

Supplemental Notes:

*End Times
Scenario*

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Session Listing

Session 1

Introduction. Eschatological Hermeneutics. Preview of the Sessions. Daniel's 70 Weeks.

Session 2

The *Harpazo* ("The Rapture"). Its Biblical Basis. Alternative Views. Old Testament Allusions.

Session 3

Pre-Rapture Events. The 70th Week of Daniel 9: Definition; the Abomination of Desolation; the AntiChrist; the First Beast and the False Prophet; the Mark of the Beast.

Session 4

Babylon. Kings of the East. Armageddon (The Refuge in Edom; The Sequence). The Second Coming. The Kingdom.

Session 5

The Millennium: Satan bound. Amillennialism. The Final Rebellion (Magog #2). The Great White Throne. The Millennial Temple. The New Jerusalem. Recap and Overview.

Session 6

Post-Rapture Events (for the Redeemed). The Bema Seat. The Wedding of the Bride. The Kingdom (from) Heaven. The Overcomers: the *Metachoi*. Letters to 7 Churches.

End Times Scenario Session 1: Introduction

Outline of Session 1

- Eschatological Hermeneutics
- Preview of the Sessions
- Daniel's 70 Weeks
 - Confidential Briefing
 - The Scope (and Role)
 - The 69 Weeks

Eschatological Hermeneutics

We're not here to "sell" a particular viewpoint. We want to equip you to develop your own. We will attempt to "map the terrain" and let you know our views and why we hold them; however, our goal is to develop "self-feeders": students who can think critically themselves, and have sufficient understanding to navigate on their own...

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Acts 17:11

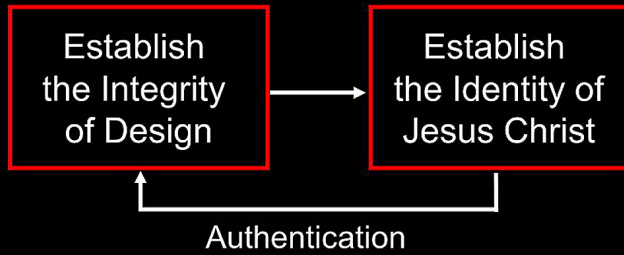
[Our "trademark" verse for over 40 years.] The Thessalonians were persuaded (by argument). The Bereans believed—spiritually apprehended; yet searched (like stalking game; cf. John 5:39).

- Reliance on the "Whole Counsel of God"
- Avoid "One-verse Theology"
- Acts 17:11 "Don't believe Chuck Missler..."
- 66/40... The basic premise underlying our entire ministry

Two Critical Discoveries

- 1) We have in our possession an *Integrated* Message System: 66 separate books penned by over 40 different individuals over thousands of years...*in which every detail is there by deliberate design!*
- 2) And which provably has its origin from *outside our time domain.*

Epistemological Approach



The Old Testament (The *Tenach*)

These Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek by 270 B.C. They contain over 300 prophecies detailing the Coming Messiah. [I am indebted to Peter Stoner's *Science Speaks*... (modified). Can we measure our confidence that Jesus really was who He said He was?]

Old Testament Prophecies *Quoted* in the Gospels

He was to be of David's family	2Sam7:12-16; Ps89:3-4; 110:1; 132:11; Isa 9:6, 7; 11:1
He would be born of a virgin	Gen 3:15; Isa 7:14
He would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2
He would sojourn in Egypt	Hos 11:1
He would live in Galilee	Isa 9:1, 2
...in Nazareth	Isa 11:1
To be announced by an Elijah-like herald	Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1; 4:5
Would cause massacre of Bethlehem's children	Gen 35:19-20; Jer 31:15
Would proclaim a Jubilee to the world	Isa 58:6; 61:1
His mission would include the Gentiles	Isa 42:1-4
Ministry would be one of healing	Isa 53:4
He would teach through parables	Isa 6:9-10; Ps 78:2
He would be disbelieved, rejected by Rulers	Ps69:4; 118:22; Isa6:10; 29:13; 53:1
Would make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem	Zech 9:9; Ps 118:26
Betrayed by friend for 30 pieces of silver	Zech 11:1-13; Ps 41:9
Would be like a smitten shepherd	Zech 13:7
Would be given vinegar and gall	Ps 69:21

They would cast lots for His garments	Ps 22:18
His side would be pierced	Zech 12:10; Ps 22:16
Not a bone would be broken	Ex 12:46; Num 9:12; Ps 34:20
Would die among malefactors	Isa 53:9, 12
His dying words foretold	Ps 22:1; 31:5
Would be buried by a rich man	Isa 53:9
Rise from dead on 3 rd day	Gen 22:4; Jon 1:7; Hos 6:2
Resurrection followed by destruction of Jerusalem	Dan 9:26; 11:31; 12:1, 11

Eschatological Hermeneutics: Need for Precision

*While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, **The Son of David.** He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?* If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?*

Matthew 22:41-45

Son of David: 2 Sam 7:12,13; Ps 78:68-72; Mic 5:2; Quoting Ps 110. Cf. Prov 30:4! Every orthodox Jewish scholar interpreted this to refer to the Messiah. Only the Messiah could sit at the right hand of Jehovah God. Jesus believed in the inspiration and accuracy of the Old Testament Scriptures, for He said that David spoke these words "in the Spirit." As God, Messiah is David's Lord; as man, He is David's Son. He is both "the root and the offspring of David" (Rev 22:16). Psalm 110:1 teaches the deity and the humanity of Messiah. [The entire argument hangs on a "yod": possessive]

<A Psalm of David.>
 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,
 until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

לְדָוִד מְזֻמָּר נְאֻם יְהוָה לְאֲדֹנָי שֵׁב לְיְמִינֵי
 עַד-אֲשֵׁית אִיבֵיךָ תַּחַם לְרַגְלֶיךָ:

Psalm 110:1

And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22:46

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 5:17,18

Preview of the Sessions

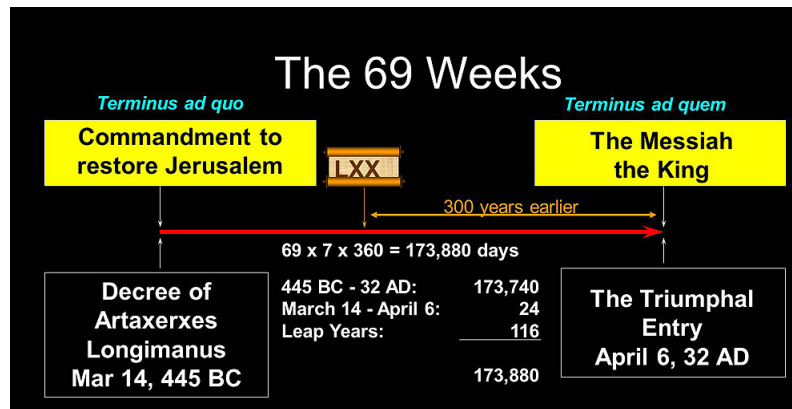
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 - Biblical Basis
 - Pre-Rapture Events
- 3) The 70th Week
- 4) Armageddon and the 2nd Coming
- 5) The Millennium and beyond...
- 6) Post-Rapture Events (for the Redeemed)

Jesus’ Confidential Briefing

Four disciples ask about His Return (Peter, James, John, and Andrew). This is a private briefing described in two Gospels [“Olivet Discourse”; Matthew 24, 25; Mark 13.] He points them to Daniel.

The Seventy Weeks

The Scope	Dan 9:24
The 69 Weeks	Dan 9:25
[An Interval]	Dan 9:26
The 70 th Week	Dan 9:27



Judgment Declared

And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another, because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:41-44

Thirty-eight years later, in A.D. 70, Titus Vespasian had the 5th, 10th, 12th, and 15th Roman Legions lay siege to Jerusalem. In 143 days 600,000 Jews were killed. Historians estimate that over 1.5 million men, women, and children died from the siege and the famine and disease that followed.

Why was Jerusalem destroyed in A.D. 70? Jesus held them *accountable* to know the prophecy of Daniel 9! Their judgment is not forever: Israel will be blinded in part until the “Fulness of the Gentiles” be come in (Rom 11:25).

The Interval

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:26

An interval, or gap, is clearly required by v. 26: events described are after the 69th and prior to the 70th week: Messiah “cut off” (*karat* = executed).

Interval also implied: Isa 61:1,2 (re: Lk 4:18-20); Rev 12:5,6. Also: Isa 54:7; Hos 3:4,5; Amos 9:10,11; Acts 15:13-18; Micah 5:2,3; Zech 9:9,10; Lk 1:31,32; 21:24. Interval defined in Luke 19:42 *until* Rom 11:25.

This interval is the period of the Church, an era kept secret in OT (Mt 13:34,35; Eph 3:5,9): Born at Pentecost (Col 1:18; 1 Cor 12:13; Acts 1:5, 11:15-16); Prerequisites: Atonement (Mt 16:18, 21); Resurrection (Eph 1:20-23); Ascension (Eph 4:7-11).

