given to Israel. Cf. Rom. 9:4-5.

GOD'S ELECT SPARED.

The day of God's wrath shall be shortened so the Holy Remnant of the Church and God's Elect called out of Israel will be saved — i.e., not physically destroyed! God will miraculously bring millions of His very own elect through the outpouring of His great wrath — however, His wrath will not fall upon them. “[They] shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. **A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.** Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.” Psalm 91:5-8; Cf. Isa. 48:10.

GOD'S PURPOSE.

The first 3½ years of the Great Tribulation period is to **Restore the Church** and to compel every person on this planet to either Repent and Accept Jesus Christ as Lord, or reject Christ with finality. Those who reject Jesus Christ during this final harvest time will accept the mark of the Beast and worship his image by world-wide TV! Study II Thess. 2:9-12. Cf. Also Rev. 13:14-16.

The 7 vials are filled up with the wrath of God (Rev. 15:1) **reserved for the Antichrist's worshippers:** “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture [i.e., without mercy] into the cup of his indignation.” Rev. 14:9-10.

OUR EXAMPLE.

The church of old lived in Egypt during God's wrath upon that nation with pestilence, plagues, and death all around them — and, they were preserved by God's great Providence. It's about to happen again in like manner to the church of this end-time generation. Cf. Exodus 8, 9, 10.

THE 7 VIALS MANIFESTED.

(1) The contents of these vials containing God's unrestrained wrath will be poured out upon antichrist worshippers wherever they are: "And the first [angel] went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome [health destroying] and grievous sore **upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.**" Rev. 16:2.

(2) "And the fifth angel poured out his vial **upon the seat of the beast** [antichrist]; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they [his worshippers] gnawed their tongues for pain." Rev. 16:10. The wrath of God symbolized by these 7 vials will strike any person, in any nation that worships the Antichrist or receives his mark. These plagues and other painful acts of God will be upon cities, families, or individuals who are antichrist worshippers — the Sheep Nations and God's Elect will not be affected.

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PART F. BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON.**DISCUSSION.**

“And he [Antichrist] gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon.**” Rev. 16:16.

The 6th Vial: “And the sixth angel poured out his vial **upon the great river Euphrates:** and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.” Rev. 16:12.

The 6th Trumpet: This angel was told, “Loose the four angels which are bound **in the great river Euphrates.** And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, **for to slay the third part of men.** And the number of the horsemen were **two hundred thousand thousand** [i.e., 200 million]; and I heard the number of them.” Rev. 9: 13-16. The blood will flow to the horse bridles in this valley of slaughter. Cf. Rev. 14:19-20.

THE CAUSE AND EFFECT.

God has decreed: “**I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;** and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished . . . Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations [i.e., those allied with the Antichrist], as when he fought in the day of battle.” Zech. 14:1-3. The Lord will come and destroy all the nations’ armies who, with the Antichrist, seek to destroy the Jews and Jerusalem.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURES FOR FURTHER STUDY.

Isa. 25:1-6	Zeph. 1:7	Zech. 12:2-3	Isa. 34:1-10
Isa. 30:31-33	Zeph. 3:8	Zech. 13:8-9	Isa. 66:15-16
Isa. 31:5-9	Dan. 11:40-45	Zech. 14:12	Joel 3:1-2, 9-12

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PART G. THE COMING OF CHRIST.

SUMMARY.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire . . . And his name is called the Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean [these are His Bride]. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth out the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Rev. 19:11-16.

Christ and His bride will come in time to stop the destruction of the Jews — one-third are saved — God’s true Elect. Zech. 13:8-9.

I. Christ’s Throne will be in Jerusalem. Cf. Dan. 7:9-14; Zech. 14:17.

II. The Judgment Seat of Christ.

a. **The judgment of the Nations** that survive the holocaust of the wrath of God. Cf. Matt. 25:31-46.

b. **The judgment of Christians** — Rewards given. Cf. Rev. 22:12; Rom. 14:10; II Cor. 5:10-11; I Cor. 3:8.

c. **1000 Year Millenium Reign Begins.** Every knee bows and confesses that Jesus is Lord. Cf. Phil. 2:9-11; Rom. 14:11-12.

Also: “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast [antichrist], neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” Rev. 20:4.

d. **The Marriage Supper.**

SUMMARIZATION.

The marriage supper of the Lamb will not be in heaven, but here on earth — in Jerusalem. “Blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” Rev. 19:9. The proclamation was made in heaven, but the supper and Coronation of Christ will be down here on Earth. Cf. Psalm 45 for a beautiful revelation of the marriage supper in His palace in Jerusalem. “I speak of the things which I have made touching the king [Christ]: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever . . . Thy throne, O God is forever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness

above thy fellows [Cf. Heb. 1:8-9] . . . King's daughters were among thy honorable women: **upon thy right hand did stand the queen** [Christ's Bride] **in gold of Ophir** . . . the king shall greatly desire thy beauty: **for he is thy Lord**; and worship thou him . . . they shall enter into the king's palace." Psa. 45:1-15.

