

Return of the King

Message Notes

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Part 1 The King is Coming!

Note: Words in blue are on the outline.

This is an exciting series about the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The man who walked the earth doing good and healing the sick, the innocent man who paid for our sins at the cross, the man who is at the right hand of God praying on our behalf – this man is coming back to rule His kingdom! Eternity is a great thing to look forward to!

For the next four weeks we are going to look at the **basics** of what the scriptures say about the second coming of our Savior. We will attempt to give you a **good overview**, hitting the major points, and avoiding opinion and speculation. We hope that at the end of this series you will have a clear, general understanding of the last days.

Importance of Prophecy

Prophecy is important to know. Why do some avoid studying prophecy about the last days?

1. Some are afraid

Many of the things written in prophecy sound frightening; however, we should keep in mind that God has helped His people through many difficult times before. Disasters and wars and disease are not uncommon to the human race. God has always been faithful and He always will be faithful.

God doesn't want us to be afraid; He wants us to be glad that His Son is coming back for us. He promises us a happy ending with Jesus as our King!

2. Some are confused

There are several reasons why the comprehensive topic of prophecy can be intimidating to many people:

1. There's a lot of symbolism.
2. It isn't written in order like a textbook.
3. Instructors have added their own interpretations to it.
4. Instructors have tried to speculate about people and events in it.

In this series, we are going to keep it **simple**. We are going to give you a basic overview of end-time events. After this series, if you want to get into more detail about end-time prophecy, we also have an 8-week Bible Study on this subject also called "Return of the King." We also will have outlines for you to follow and timelines to help you visually understand how events will fall into place.

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We also are going to endeavor to stick as closely to the scriptures as we can without giving much opinion on what we think it means. You can trust the Bible.

We are not going to get into speculation about current events. For example, we will look at scriptures about the antichrist, but aren't going to try to figure out who the antichrist could be.

3. [Some don't see how prophecy relates to them](#)

God gave prophecy to us for a reason. One reason is to teach future generations as we continue to prepare for the second coming of the Messiah. We also should be ready to explain the scriptures if we have the opportunity to lead someone into a relationship with the Lord.

Could Jesus make His return during our lifetime? The Bible teaches us that we should live in a way that we're ready for His return. I believe we should prepare ourselves by knowing what the Bible says and by living a lifestyle that is under His Lordship.

Purpose for Prophecy

- [God wants us to know His blessing](#)

[Revelation 1:3](#)

Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near."

There is a blessing attached to reading prophecy. There are a lot of things that aren't clear about the last days. We don't have to pretend that we have it all figured out, but we should at least be familiar with the scriptures that God has given to us.

- [God wants us to be informed](#)

Between 1/4 to 1/3 of the Bible is prophecy, the foretelling of events. Some of it has been fulfilled and some of it hasn't. Since such a large portion of the Bible is prophecy, we can assume that God wants to let us know what's coming up so we can put our trust in Him. Revelation 1:1 "...given to show His servants..."

John 15:15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

[Amos 3:7](#) "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets."

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About 80 percent of the 2500 prophecies have been fulfilled. We can rest assured that the remaining 500 will come to pass. If we know the prophecies, we can be prepared for what is coming and put our trust in the One who holds the future in His hand.

- God wants us to know that He [will always care for us](#).

Isaiah 54:10 "For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet My love and kindness shall not depart from you nor shall My covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you." Amp

The information that God gives us is not just about the facts of what is going to happen, He also wants us to know His love, His mercy, and His hope for a glorious future.

- God wants us to trust that He is [in control](#).

[John 14:27-28a](#)

God somehow sees into the future. Much of prophecy isn't just what God is going to do, but it is God reporting to us what mankind is going to do. We have to remember that God delegated the authority of the earth to mankind, and the condition of the world is a result of sin and the fallen nature. God sees where the world is headed, and He's ready for the day when He gives authority of the earth to His Son, Jesus.

- God wants us to know that He [wins](#).