Church’s Mystery Character

Body concept	Eph 3:3-5,9
Indwelling every believer	Col 1:26-27

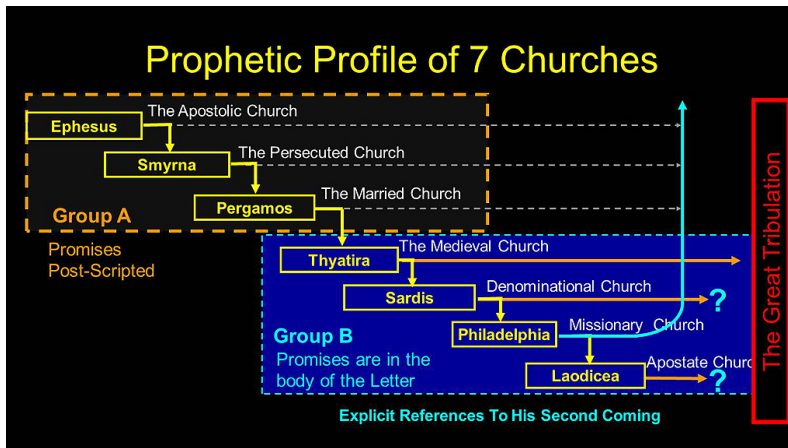
Bride of Christ
Harpazo (“Rapture”)
 One “New Man”
 Distinguished from
 Jews and Gentiles

Eph 5:22-32
 1 Cor 15:50-58
 Eph 2:15; Cf. Rev 12:5
 1 Cor 10:32

End Times Scenario Session 2: The Rapture

The Book of Revelation

The only book that promises a special blessing. All in “code,” but each “code” is explained within the Biblical text. The most relevant portions are those specifically addressed to us: Chapter 2 & 3: The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches



“...people of the prince that shall come...” (Daniel 9:26). “Prince that shall come” is one of 33 titles of the Coming World Leader in the OT. We will explore this “Coming World Leader” in Session 3...

The 70th Week: Daniel 9:27

The 70th week prophecy is foundational to both Old Testament & New Testament eschatology. This will be the subject of Session 3. Session 2 will first deal with the most preposterous doctrine in Christianity...

Outline of Session 2

- The *Harpazo* (“The Rapture”)
 - The most preposterous doctrine in Evangelical Christianity
 - The Scriptural Basis
 - Alternative Views; Doctrine of Imminence
 - Old Testament Allusions

Most Preposterous Belief of Biblical Christianity

The Promise	The Blessed Hope
The Process	
The Purpose	Pattern is Prologue
The Prophetic Profile	
The Problems	

The Promise: John 14

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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 unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

The Jewish Wedding

- The *Ketubah*, Betrothal
 - Payment of the purchase price
 - Set apart (sanctified)
- Bridegroom departs to Father’s House
 - Prepares room addition
 - Bride prepares for his imminent return
- Surprise gathering
 - *Huppah*, Wedding
- Seven day Marriage supper

[Isa 61:10; Jdg 14:10-11; Jer 2:32; Isa 49:18; Ps 45:8-15; Jer 7:34; 16:9; 25:10; Ps 45:8-15; Mt 25:1-13; Jdg 14:12; Mt 9:15; 22:11-14; Jn 2:1.]

The Marriage Fulfilled

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

The Process: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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 precede 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*deinde nos qui vivimus qui relinquimur simul **rapiemur** cum illis in nubibus obviam Domino in aera et sic semper cum Domino erimus*
1 Thessalonians 4:17 (Latin Vulgate)

Rapiemur is the proper tense of *rapio*: Our English words “rapt” and “rapture” come from the past participle of *rapio*.

Seven “Raptures”

- 1) Enoch Gen 5:42; Heb 11:5
- 2) Elijah 2 Kgs 2:1, 11
- 3) Jesus Mk 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 12:5
- 4) Philip Acts 8:39
- 5) Paul 2 Cor 12:2-4
- 6) Body of Christ 1 Thess 4:17
- 7) John Rev 4:1

The Purpose: 1 Corinthians 15:50-55

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

1 Corinthians 15:50-55

“...twinkling of an eye”: Digital Limit: 10⁻⁴³ seconds.

The Physics of Immortality

- Dimensionality 1 Jn 3:2
- οἰκητήριον *oiketerion* 2 Cor 5:2; cf. Jude 6

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

2 Corinthians 5:1,2

“...house”: οἰκητήριον *oiketerion* (only here and Jude 6).

“clothed upon”: ἐπειδύομαι *ependuomai* (compound of *epi*, *en*, *duo*) to put on over, one piece of clothing over another presently being worn.

The Doctrine of Imminence

In the Jewish Wedding, the Bridegroom departs to Father's House; he prepares a room addition and his bride prepares for his imminent return.

Imminent = next expectation: Not be confused with “immanent,” that God is not only transcendent, or far above us, but that He is always with us and active on our behalf. Nor should it be confused with “eminent,” which is a title of honor reserved for persons of outstanding distinction.

Believers are taught to expect the Savior from heaven at any moment (Phil 3:20; Titus 2:13; Heb 9:28; 1 Thess 1:10; 4:18; 5:6; Rev 22:20).

They are to express hope and a warm spirit of expectancy (1 Thess 1:10), which should result in a victorious and purified life (1 Jn 3:2,3).

Paul seemed to include himself among those who looked for Christ's return (1 Thess 4:15,17; 2 Thess 2:1). Timothy was admonished to "keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Tim 6:14). Jewish converts were reminded that "yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." (Heb 10:37); "Occupy til I come" (Luke 19:13). The expectation of some were so strong that they had stopped work and had to be exhorted to return to their jobs (2 Thess 3:10-12); and have patience (James 5:8).

Two Extremes

- 1) Rapture-itis
- 2) Rapture paralysis

Rapturemania: The Date Setters (A uniquely American dementia). Just because the Church will *not* go through The Great Tribulation, *why should we escape what most of the Body of Christ in most of the world for most of the past 2,000 years has had to endure?*

Date Setters

- Joachim of Flores, 1260
- Miltitz of Kromeriz, 1365
- Joseph Mede, 1660
- John Napier, 1688
- Pierre Jurieu of France, 1689
- William Whitson, 1715; then 1734; then 1866
- J.A. Bengal, 1836
- Joseph Worlf, 1847
- William Miller, 1843; then Oct. 22, 1844
- C.T. Russell, 1874
- E.C. Whisenant's "88 reasons for 1988"
- Harold Camping, September 1994, May 21, 2011, Oct. 21, 2011
- More coming: 2012, et al . . .

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
Matthew 24:42

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
Matthew 24:44

Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.
Matthew 25:13; Mark 13:33-37

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.
Luke 12:40

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.
Acts 1:7

The Second Coming The "Rapture"

Daniel 2:44-45	John 14:1-3
Daniel 7:9-14	1 Cor 15:1-53
Daniel 12:1-3	1 Thess 4:13-18
Zech 14:1-15	Rom 8:19
Matt 13:41	1 Cor 1:7-8
Matt 24:15-31	1 Cor 16:22
Matt 26:64	Phil 3:20-21
Mark 13:14-27	Col 3:4
Mark 14:62	1 Thess 1:10
Luke 21:25-28	1 Thess 2:19
Acts 1:9-11	1 Thess 5:9
Acts 3:19-21	1 Thess 5:23
1 Thess 3:13	2 Thess 2:1, (3)
2 Thess 1:6-10	1 Tim 6:14
2 Thess 2:8	2 Tim 4:1
2 Peter 3:1-14	Titus 2:13
Jude 14-15	Heb 9:28
Rev 1:7	James 5:7-9
Rev 19:11-20:6	1 Peter 1:7, 13
Rev 22:7, 12, 20	1 John 2:28-3:2
	Jude 21
	Rev 2:25
	Rev 3:10

Two Events?

Rapture

Translation of all believers.
Translated saints go to heaven.
Earth not judged.

Imminent, any-moment, signless.

Not in the Old Testament.
Believers only.
Before the day of wrath.
No reference to Satan.
Christ comes *for* His own.
He comes in the *air*.
He claims His bride.
Only His own see.
Tribulation begins
Church believers only?

Second Coming

No translation at all.
Translated saints return to earth.
Earth judged; righteousness established.
Follows definite predicted signs, including Tribulation.

Predicted often in Old Testament.
Affects all men on the earth.
Concluding the day of wrath.
Satan is bound.
Christ comes *with* His own.
He comes to the *earth*.
He comes with His bride.
Every eye shall see Him.
Millennial Kingdom begins.
OT saved raised later?

The Marriage Fulfilled

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

The "Great Tribulation"

Defined by Jesus, in a quote from Daniel 12:

For then shall be Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:21,22

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

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.

Jeremiah 30:7

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 23:37-39

*I will go **and** return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.*

Hosea 5:15

"The Body of Christ"

The New Testament portrays the church in the idiom of a Bride (Eph 5:22-33; Rom 7:4; 2 Cor 11:2; James 4:4). Paul even quotes Gen 2:24 as the union at the *parousia* of the Bridegroom (Eph 5:31). The Church is expressly exempted from God's wrath (1 Thess 5:9; Rev 3:10).

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

Matthew 11:13; Luke 16:16

Not all "Saints" are Alike

- Old Testament Saints
- The Church
- The Tribulation Saints (Daniel 7:21, 22; Rev 13:7)

Old Testament Patterns

- Enoch and the Flood of Noah Gen 5:24
- Isaac's Absence after his offering Gen 22:19 --24:62
- Ruth during the Threshing Floor Scene Ruth 3:7-9
- Daniel's absence from the Fiery Furnace Daniel 5

Three Groups Facing Flood of Noah

- 1) Those that *perished in* the Flood
- 2) Those *preserved through* the Flood
- 3) Those *removed prior* to the Flood (Enoch)

- Enoch Born: *Hag Shavuot*
 - Enoch Translated: *Hag Shavuot*
 - Church born: *Hag Shavuot* *
- * = Feast of Weeks, Harvest, Pentecost

Old Testament Allusions?