FOR 1000 YEARS —

- (1) Christ will sit on His Father's throne and rule the world as King of Kings from Jerusalem. Cf. Rev. 3:21; Rev. 19:16.
- (2) Christ's saints who comprise His Bride will rule all the nations in the Kingdom of heaven (Christ's Kingdom). Cf. Rev. 2:26-27; Luke 19:11-27.
- (3) Christ's Apostles will rule the 12 tribes of Israel. Cf. Luke 22:28-30.
- (4) The devil will be bound in the bottomless pit. Cf. Rev. 20:1-2.

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PART H. THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

SUMMARY

The devil, though bound in the bottomless pit for the entire 1,000-year reign of Christ, will be loosed at the end of Christ's reign. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city [Jerusalem]: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them." Rev. 20:7-9. Here we see that the natural people will all be tried by the devil to determine their will — they either submit to Christ or rebel against Him. God's saints in their resurrected bodies are not tempted again, however. They have passed their final exam already!

(1) Some nations are saved because they accept Christ — some are destroyed because they rebel against His law and rule. Cf. Rev. 21:24.

(2) The devil is cast into the lake of fire again and shall be tormented forever and ever. Rev. 20:10.

(3) Christ turns the reigns of government back to the Father at the end of His 1000-year rule: "Then cometh the end [of the millenium reign], when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; When he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.** For he [God the Father] hath put all things under his feet. But when he [God] saith, all things are put under him [Christ], it is manifest that he [God] is excepted, which did put all things under him [Christ]. And when all things shall be subdued unto him [Christ], then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him [God the Father] that put all things under him, that God [The Father] may be all in all." I Cor. 15:24-28.

(4) **The Great White Throne Judgment Is Next.** Study carefully Rev. 20:11-15.

(5) **Then Heaven Comes Down Upon Earth.** "And I saw a new heaven a a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away [i.e., the curse of sin was lifted and all things made new — verse 5]; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev. 21:1-2. This City of God is a cubicle of about 1400 miles in height, width, and length. Rev. 21:16. God's saints will live in New Jerusalem — the Natural Nations will live on this earth that will be like the original Garden of Eden. Cf. Rev. 21:23-27.

(6) **No More Curse Forever and Ever. Eternity begins here.** “And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.” Rev. 22:3.

THE TREE OF LIFE IS THERE.

“Blessed are they that do his commandments [people of the natural nations], that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” Rev. 22:14.

No more curse — No more sin — No more Devil — No more sorrow — No more Tears — No more Death! “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes: and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Rev. 21:4. AMEN!

MEMORIZATION:

Acts 3:20-21

Rev. 13:7-8

Rev. 20:4

Rev. 6:9-11

Rev. 7:9-10, 13-14

II Peter 1:19-21

Daniel 12:4

Daniel 12:9-10

Amos 3:7

Isa. 28:9-13

Eph. 2:19-20

Rev. 11:3-9

Rev. 12:9-11

Rev. 15:2-3

Matt. 24:8-10

BIBLE SCHOOL OF PROPHECY

LESSON NO. 8

VITAL BIBLE FACTS TO REMEMBER & STUDY

Who wrote the Bible? Holy Men of God. II Peter 1:20-21

Love Chapter — I Corinthians 13

Faith Chapter — Hebrews 11

Resurrection Chapter — I Corinthians 15

Fasting Chapter — Isaiah 58

Longest Book of the Bible — Psalms, 150 chapters

Shortest Book of the Bible — II John, 13 verses

Longest Chapter of the Bible — Psalm 119, 176 verses

Shortest Chapter of the Bible — Psalm 117, 2 verses

Middle Book of the Bible — Psalms

Middle Chapter of the Bible — Psalm 118

Two Chapters Alike — II Kings 19 & Isaiah 37

How Many Books in the Bible? — 66

How Many in the New Testament? — 27

How Many in the Old Testament? — 39

How Many Verses in the Bible — 31,173

How Many Chapters in the Bible — 1189

How Many Authors? About 37.

How Many Years to Write the Bible — 1600 years.



The Great Image of Daniel's Vision that symbolize the great world-wide Gentile Empires, even to the end of our age: BABYLON, MEDO-PERSIA, GREECE, ROME & The ANTICHRIST'S KINGDOM now arising. Daniel 2.



This Beast, in Daniel's prophetic vision, characterizes the end-time Kingdom of Antichrist in all its barbaric ferocity. Daniel 7:1-8.

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