Revelation 1:17b-18 "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18) I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

It's good to know that we're on the winning side. If God is able to bring us victory in the end, He is also able to bring you victory today in anything that you are facing. Sometimes we just need to remind ourselves how big and powerful our Lord is. He is the I AM. He was, He is, and He is to come!

- God wants us to be [prepared](#)

Because God loves us, He doesn't want us to be caught by surprise. He wants us to be ready for His return.

1 Thessalonians 5:4 "But you brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief."

A thief sneaks in when no one is watching. If you are aware of the scriptures, you are watching and waiting for His return.

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- God wants us to [reach others](#).

II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

People around us have a lot of questions about the end of the end of the world. Whether they are Christians or not, many have heard about some aspects of prophecy and are curious about it. They hear about wars and threats of wars, weapons of mass destruction, chemical and biological warfare, the trouble in Israel, natural disasters, etc. This is the world they live in. They want to know.

God's Way is the Right Way

In the beginning, the human race chose to separate from God, wanting to live in control of our own lives. God has allowed the nations of the world to do things their own way for thousands of years. However, God wants every person to come to the realization that our source of life is found in dependency upon Him.

Why is the world going to have such a bad ending?

1. God has given the authority of the earth over to mankind.

God gets blamed for a lot of things that happen, but in reality, it is the human race that chose to sin and separate from God, allowing death and distortion into the hearts of our people and destruction into our society. God is letting the human race have our time to rule the planet and He sees clearly how our actions will cumulate. Look at what we've done with the planet over the years: wars, poverty, homelessness, crime, murder, pollution, addictions...we've made a mess. The world has a destructive ending because the human race has caused it.

2. God is always trying to get a message across to the human race

God knows that our life is found in Him. He wants us to recognize our need for Him and to turn back in dependency on His love for us. God allows us to go our own way, hoping that we'll come to an end of ourselves and turn back to Him. He is patient, wanting as many that will choose Him to have that opportunity.

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There are tremendous, significant messages of God's love for us that are found in the events that take place in the last days. It is an amazing adventure to study end-time prophecy and experience the peace and joy that come with knowing God.

The King is Coming!

A. Kingdoms of this World

There was a choice made in the very beginning of the human race in Genesis chapter 3 that has affected every person that has been born into the world. That choice was to turn away from God in an attempt to **have control over our own lives**. In an act of disobedience, the father and mother of the human race decided to try to live **self-sufficiently of God**. Their choice to separate from God and sin has brought death into the entire human race.

God has allowed the human race to continue to populate the earth, developing into nations and people groups.

Acts 17:26-28a "(26) He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings. (27) so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us. (28) for in Him we live and move and have our being..."

Because the unregenerate nature of the human being is sinful, selfish, and self-sufficient, the government of many nations has been man's attempt to rule our lives apart from God.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Daniel 2:27-35

Daniel was a Jewish prophet of God when the nation of Israel was in captivity to the kingdom of Babylon. The king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that he knew had significance. In the dream there was a statue made up of various elements. The head was gold, the chest and arms were silver, the belly and thighs were bronze, the legs were iron, and the feet were a mixture of iron and clay. In the dream a rock strikes the statue and breaks it to pieces. The rock then becomes a mountain that fills the whole earth.

God revealed to Daniel the dream and the meaning of the dream. The dream was about several major kingdoms that would rule over Israel. We have an idea from history of what those nations are.

1. Gold head: [Babylon](#).
2. Silver chest/arms: [Medo-Persia](#)
3. Bronze torso/thighs: [Greece](#)
4. Iron legs: [Rome](#)
5. Clay and iron feet: [A coming union of nations](#)
6. The stone: [Christ's kingdom](#)

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Daniel 2:44-45 "(44) And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (45) Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold-the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this..."

B. Kingdom of God

The stone in the dream represents the kingdom of God, a kingdom where God has placed Jesus Christ as our King.