*Thy dead **men** shall live, **together with** my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew **is as** the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For; behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*

Isaiah 26:19-21

Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

Zephaniah 2:3

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalms 27:5

The Problems

- Amillennialism
- Will the Church enter the Tribulation?

The Return of Christ to Rule

- 1,845 references in the Old Testament
 - 17 books give prominence to the event
- 318 references in the New Testament
 - 216 chapters
 - 23 of 27 books give prominence to the event
- For every prophecy of Christ's 1st Coming there are 8 of His Second Coming!

The History of Amillennialism

- Origen: Allegorization of Scripture
- Augustine: Amillennialism
- Roman Catholic Eschatology
- Reformation failed to address...
 - Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial and Post-Tribulational in their eschatological views

Amillennial Problems

- Messianic Promises throughout the Old Testament
- Destiny of Israel in God's Covenants
- Promise given to Mary by Angel Gabriel
- Numerous reconfirmations in the New Testament

Divisions of Theology

Bibliology	The Bible
Theology Proper	Attributes of God
Christology	Lord Jesus Christ
Pneumatology	Holy Spirit
Angelology	Angels, fallen and unfallen
Anthropology	Man
Soteriology	Salvation
Ecclesiology	The Church
Eschatology	End-Times; Last Things

Notice what's missing? Israelology = the study of Israel as an instrument in God's program for man

Israel and the Church

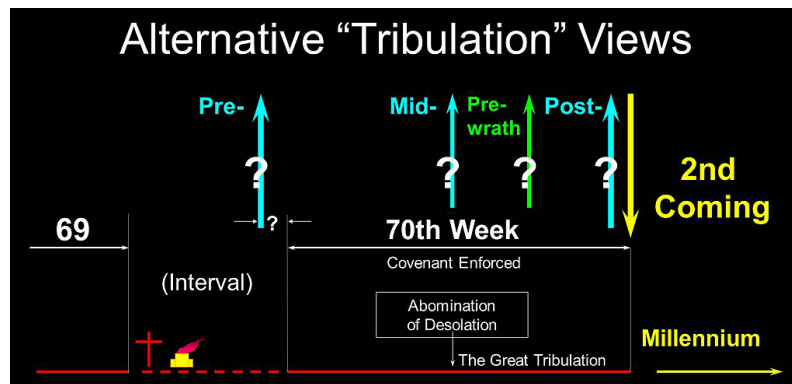
- Distinctions
 - Different Origins, Missions, Destinies
- “Replacement” views deny Israel its place in God’s program
 - Makes God a Liar
 - Laid the basis for Christian Anti-Semitism
- The “70 Weeks” deal specifically with *Israel*
- Paul’s dichotomy: Jews + Gentiles = Church
- Distinctives *reappear* after Revelation 4...

Post-Tribulation Views

- Classic Post-Tribulationism (Payne, et al.)
- Semi-classic Post-Tribulationism (Alexander Reese)
- Futuristic Post-Tribulationism (George E. Ladd)
- Dispensational Post-Tribulationism (Robert H. Gundry)

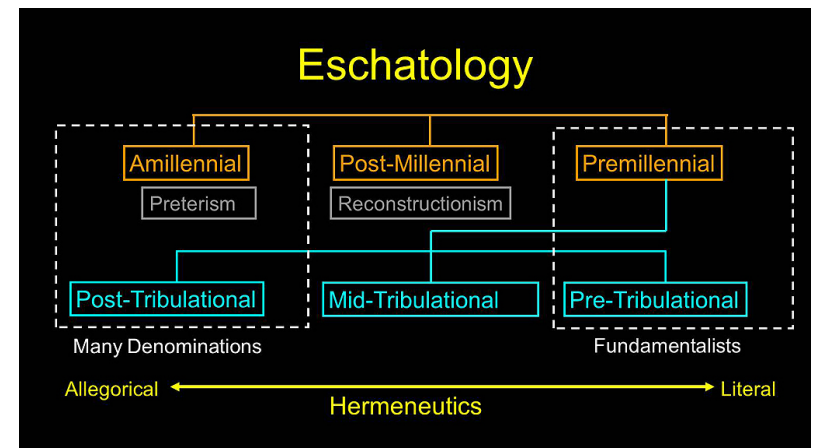
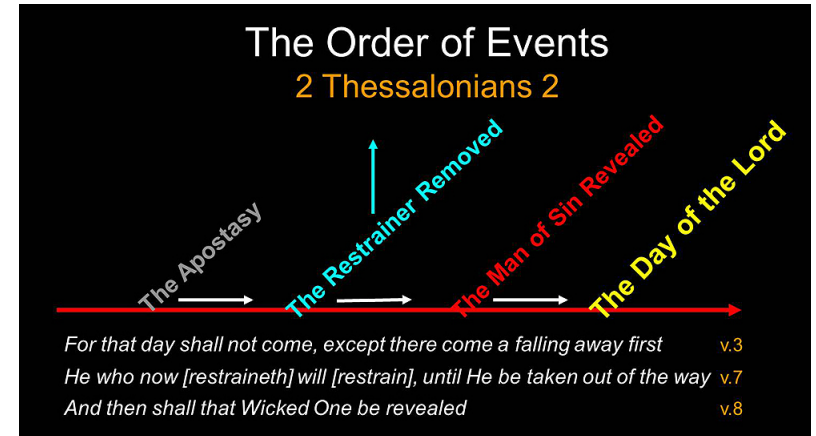
Post-Tribulation Problems

- Denies NT teaching of Imminency
 - We are to expect Him at *any* moment...
- Requires the Church during 70th Week
 - Israel and the Church mutually exclusive (Dan 9:26)
- Church experiences God’s Wrath
 - Promised *not* to experience (1 Thess 5:9; Rev 3:10)
- How can the Bride come *with* Him?
- Who will populate the Millennium?
- Who are in the “Sheep and Goat” Judgment of Matthew 25?
- How can the virgins of Matthew 25 buy oil without the Mark of the Beast?



Rapture Precedes the Tribulation

- 70th Week is *defined* by covenant enforced by the Coming World Leader (Dan 9:27)
- “Great Tribulation” = last 1/2 of 70th Week (Mt 24:15, 21)
- The Leader cannot be revealed until *after* the Rapture (2 Thess 2:6-9)



Early Pre-Tribulation Eschatology

- *Epistle of Barnabas*, (A.D. 100)
- Irenaeus, in *Against Heresies*
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*For all the saints and Elect of God are gathered, prior to the tribulation that is to come, and are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins.
On the Last Times, the Antichrist, and the End of the World*

Modern Pre-Tribulation Eschatology

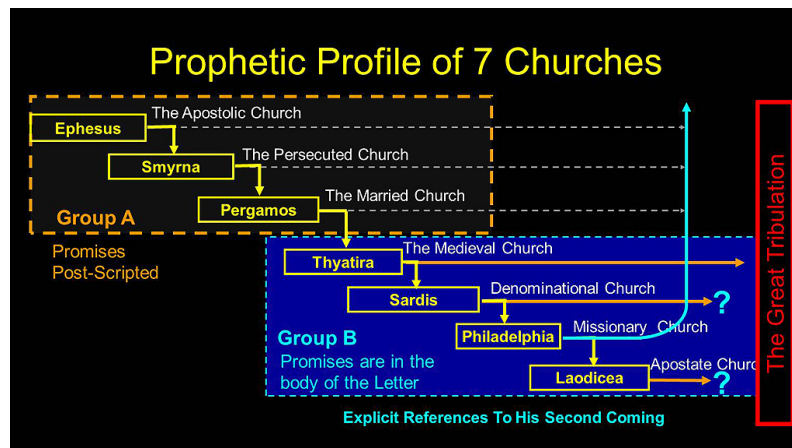
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Revelation Architecture

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



10 Reasons: Rapture *Before* Tribulation

- 1) Promise of; from hour of trial
Gr. *Ek*, from which we get “exit” Rev 3:10
- 2) Not the object of God’s wrath Rev 6:16
Cf. 1 Thess 5:9
- 3) Escape (not endure) tribulation: Luke 21:36
- 4) Look up (not “out”); redemption Luke 21:28
- 5) War: call ambassadors home 2 Cor 5:20
- 6) Restrainer removed *before* Antichrist 2 Thess 2
- 7) In the twinkling of an eye: not an extended activity
- 8) In the air, not the earth
- 9) Woman = Israel, not the church Rev 12:5
- 10) Marriage of the Bride: in heaven!
– Includes the raptured! *Before* Rev 19:11-14

John Walvoord’s book, *The Rapture Question*, includes 50!

Architectural Summary

- 7 Lampstands (identified by Christ as representing the Church in Rev 1:20) are in heaven in Rev 4:5.
- The 24 Elders represent the Redeemed in Rev 4 & 5.
- They precede the Lamb receiving the Seven-sealed Book.
- It is the opening of the seals that initiate the judgments of Rev 6-19.

End Times Scenario

Session 3: Pre-Rapture Events/70th Week

Outline of Session 3

- Pre-Rapture Events
- The 70th Week of Daniel 9
 - Definition
 - The Abomination of Desolation
 - The AntiChrist; the 1st Beast; the False Prophet; the Mark of the Beast

The Magog Invasion: Ezekiel 38 & 39

- 1) The occasion in which God Himself intervenes to quell the ill-fated invasion of Israel by Magog and its allies—Persia, Cush, Phut,

Libya, Gomer, Togarmah, Meshech, and Tubal (see map below). Why all the strange names? *We* make it do so: we keep changing the names of things:

Petrograd = St. Petersburg = Leningrad = St. Petersburg again...
 Byzantium = Constantinople = Istanbul
 Cape Canaveral = Cape Kennedy, etc.

2) The passage also appears to anticipate the use of nuclear weapons.



Israel in peace, *without walls?* (Ezek 38:8, 10-12).

Major Walls: – China, 200 B.C.
 – Berlin, 1961
 – Israel today: 25 ft high, 430 miles

Preparatory Steps

The Arab-Israeli conflict; the Iranian nuclear emergence; the oil discoveries in the Caspian Sea between Russia and Iran...all are but preparatory steps in advance of the big show. *But why no mention of Israel's immediate neighbors?*

The Missing Nations (from Ezek 38, 39)

- Palestinians?
- Lebanese?
- Syrians?
- Iraq?
- Jordanians?

- Egyptians?
- Saudi Arabians?

In Israel's recent history, the invading forces have been its Islamic neighbors—Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the displaced Arab refugees referred to as the “Palestinians.”

Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

Ezekiel 37:9

“...four winds”: The breath of life is breathed from the four winds of heaven (cf. Jer 49:36); a symbol of the universal life-giving Spirit of God (Cf. Gen 1:2).

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding[ly] great army.

Ezekiel 37:10

Three steps:

- 1) They were scattered;
- 2) They came together, with flesh and skin (still dead bodies);
- 3) They came to life...and became an *exceedingly* great army!?

Psalm 83: The Forthcoming Scenario?

<A Song or Psalm of Asaph.>

- 1] Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
- 2] For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

This is the last psalm of the Asaph series (50, 71-83) and a rather puzzling one. Whoever these enemies are here, they hate God and are “lifting their head.

- 3] They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

“...hidden ones”: Post-Harpazo?

- 4] They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
- 5] For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

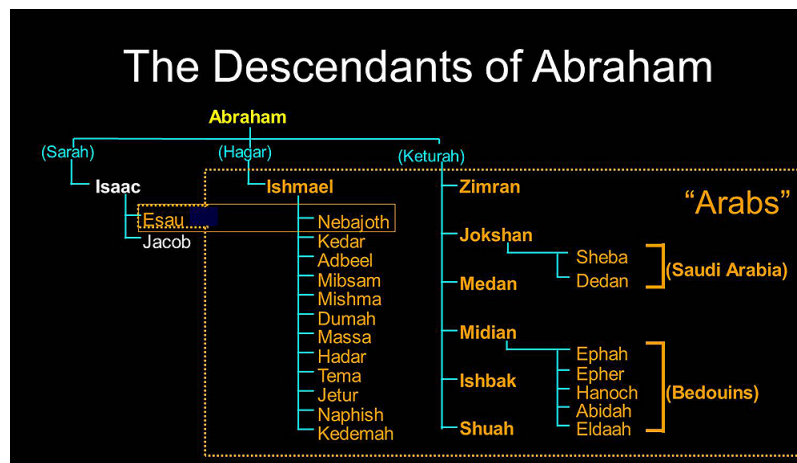
The very commitment of Islam: “to wipe Israel off the face of the map!”
It is their primary basis of confederation.

- 6] The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
- 7] Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
- 8] Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

The “Tents of Edom”

“The tabernacles of Edom”: Edom was the traditional enemy of Israel.
The “tents of Edom”: Palestinian Refugees and Southern Jordanians.

“...the Ishmaelites”: “And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man’s hand against him” (Gen 16:12). Arabs are called “the sons of the East” (Job 1:3).



“...Moab”: A descendant of Lot. Palestinian Refugees and Central Jordan.

“...Hagarenes”: The descendants of Hagar were Egyptians.

“...Gebal”: Hebrew: *gebhal*; a line or natural boundary, as a mountain range. Northern Lebanese.

“...Ammon”: Palestinian Refugees and Northern Jordanians. (The capital of Jordan is Amman).

“...Amalek”: Arabs south of Israel. (Agag was the king of the Amalekites; also, Haman of Esther).

“...Philistines”: Palestinian Refugees and the Hamas of the Gaza Strip.

“...Tyre”: Hezbollah and Southern Lebanese.

“...Assur”: “Assur” is Assyria. Today: Syria and Northern Iraq.

“...holpen”: זרוע *zerowa* “been an arm to.”

“...children of Lot” would be Moab and Ammon.

- 9] Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
- 10] Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.

“...Midianites”: an Arabian tribe descended from Midian, 4th son of Abraham by Keturah. They inhabited principally the desert north of the peninsula of Arabia (Gen 25:2; 1 Chr 1:32). In the Book of Judges we read how God judged those nations. There are those who say that God will not judge that way in the future. He won’t? He has judged that way in the past. God has not changed. What He has done in the past, He will do in the future. For that reason this is impressive.

“...Sisera, as to Jabin”: Sisera, captain of the host of Jabin, the Canaanite king who reigned in Hazor; routed by the army of Barak on the plain of Esdraelon; he was killed by Jael (Judg 4 & 5).

“...Endor”: On the northern slope of Little Hermon, about 7 miles from Jezreel. It was the place in the territory of Issachar near the scene of the great victory gained by Deborah and Barak over Sisera and Jabin; here Saul resorted to consult the witch on the eve of his fatal engagement with the Philistines.

- 11] Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
- 12] Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

“...Oreb and Zeeb...Zebah and Zalmunna”: Oreb and Zeeb were the prince generals of Midian; Zebah and Zalmunna were their kings. Defeated by Gideon: the men of Ephraim intercepted the Midianites and slew with great slaughter (Judg 7:25; 8:3).

- 13] O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
- 14] As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
- 15] So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
- 16] Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.

- 17] Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
- 18] That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

“Name alone is JEHOVAH”: יהוה *Yehovah*: In contrast to *Al-Ilah, the Moon God*... Apparently, the only way this world is going to know that God is God is for Him to move in judgment.

Judgment Upon the Nations

Ezekiel 25-32:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ammon 2. Moab 3. Edom 4. Philistia 5. Tyre 6. Sidon 7. Egypt 	}	<p>All Islamic</p>
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The Enemies

At the present time Israel is surrounded by immediate neighbors committed to “wiping them off the map.” It is misleading to represent them as “Arabs”: *they are Muslims*. It would appear that a *prerequisite victory* for Israel will set the stage for the subsequent ill-fated attempt of the “outer ring” nations *seeking spoils*...

Order of Events?

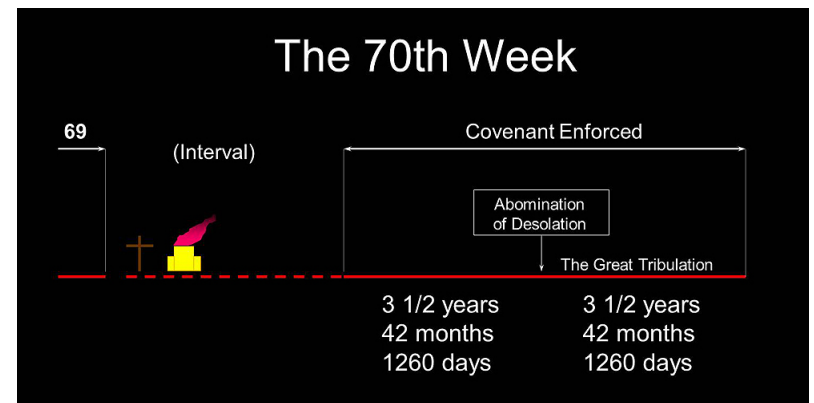
- 1) Israel regathered in the Land (Ezek 37:12; Isa 11:11,12; Deut 30:3-5).
- 2) Ancient cities rebuilt and inhabited (Ezek 36:1-5, 8-10).
- 3) They meet Muslim/“Arab” resistance (Jer 49:16; Zeph 2:8; Ezek 25:12; 32:5; 36:2; Obad 1:10).
- 4) Israel establishes an army for defence (Ezek 36:6,7; 38:8).
- 5) Adjacent Muslim nations Confederate (Ps 83:1-8).
- 6) Confederacy committed to the destruction of Israel (Ps 83:1-5, 12).
- 7) War starts between Confederacy & Israel (Jer 49:2, 8, 19).
- 8) Title regained: “My people Israel” (Hos 1:8-10; Rom 9:25,26; Ezek 36:8-12).
- 9) Israel decisively defeats the Confederacy (Obad 1:9, 18; Ezek 25:13,14; Jer 49:10,20,21, 23-26; Isa 11:12-14; 17:1; 19:16,17).

- 10) Israel has become “an exceedingly great army” (Ezek 37:10; Jer 49:21).
- 11) Israel takes prisoners of war (Jer 48:46,47; 49:3,6,11; Zeph 2:10,11).
- 12) The Region is reshaped (Isa 17:1; Jer 49:2, 10; Zeph 2:4).
- 13) Israel expands its borders (Obad 1:19; Jer 49:2; Isa 19:18,19).
- 14) Israel “dwells securely” in the Land (Ezek 38:10-12).

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This segment of God’s plan is to be fulfilled (Psalm 83). *Then* the ill-fated Magog Invasion attempt will be ready (Ezekiel 38 & 39).