Something interesting happened during the Roman Empire. Jesus was born. We know that Jesus was sent to the earth as a man to pay the price for our sin. There was something else that Jesus was sent to do, and that was to start a new kingdom – the kingdom of God. Jesus preached about the kingdom of God, upsetting many Jewish leaders and the Romans.

1. The kingdom is a [spiritual one](#)

Luke 17:20,21 "(20) Now when He (Jesus) was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God does not come with observation; (21) nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.'"

2. Jesus is the [king](#)

All through the Old Testament God promises a King, a Messiah, a Shepherd that will rule in a new kingdom. The King is not just for the Jews, but the King would be born through the nation of Israel to establish a kingdom throughout the earth. When Jesus came, some of the Jews recognized Him as the Messiah, even wanting to make Him their king when they saw the power of God backing up His authority (John 6:15). However, other Jews despised Him and put Him to death, mocking Him as king by putting a crown of thorns on His head. Jesus asked God to forgive them, not knowing what they were doing.

Pilate recognized Jesus as a king. He asked Jesus, "Are you a king?" Jesus said, "Yes." John 18:33-37 He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Pilate said to the Jews, "Do you want to crucify your king?" John 19:13-15 On the cross Pilate had written, "King of the Jews" and refused to change what He had written. John 19:19-22

It was all part of the plan for Jesus to die a tormenting death to take the curse and the punishment for sin. He didn't stay dead. Jesus did more than remove sin. He stripped Satan of his authority in the earth through the power and curse or punishment of sin.

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Colossians 2:15 "Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."

[Ephesians 1:19-23](#)

Ephesians 2:4-13 This is where the jump took place...where Abraham was not just the father of one nation, but he became the father of many nations through faith in Jesus Christ. Not only is Jesus a king, but He is the king of kings and the Lord of lords. Romans 4:16

3. [The kingdom of God has been growing](#)

Part of the plan was for our King to leave the earth so that His kingdom would grow throughout the earth with the help of the Holy Spirit and the delegated authority of Christ through His name.

Matthew 28:18-20 "(18) ...all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

For 2,000 years, the spiritual Kingdom of God has been growing and filling the earth. We are living in the days were the kingdom has expanded quite extensively.

4. [Jesus is coming back to rule His kingdom](#)

Our King now rules our hearts, but one day is coming back to rule His kingdom. This is what end-time prophecy is all about – the return of the Messiah, our King!

Revelation 19:11-16

5. [In the millennium, Jesus reigns on the earth for 1,000 years.](#)

Not only is Jesus Christ a king...He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Our King rose again! Our King is our brother. Our King is our Savior. Our King is our Intercessor. Our King is our Lord. Our King is coming back for us!

6. [A new heaven and a new earth](#)

Revelation 21:1-7

[Our King is coming!](#)

Until He returns, I'm living for Him. I'm giving Him what He wants. Let's live for Him. Let's advance His kingdom. (Prayer)

Part 2 The Appointed Time

God's Word Will Come to Pass

Isaiah 46:10 "I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." (NIV)

Last week we talked about placing our life in reliance upon God and letting Him reign as King over our lives. This week we are giving a **broad overview** to end-time prophecy. These messages are built upon one another, so please make sure that you listen to previous messages.

God Gives an Overview to Daniel

Daniel 9:24-25

Daniel was a prophet that spoke for God during Israel's captivity. God used Daniel to reveal His plan for Israel.

"(24) Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city,

1. The 70 weeks are about the Jews.

Daniel 9:24-25

- **Note:** Prophecies concerning the 70th week are centered mostly around Israel and the eastern world and should not be **directly** applied to people everywhere.

Why 70 weeks?...

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy."

God is letting the Jews know that He is going to allow time for sin to culminate, to bring reconciliation for sin, to bring all things to an end, and restore what is holy.

"(25) Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times."

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The seventy weeks are divided up into 7, 62, and 1. The word “week” is not used in the original language. The word literally is translated “seven”, so 7 weeks is literally “seven sevens.”

7 weeks is = 49 years

62 weeks is = 434 years

1 week is = 7 years

Facts to help us get started

- One week describes a period of [seven years](#)
- A year in prophecy is [360 days](#).

We have to remind ourselves that people then and there did not use the Gregorian calendar, like we do today. We base our calendar year on the sun. We have 365 days, and every 4th year we add a day for what we call “leap year.” The Jews used a lunar calendar based on the moon, and would add a month once in awhile.

From looking at history, we know that a year in prophecy is 360 days. Now we’re getting into some of the nitty gritty... God is giving detailed information – very special. This shows me that God is in control and His Word will come to pass.

No changing this...this will happen. **He is in control of the details** – of the world, of my life. Not only has He created the big stuff – planets and galaxies and keeps them in their place, but He also created the small stuff – things we need a microscope to see, things we can’t see with our human eye. His word will come to pass for me.

Outline of the 70 weeks

- **7 sevens:** Jerusalem rebuilt starting in 445 BC

It begins with King Artaxerxes’ decree for the Jews to build the walls and city of Jerusalem. Forty-nine years later it was done.

- **62 sevens:** Jesus honored as the Messiah in 32 AD¹

It ends in AD 32 when Jesus is honored as the Messiah during the Triumphal Entry.

Matthew 21:9 “...Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.”

- **1 seven:** 7 years yet to be fulfilled

¹ Matthew 21:9

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There have been nearly 2,000 years in between the 69th and the 70th week where the focus has not been on the Jews, but on the building of the kingdom of God in nations around the world.

Christianity is a belief in Jesus Christ, a Jew, their Messiah and ours. God made a new covenant through Christ, one that fulfills the old covenant. Abraham is the father of the nation of Israel. He also has been called the father of many nations – because through Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, any human being can choose to receive His redemption, and come into the covenant.

➤ **Note:** *God loves Jews, Arabs and ever other nationality. He offers salvation through Jesus Christ to everyone.*

2. The Seventieth Week is Coming

Daniel 9:26-27

Verse 26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined.

- Jesus was crucified, or cut off, in 32 AD.
- The Romans destroyed the temple in 70 AD and the Jews were scattered to other nations.
- The antichrist will come from an area that was once a part of the Roman Empire.

Verse 27 “Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

- The 70th week begins with a treaty involving Israel
- The antichrist (prince) is one of many who will sign the treaty.
- In the middle of the 7 years, the antichrist turns on the Jews, removing their worship. This is called the Abomination of Desolation.
- The last half of the week is called the “Great Tribulation” when the antichrist persecutes the Jews.

➤ **Note:** *Much of the calamity that occurs is a result of the actions of mankind. Just because God foretells it, does not mean He has instigated it.*

When will the end come?

- There is an [appointed time](#) for Christ's return

Daniel 11:35 "...until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time."

God knows the set day and hour of Christ's return. Dan. 9:27 has already been determined – predetermined.

- The Gospel will be preached to [all nations](#) within the set time.

Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Revelation 14:6 – the angel proclaiming

- God is [patient](#), desiring [reconciliation](#)

II Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

James 5:7, 8 "(7) Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and the latter rain. (8) You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Acts 3:21 "(Jesus) must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets." (NIV)

Why wait so long? In Genesis God told mankind to populate the earth. We're doing that. If God had not waited, you would not be here. He has waited for you.

How should we prepare for His coming?

1. Be kingdom [minded](#)

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

2. Live by kingdom [principles](#)

Hebrews 12:28-29 "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire."