Israel, God’s Timepiece: The 70th Week



“Time, Times, and ½ Time”

- “Times” = dual, (later lost in Aramaic)
 - 1 + 2 + ½ = 3½ Dan 7:25, Dan 12:7; Rev 12:14
- 3½ years Dan 9:27; 12:7
- 42 months Rev 11:2; 13:5
- 1260 days Rev 11:3; Dan 12:6
- ½ “week” Dan 9:27

The Great Tribulation

For then shall be Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24:21,22

The Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7)

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

*I will go **and** return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.*

Hosea 5:15

The Prince that Shall Come: Seed of the Serpent

And he [“the prince that shall come”] shall enforce the covenant with [the] many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 9:27

The Covenant Enforced with “The Many”: “The many” is an idiom for Israel. This is the “Covenant with Hell,” Isa 28:15; Zech 11:15-17 etc.

The “Abomination of Desolation”

- Antiochus IV (“Epiphanes”) 175-164 B.C.
- Made Torah reading punishable by death
- Slaughtered a sow on the Altar
- Erected an idol to Zeus in the Holy of Holies
 - “The Abomination of Desolation” (Mt 24:15)
- The Macabbean Revolt
 - Three years: threw off the yoke of Seleucid Empire
 - Rededicated the Temple: 25th of Kislev, 165 B.C.; celebrated as *Chanukah* (Jn 10:22)

The Emerging World Leader

Old Testament Allusions (from 33):

- Seed of the Serpent Gen 3:15
- Idol Shepherd Zech 11:16, 17
- Little Horn Dan 7:8-11, 21-26; Dan 8:9-12, 23-25

- Prince that shall come Dan 9:26
- Willful King Dan 11:36

New Testament Allusions (from 13)

- Beast Rev 11:7; 13
- False Prophet Rev 13
- Antichrist (Pseudo-Christ) 1 John 2:22
- Lawless One 2 Thess 2:8
- Man of Sin 2 Thess 2:3
- One come in his own name John 5:43
- Son of Perdition 2 Thess 2:3

Jew or Gentile?

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

The Coming World Leader

- “Big Mouth” (6X!): Dan 7:8, 11, 20; 11:36; Ps 52; 2 Thess 2:4
- The Leader will be the Son of Satan: Gen 3:15; Isa 27:1; Ezek 28:12-19; Rev 13
- He will be an intellectual genius: Dan 7:20; 8:23; Ezek 28:3
- He will be an oratorical Genius: Dan 7:20; Rev 13:2
- He will be a political genius: Dan 11:21
- He will be a commercial genius: Dan 8:25; Dan 11:38, 43; Ezek 28:4, 5; Rev 13:17; Ps 52:7;
- He will be a military genius: Dan 8:24; Rev 6:2; Rev 13:4; Isa 14:16
- He will be a governmental genius: Rev 13:1, 2; 17:17
- He will be a religious genius: 2 Thess 2:4 (“Allah?”); Rev 13:3, 14, 15
- See also: Ps 10, 52, 55; Isa 10, 11, 13, 14; Jer 49-51; Zech 5; Rev 18

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

Isaiah 10:24, 25

That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

Isaiah 14:25,26

And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger; and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

Isaiah 30:30,31

And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.

Micah 5:5,6

Roman Legions were not (necessarily) European:

- Tenth Legion: Cohorts & Axillaries—Tracum Syriaca, Syria Ulpia Petraeorum-Petra (Edom), and Syria...**all Assyrians!**

666?

And he 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. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Revelation 13:16-18

χ	600	ἑξακόσιοι	hexakosioi
ξ	60	ἑξήκοντα	hexakonta
ς	6	ἕξ.	hex
	666		

X ξ ς Antichrist = Pseudo-Christ
Χριστός Christos

Whose Number?

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

Forms of Gematria

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

“If you torture the data long enough, it will confess to anything.”

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

Zechariah 11:17

666?

- Islamic *Shahadatan*: a declaration of allegiance to Allah and Muhammad worn by millions on the forehead or right arm
- Greek *dexios*: right arm or right side
- *Charagma*: badge of servitude
- Number of his name, or multitude?

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

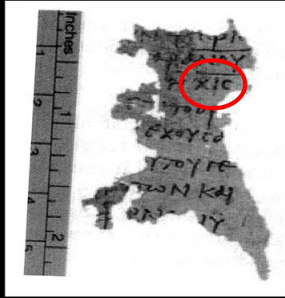
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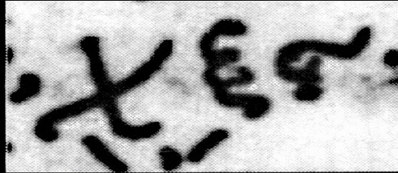
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Manuscript Evidence

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Codex Vaticanus
350 AD



Bis'm Allah: "In the Name of Allah" is written at an upward angle; Two swords are a traditional symbol of Islam.

If you lay the ξ on its belly you get the word Allah.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding decide [who] the multitude of the beast [is]: for it is the multitude of a man [that is, Muhammad]; and his multitude are "In the name of Allah."

Revelation 13:18 (Shoebat)

Wahlid Shoebat suggests that the fabled Antichrist may prove to be a Muslim... Joel Richardson, among others, agrees.

End Times Scenario

Session 4: Post-Rapture Events (on Earth)

Outline of Session 4

- Babylon
- Kings of East
- Armageddon
 - The Refuge in Edom
 - The Sequence
- The Second Coming
- The Kingdom

The Destiny of Babylon

- Isaiah 13 & 14
- Jeremiah 50 & 51
- Revelation 17 & 18

The Doom of Babylon

- Fall of Babylon (539 B.C.)
 - Conquered by the Persians without a battle
 - Became Alexander's capital
 - Atrophied over the centuries
 - Presently being rebuilt
- Destruction of Babylon (Isa 13, 14; Jer 50, 51)
 - "Never to be inhabited"
 - "Building materials never reused"
 - "Like Sodom and Gomorrah"
- "Mystery Babylon?" (Rev 17-18)

Zechariah 5: The Woman in the Ephah

Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth. And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

Zechariah 5:5-11

- Ephah
 - Woman called "Wickedness"
 - Sealed in with talent of lead
- Carried by two women
 - With wings of a stork
 - Between the earth and heaven
 - "To build it a house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base."

Behold, these shall come from far: and lo, these from the north and from the west: and these from the land of Sinim.

Isaiah 49:12

The Kings of the East

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.

Revelation 16:12

Asia: Preparing for a Global Power Switch

From the “cradle of civilization”—Mesopotamia—to the great empires of Persia, Greece, and Rome—to the dominance of Northern Europe and onto America. As Henry Luce dubbed it, the 20th century truly was the “American” century. But not to last... Clearly, the 21st century will be the “Asian Century.” China and India will account for more than half of the entire global GDP. But it won’t stop there: The final Kingdom will be established where it all began... (We’ll talk about that in our final session...)

Armageddon

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Revelation 16:16

*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.*

Revelation 19:11

The Coming King: Ps 2; 45; 46; 47; 50:1-6; 68; Isa 11, 24:19-23, 25, 26:20, 21; 63:1-6; 65:5-16; Dan 2:44-45; 7:9-14; Joel 3; Hab 3; Zech 14.

*The Spirit of the Lord GOD **is** upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to **them that are** bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God...*

Isaiah 61:1,2

*His eyes **were** as a flame of fire, and on his head **were** many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he **was** clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

Revelation 19:12,13

The Refuge in Edom

The forces gathered in the Plain of Jezreel are, presumably, preparing to attack Jerusalem. However, the remnant has fled to Petra (Bozrah), and that is Satan’s primary target. The Lord’s Return is, initially, there! (Isa 63:1-6).

*Who **is** this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this **that is** glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore **art thou** red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people **there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and **there was none to help; and I wondered that **there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.*******

Isaiah 63:1-6

*And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand **and** six hundred furlongs.*

Revelation 14:20

*And the armies **which were** in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 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 the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Revelation 19:14,15

- Not the Rapture, but the Revelation!
- Not in the air, but to the earth!
- Not FOR the saints, but WITH the saints!
- Not to comfort, but to conquer!
- Not to protect us in heaven but to rule with us on earth!

*And he hath on **his** vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all **men, both** free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

Revelation 19:16-19

Bizarre: Knowingly making war against God! (Ps 2:1-9). The “battle” is the laughter of God against man’s arrogance. Headquartered in Palestine

(Dan 11:45), the Coming World Leader will go forth in great fury (Dan 11:44); Joel 2; Daniel 11; Isaiah 24 (note v.21). A great motorized army (Nahum 3:2), arrayed in red (!) (Nahum 2:3) will swing into the area. Pre-requisite to the Second Coming: a petition by the remnant, taking refuge in the east: Hos 5:15, et al. [Source: Fruchtenbaum]

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Psalm 2:1-3

What "Bands" or "Cords"?

- Marriage
- Heterosexuality
- Ten Commandments
- The rule of law... The move toward lawlessness... and the man of lawlessness!

Psalm 2

- The Voice of the Nations 2:1-3
- The Voice of the Father 2:4-6
- The Voice of the Son 2:7-9
- The Voice of the Spirit 2:10-12

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Psalm 2:4-6

*I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye **that are** escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god **that** cannot save. Tell ye, and bring **them** near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? **who** hath told it from that time? **have** not I the LORD? and **there is** no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; **there is** none beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I **am** God, and **there is** none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth **in** righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Surely, shall **one** say, in the LORD have I righteousness*

*and strength: **even** to him shall **men** come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.*

Isaiah 45:19-25

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **things** in heaven, and **things** in earth, and **things** under the earth; And **that** every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Philippians 2:5-11

*I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, "Thou **art** my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen **for** thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth **for** thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

Psalm 2:7-9

"The Rod of Iron"

And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father:

Revelation 2:27

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Revelation 12:5

*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 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.*

Revelation 19:15,16

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 2:10-12

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jude 1:14

A prophecy of the Second Coming of Christ! ...uttered *before* the Flood of Noah!

To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jude 1:15

The Second Coming appears to focus on the widespread ungodliness (apostate and otherwise)!

Enoch's Prophecy

- 1) We know the Lord's coming is sure
- 2) We know who will accompany the Lord
- 3) We know the purpose of His coming
- 4) We know the result of the Lord's coming

1) We Know the Lord's Coming is Sure: We have the assurance of past tense (cf. Rev 19:11-14). Like history, nothing can change it. He is "able to subdue all things to Himself" (Phil 3:21).

2) We Know Who Will Accompany the Lord: He will come "with His holy myriads" (Zech 14:5; Rev 19:14; Dan 7:10). Moses: ten thousands of "holy ones" (Acts 7:53; Gal 3:19). Christ's return: "All the holy angels" (Mt 25:31); believers also (Col 3:4; 1 Thess 3:13); "we shall judge angels" (1 Cor 6:2,3).

3) We Know the Purpose of His Coming: First and last prophecy given through a man focuses on His Second Coming in judgment (Rev 22:20). He will come to bring judgment (*krisis*) (Heb 9:26-28):

- "*krisis*" of Sodom Luke 10:14
- "a certain fearful looking for *krisis*" Heb 10:27
- "the day of *krisis* ...of ungodly men" 2 Pet 3:7
- No believer will ever come into *krisis* John 5:24
 - a different word is used: *bema* Rom 14:10; 2 Cor 5:10
- Who will be this judge? "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son" (Jn 5:22) "...according to truth...deeds... My gospel" (Rom 2:2,6,16).

4. We Know the Result of the Lord's Coming: All the ungodly will be convicted of all their works of ungodliness..."Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire" (Mt 25:31-46); Books opened...according

to their works (Rev 20:11-15); heavens and earth reserved unto fire... (2 Pet 3:7)...which they have ungodly wrought. He looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7)...hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him ...every idle word which men shall speak (Mt 12:36).

Who Will Be Judged?

- "All":
 - He cometh to judge the earth Ps 96:13
 - ...all nations Joel 3:12; Mt 25:32
 - ...with their cities Mt 11:22; 12:41
 - ...every man, living or dead 2 Tim 4:1; 2 Thess 1:7-9
 - ...fallen angels (v.6) et al. Isa 24:21
 - ...and demons Mt 8:29

And the beast 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. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 19:20,21

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zechariah 14:2-4

The Kingdom

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

Nothing in heaven or on earth is more certain.

The Return of Christ to Rule

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Unconditional Covenants

- 1) The Abrahamic Covenant Gen 12
 - Challenged by the world
- 2) The Land Covenant Gen 15
 - Challenged by Islam
- 3) The Davidic Covenant 2 Sam 7
 - Challenged by the "Church"
- 4) The Everlasting Covenant Jer 31:31

The Davidic Covenant

*Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great **men** that **are** in the earth. Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded judges **to be** over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house. And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*

2 Samuel 7:8-16

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of **his** government and peace **there shall be** no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Isaiah 9:6,7

New Testament Confirmations

- Annunciation Luke 1:31-33
- Ascension Acts 1:6-9
- Council of Jerusalem Acts 15:15-18
- Kingdom Parables Matthew 13
- Millennium Revelation 20

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:31-33

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:6-9

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the Tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Acts 15:15-18

*I will go **and** return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly.*

Hosea 5:15

He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:11

"...mysteries of the kingdom of heaven": This term in the New Testament referred to truths not revealed in the Old Testament but which now were made known to those instructed

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

There are 739 references to "heaven": 583 "heaven"; 133 "heavens"; "heavenly" 23. They are similar, but, in over 100 examples, the differences appear deliberate! Hebrew & German: "von" = "of" or "from": The Kingdom From Heaven...

Daniel 2

*And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, **but** it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.*

Daniel 2:44,45

Rightly Dividing the Truth	
<p>“Kingdom of God”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Beyond visibility – Angels – Cherubim, et al – Began prior to the Earth – Inclusive of all Creation 	<p>“Kingdom from Heaven”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Physical, has locality – Mankind only; earthly – A political institution Dan 2:44 – Has a capital: Jerusalem – Was usurped; destined to be regained Matt 11:12

The Kingdom of Heaven 12s

- 12 Tribes
- 12 Apostles (ruling over the 12 Tribes); Mt 19:28; Lk 22:30
- 12 Kingdom of Heaven Parables
- 12 Kingdom Mysteries
- 12,000 sealed from each of 12 Tribes; Rev 7
- New Jerusalem; Rev 21: 12 gates, 12 foundation stones, 12,000 furlongs

12 Kingdom Mysteries

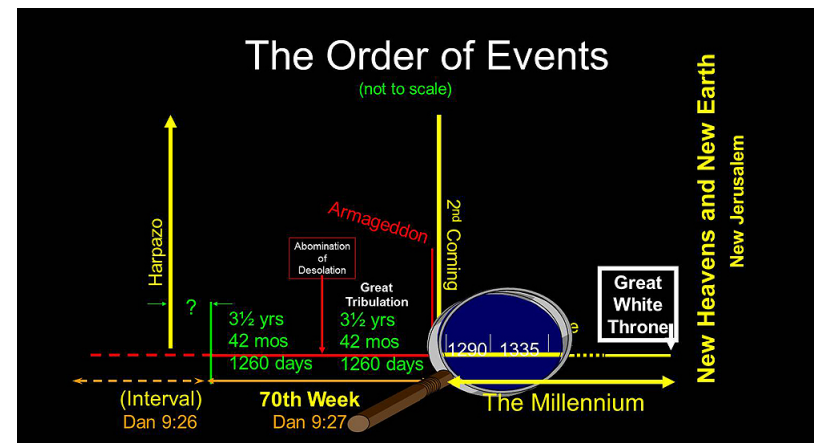
- 1) Mystery of the Kingdom of God (Lk 8:10; Mk 4:11). Kept secret: (Rom 16:25; Col 1:26; Eph 3:3,5; 1 Cor 4:1; 2 Cor 12:1-5; Gal 1:11-12).
- 2) Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 13:11).

- 3) Mystery of Manifestation in the Flesh (1 Tim 3:16).
- 4) Mystery of Salvation by Faith (Eph 3:19; Rom 16:25,26; 1 Tim 3:9).
- 5) Mystery of the Ultimate Unity (Eph 1:9).
- 6) Mystery of Gentiles in same Body (Rom 16:25; Eph 3:3).
- 7) Mystery of the Bride of Christ (Eph 5:10; Eph 2:6; 1 Cor 6:17; Cf. Col 1:26,27; 2:2; 4:3).
- 8) The Mystery of the *Harpazo* (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:12-18; OT: Isa 26:19-21; Ps 27:5; Cf. Pavilions: Ps 18:11; 31:20; Jer 43:10).
- 9) The Mystery of Iniquity (2 Thess 2:6-12).
- 10) Mystery of the Seven Churches (Rev 1:20).
- 11) Mystery of Israel’s Blindness (Lk 19:42-44; Rom 11:25).
- 12) Mystery Babylon—Counterfeit Kingdom: (Rev 17, 18; Cf Gen 10:10, 1st mention) [Mysteries Finished: Rev 10:7]

12 Kingdom Parables

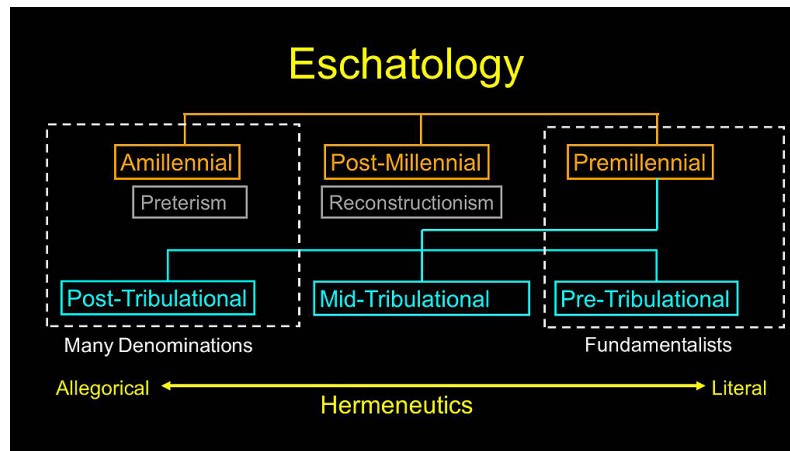
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| 1) Sower and the Seed | Matthew 13:18-23 |
| 2) Tares and Wheat | Matthew 13:24-30 |
| 3) Mustard Seed | Matthew 13:31-32 |
| 4) Woman and Leaven | Matthew 13:33 |
| 5) Treasure in the Field | Matthew 13:34 |
| 6) Pearl of Great Price | Matthew 13:45-46 |
| 7) Dragnet | Matthew 13:47-50 |
| 8) Forgiveness of Debts | Matthew 18:23-35 |
| 9) Latecomers equally paid | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 10) Guests at Marriage Feast | Matthew 22:1-14* |
| 11) Ten Virgins | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| 12) Stewardship of Talents | Matthew 25:14-30* |

* “the darkness outside”?



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Your Challenge

“We are being plunged into a period of time about which the Bible says more than it does about any other period of time in history... including the time that Jesus walked the shores of Galilee or climbed the mountains of Judea.”

Two Basic Challenges

- 1) Find out what the Bible says
 - Not to be delegated to others
 - Our unique environment of *Today*
 - Advanced Information Appliances
 - Internet Resources
 - Role of small groups
- 2) Find out what is really going on
 - “What is truth?”; The Age of Deceit...

End Times Scenario Session 5: The Millennium

Outline of Session 5

- The Millennium: Satan bound Rev 20
- Amillennialism
- The Final Rebellion (Magog #2) Rev 20:8
- The Great White Throne Rev 20:11-15
- The Millennial Temple Ezek 40-48
- The New Jerusalem Rev 21
- Recap and Overview

The Millennium

Most of what we know about the Millennium is from Isaiah 65, not Revelation 20. [Most of the denominations accruing from the Reformation have inherited an “Amillennial” viewpoint from Augustine, et al.]

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Origen

Pious, popular, and persuasive, Origen was one of the great figures of the 3rd century church. His influential *De Principiis* presented Christian doctrine in Hellenic terms. Tragically, he established an extreme pattern of *allegorizing* Scripture that was to influence Augustine in subsequent years.

Augustine

The Bishop of Hippo (354-430), Augustine was one of the most influential leaders of the western church. His *The City of God* portrayed the church as a new civic order during the ruins of the Roman Empire.

Although his writings defeated numerous heresies of the times, his allegorical reposturing left an *amillennial* eschatology in its wake...

From Augustine to Auschwitz

- Origen: Allegorization of Scripture
- Augustine: Amillennialism
- Medieval Eschatology
 - Reformation failed to address...
 - Most Protestant Denominations are Amillennial in their eschatological views

Amillennial Problems

- Messianic Promises throughout the Old Testament
- Destiny of Israel in God's Covenants
- Promise given to Mary by Angel Gabriel
- Numerous reconfirmations in the New Testament

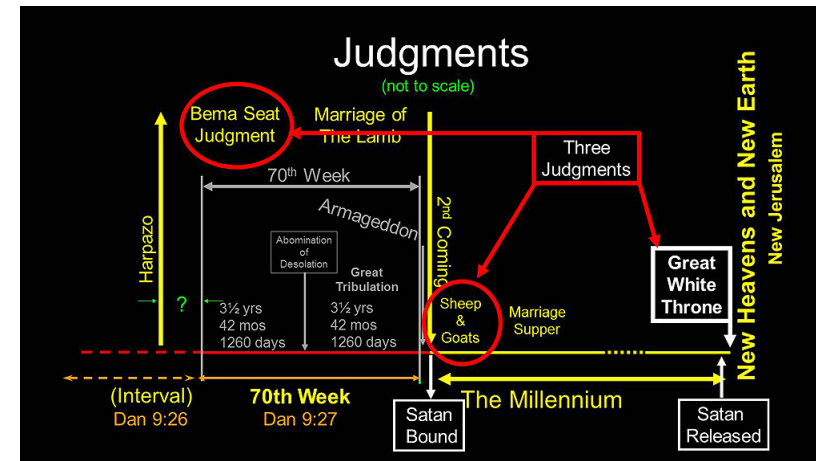
Divisions of Theology

Bibliology	The Bible
Theology Proper	Attributes of God
Christology	Lord Jesus Christ
Pneumatology	Holy Spirit
Angelology	Angels, fallen and unfallen
Anthropology	Man
Soteriology	Salvation
Ecclesiology	The Church
Eschatology	End-Times; Last Things

Notice what's missing? Israelology = the study of Israel as an instrument in God's program for man.

Israel and the Church

- Distinctions: Different Origins, Missions, Destinies
- "Replacement" views deny Israel its place in God's program
 - Makes God a Liar
 - Laid the basis for Christian Anti-Semitism
- The "70 Weeks" deal specifically with *Israel*
- Paul's dichotomy: Jews + Gentiles = Church
- Distinctives reappear after Revelation 4...



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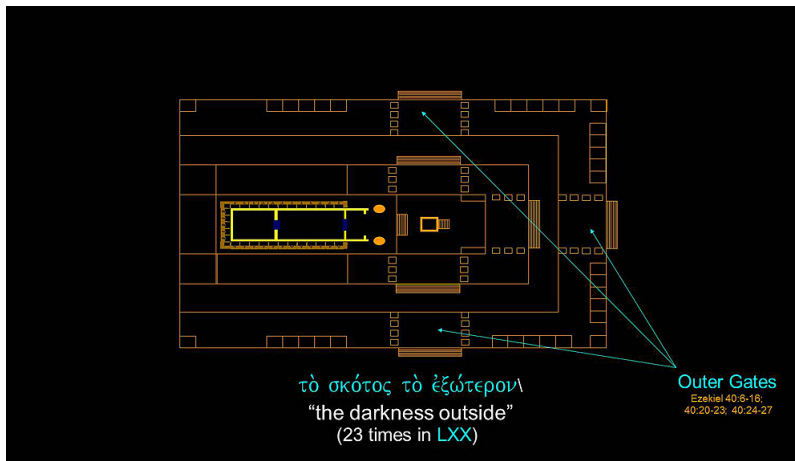
The Millennial Temple: Ezekiel 40 - 48

Description of Millennial Temple:

- Highly detailed (not simply symbolic)
- All nations to worship there
- Offerings and sacrifices resumed
- Open only on the Sabbath Day and New Moons

Schematics of Ezekiel's Temple

See graphic on the following page.



The Darkness Outside: τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον

The Greek term τὸ σκότος, *skotos*, means literally “the shadow” or “the darkness.” The term τὸ ἐξώτερον, *exoteron*, “the outside place” is a comparative adjective of ἔξω, *exo*, which means “outside.” More accurately rendered: “the darkness farther away,” implying a place that entails lesser illumination than places closer in. The LXX employs ἐξώτερος over 20 times in the final chapters of Ezekiel which specifically deal with the Millennial temple.

- “The darkness farther away” —W. Welty
- “...not just any darkness, but the darkness that is outside some specific region of light.” —G.H. Lang
- “*In that place* there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth”(Mt 8:12; 25:30; 22:13).
- Denial of privileged access; frustration, disappointment; yet *no mention of torment* (vs. Mt 25:46)
- Cf. Inability to cope (Acts 7:54)
- Situation not necessarily permanent (Rev 21:4)

“Darkness Outside” ≠ “hell”

Thayer Greek/English Lexicon of the New Testament, Cf. Mt 8:12; 22:13; 25:30;

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 Tony Evans, *The Prophecy Study Bible*, p.1234;
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 G. H. Lang, *Ideals and Realities*;
 A. Edwin Wilson, *Selected Writings of A. Edwin Wilson, Ruling and Reigning, The Unfaithful Christian*.

The New Jerusalem

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Revelation 21:9

But where?

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

Revelation 21:10,11

John was told to measure the city.

- 12,000 Furlongs (*stadia*) cubed (Rev 21:16)
- If taken as 606 ft (measures differed in ancient days) the city would be about 1400 miles cubed.
- A Cube? [The Holy of Holies was a cube.]
- A Hinton Cube? (a 4-dimensional cube)
- A Tesseract? (an *unraveled* 4-dimensional cube into 3 dimensions)

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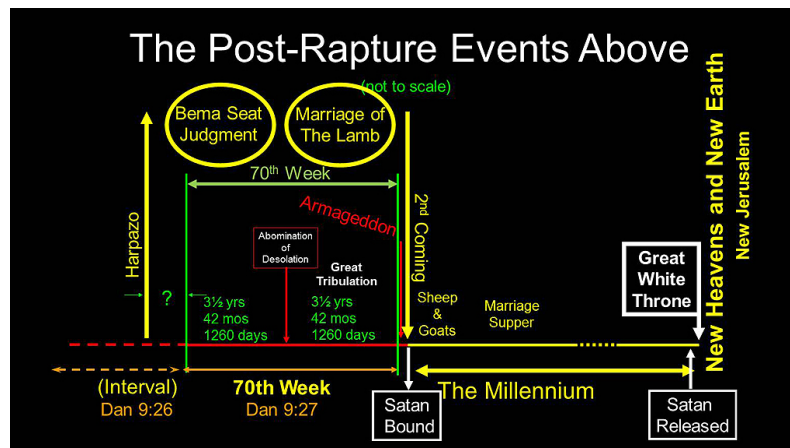
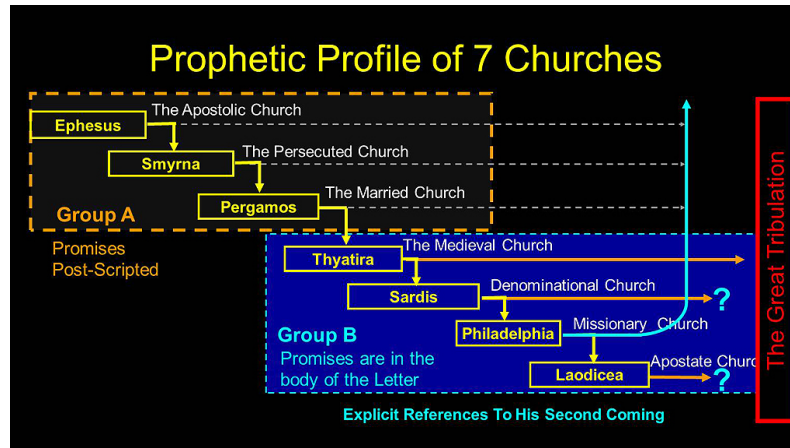
Session 6: Post-Rapture Events (Redeemed)

Outline of Session 6

- Post-Rapture Events (for the Redeemed)
 - The Bema Seat; The Wedding of the Bride
- The Kingdom (from) Heaven
 - The Overcomers: the *Metachoi*
- Letters to 7 Churches
- Koinonia Institute Challenge

Revelation Architecture

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



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βῆμα **Bema seat**

- Pilate judging Christ Mt 27:19
- Herod (smitten by worms) Acts 12:21
- Gallio sentencing Paul Acts 18:16,17
- Festus: trial, sentencing Act 25:6,10,17
- Judgment Seat of Christ Rom 14:10

Hardly limited to “athletic rewards”.... Mistranslation of 1 Cor 4:1-5: “each man” not “every man.”

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things **done** in **his** body, according to that he hath done, whether **it be** good or bad.*

2 Corinthians 5:10

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones; wood, hay, stubble; Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Separate Events?

- The Marriage takes place in the Father’s house.
- The Marriage Supper takes place in the Kingdom and includes the Old Testament saints resurrected at His Second Coming (including John the Baptist, a “friend of the Bridegroom”; cf. Mt 22:1-14).

Basic Doctrinal Divisions

Calvinism

- Eternal Security
- Perseverance of the saints
- “Experimental Predestinarians”

Arminianism

- Only those that persevere to the end are saved

Overcomers

- Eternal Security
- Distinction between: Entering and Inheritance
- Variation of Rewards

“I have been saved.”

“I am being saved.”

“I will be saved.”

—Dr. Earl Rademacher

The Paradigm of Salvation

- Justification (Past tense)
 - The gift from God of everlasting life received by faith alone in Christ alone (Jn 3:18; 5:24; Eph 2:5,8).
- Sanctification (Present tense)
 - A work in progress that involves the faith and the works of the believer.
- Glorification (Future tense)
 - The result of the previous aspects. All believers will be glorified (resurrected and given a body like Christ), but some will have more glory (i.e. reward) than others.

The Tenses of “Salvation”

Past Tense:

Separation from the *Penalty* of Sin

Justification

Present Tense:

Separation from the *Power* of Sin

Sanctification

Future Tense:

Separation from the *Presence* of Sin

Glorification

Justification is *for* us;

Sanctification is *in* us.

Justification *declares* the sinner righteous;

Sanctification *makes* the sinner righteous.

Justification removes the *guilt* and *penalty* of sin;

Sanctification removes the *growth* and the *power* of sin.

Review of Basics

- Eternal Security
 - The Sufficiency of Christ
- The Paradigm of Salvation
- Paul’s Paranoia?

*For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with **him**, that we may be also glorified together.*

Romans 8:15-17

*But I keep under my body, and bring **it** into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

1 Corinthians 9:27

“...castaway”: ἀδόκιμος *adokimos* not standing the test, not approved (properly used of metals and coins); that which does not prove itself such as it ought; unfit for, unproved, spurious, reprobate; disqualified.

“Entering” vs. “Inheriting”

An invitation to my home allows you to enter it, but not to rearrange the furniture. You can “enter” a hotel; *but that doesn’t mean you “inherit” it*. Inheritances (privileges) will be widely variable; as *rewards*...

Two Kinds of Inheritance

- κληρονομία *kleronomia*
 - 1) An inheritance by birth; heir by sonship; a gift (Eph 1:11,14)
 - 2) A conditional earned reward (Col 3:24)
 - OT: Deut 6:18; 19:9-10; 11:22-23
 - NT: Mt 24:43, 47; 2 Tim 2:12; James 2:5; Heb 10:35

The Chain of Inheritance

Sanctification

which leads to

Partaking

which leads to

Overcoming

which leads to

Inheriting.

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

Hebrews 3:14

“...partaker”: μέτοχοι *metochoi*; one who shares in, companion, comrade; partner (in a work, office, or dignity). What must we hold “steadfast unto the end”? How do become a Metachoi? All Christians will be in the kingdom, but not all will be co-heirs there.

Inheritance in the Old Testament

Inheritance came to the firstborn son by virtue of his birth. Whether he actually secured it depended upon his *obedience* and the father’s choice. Inheritance was subject to conditions and obedience: Abrahamic Inheritance was based on Divine Oath (Gen 12:7; 15:18-21; 26:3; 28:13; Ex 6:8); conditioned on obedience (Deut 19:8-10).

Inheritances Forfeited

- Land of Caanan: Inheritance (Deut 15:4; 19:14; 25:19; 26:1) merited by obedience (Ex 23:30; Deut 2:31; 11:11-24; 16:20; 19:8-9; Josh 11:23; 1:6-7)
- Exodus Generation, promised an inheritance, but failed to obtain it at Kadesh-Barnea (Num 13). Israel was God’s “firstborn son” (Ex 4:22-23), yet, only 2 adults of over 2 million took possession of their inheritance. Even Moses was excluded due to his disobedience (Deut 4:21,22).
- Esau, sold his inheritance for a bowl of pottage (Gen 25:29-34).
- Reuben, Jacob’s firstborn (1 Chr 5:1,2).
- David warns Solomon (1 Chr 28:8).
- Generation of Israelites in Babylon (Lam 5:2).

Inheritances Merited

- Abraham (Gen 17:14).
- Caleb (Num 14:24).
- Joshua (Josh 14:8,9): Only 2 out of 2 million?

The Second Before the First

- Not Cain, but Abel (and Seth).
- Not Japheth but Shem.
- Not Ishmael but Isaac.
- Not Esau but Jacob.
- Not Manasseh but Ephraim.

- Not Aaron but Moses.
- Not Eliab but David.
- Not the Old Covenant but the New.
- Not the 1st Adam but the Last Adam

Vulnerabilities

Loss of Inheritance:

- OT: Esau; Moses; Kadesh Barnea: Oath; forgiveness...Rephidim II: after 120 yrs: out; Reuben
- NT: Prodigal Son; Annias & Saphira; Paul’s Paranoia

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:11

- Unlike the assurance which all Christians have that they possess eternal life and will be raised up to enjoy it in the presence of God (Jn 6:39-40).
- Their partaking as *metachoi* of the Messiah in His dominion over creation is attained by doing His will *to the end* (Rev 2:26-27).

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 9:27

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things **done** in **his** body, according to that he hath done, whether **it be** good or bad.*

2 Corinthians 5:10

These are believers; their justification is not at issue (cf. 1 Cor 3:15). Judgment will emanate from the Bema seat, with a just recompense of reward for “works”—*Fruit-bearing*—positive and negative as appropriate (cf. Mt 18:23-35; 24:42-51; 25:14-30; Mk 8:34-38; Lk 12:1-12; 41-48; 19:11-27).

Crowns Promised

- **Crown of Life** (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10) for those who have suffered for His sake.
- **Crown of Righteousness** (2 Tim 4:8) for those who loved His appearing.
- **Crown of Glory** (1 Pet 5:4) for those who fed the flock.

- **Crown Incorruptible** (1 Cor 9:25) for those who press on steadfastly.
- **Crown of Rejoicing** (1 Thess 2:19) for those who win souls.

Overcomers Of the Seven Churches

- To eat of the Tree of Life Rev 2:7
- Not hurt of the 2nd death Rev 2:11
- Hidden manna, white stone, new name Rev 2:17
- Power over the nations Rev 2: 26
- White raiment, assured Rev 3:5
- Pillar, new name Rev 3:12
- Sit with Christ on His Throne Rev 3:21
- ***They Shall inherit all things*** Rev 21:7

Rewards for Faithfulness

Some are entrusted with special privileges; some not (1 Cor 3:11-15). Some reign with Christ; some not (2 Tim 2:12; Rev 3:21). Some rich; some poor (Lk 12:21,33;16:11). Some heavenly treasures of their own; some not (Lk 16:12).

12 Areas of Judgment

- 1) How we treat other believers (Heb 6:10; Mt 10:41-42).
- 2) How we exercise our authority over others (Heb 13:17; James 3:13).
- 3) How we employ our God-given abilities (1 Cor 12:4, 11; 2 Tim 1:6; 1 Pet 4:10).
- 4) How we use our money (1 Cor 16:2; 2 Cor 9:6-7; 1 Tim 6:17-19).
- 5) How we spend our time (Ps 90:12; Eph 5:16; Col 4:5; 1 Pet 1:17).
- 6) How much we suffer for Jesus (Mt 5:11-12; Mk 10:29-30; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17; 1 Pet 4:12-13).
- 7) How we run that particular race which God has chosen for us (1 Cor 9:24; Phil 2:16; 3:13-14; Heb 12:1).
- 8) How effectively we control the old nature (1 Cor 9:25-27).
- 9) How many souls we witness to and win to Christ (Prov 11:30; Dan 12:3; 1 Thess 2:19-20).
- 10) How we react to temptation (James 1:2-3; Rev 2:10).
- 11) How much the doctrine of the Rapture means to us (2 Tim 4:8-9).
- 12) How faithful we are to the Word of God and the flock of God (Acts 20:26-28; 2 Tim 4:1-2; 1 Pet 5:2-4).

Caveats

- Not under the Law: The Messiah is the fulfillment of the Torah (Mt 5:17).
- Avoid a “Works Trip”: Walk by the Spirit not the flesh (Gal 3:3). Sin not to reign anymore... (Rom 6:12). Walk with Him: not ahead, nor behind (Heb 4).

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Revelation 3:11

African Missionary’s Notice

I’m part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I’m a disciple of His. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I’m finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colourless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don’t have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labour by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed.

I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won’t give up, shut up, or let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problems recognizing me—my banner will be clear!

— by an Anonymous African Pastor —nailed to his wall prior to his execution

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