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3. Enjoy life in the kingdom

Romans 14:17 "for the kingdom of God is ...righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

4. Share the good news of the kingdom

John 3:3 "...unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

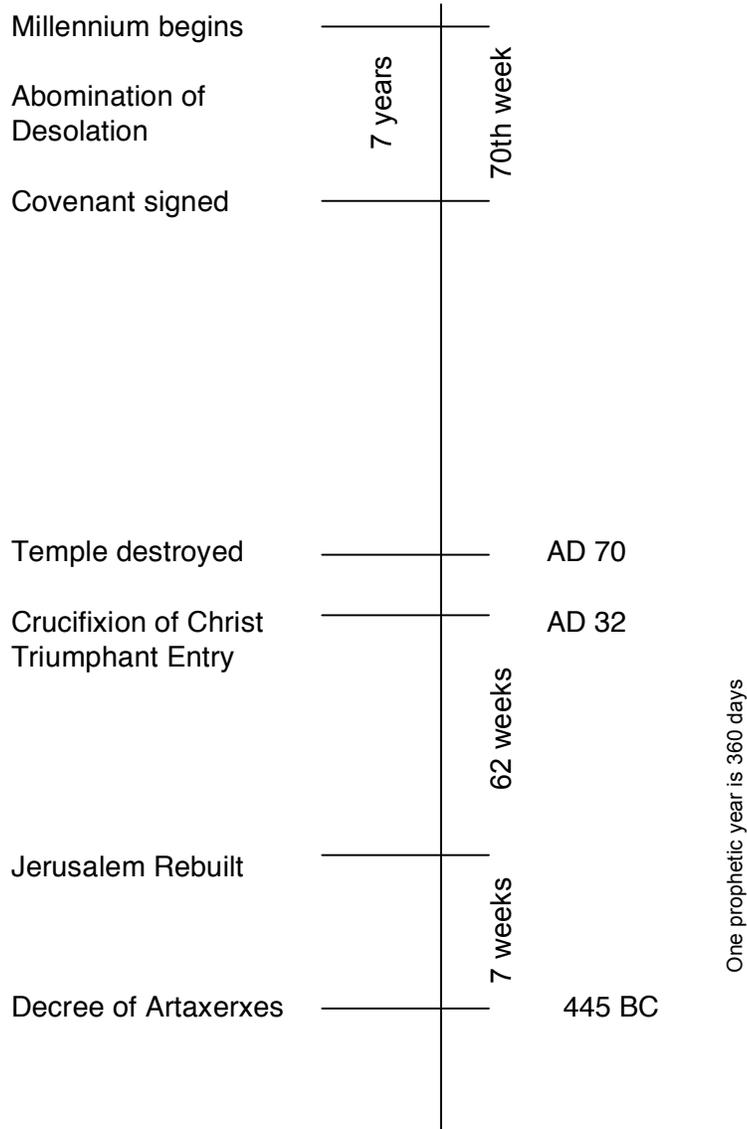
5. Be confident that God will keep His promises to you!

Jeremiah 1:12 (Amplified) "Then the Lord said to me...I am alert and active, watching over my Word to perform it."

God is control of the details. Jesus is the Lord over all. Today, God wants you to trust Him with the details, not just concerning the end-times, but every aspect of your life. He wants to be Lord.

If you are completely surrendered to Christ, praise Him as your Lord and any bondages will break off your life. If you are 90% surrendered to Christ, if you are holding onto something that you are trying to fix yourself, you are not giving Jesus Christ lordship over your life. It doesn't mean that you're not saved, but it means that Jesus isn't allowed to reign in that area of your life. Give it to Him today. If you haven't accepted salvation, do it today.

Seventy Weeks Timeline
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Part 2: The Appointed Time



Note: Not to scale

Part 3 The Final Week

God is in Control

Hebrews 13:5b-6 "(5)... 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' (6) So we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?'"

Review

Last week we talked about Daniel's prophecy of the 70 weeks and introduced a broad overview of end-time prophecy. This prophecy was about God's dealing with the Jews over the centuries. We looked at how the 70th week is yet to be fulfilled, a period of seven years that most Christians refer to as the Tribulation. We are going to look specifically at this time period today.

Why does the Bible go into detail about the final week?

1. He wants people to be prepared for the return of the King.
2. He hopes people will hear of His prophecies and turn back to Him.
3. He wants us to keep our focus on the kingdom that follows the final week.

Introducing the Antichrist

Daniel 7:23-24

1. There is a political union made up of ten leaders.
2. This union comes out of what was once the Roman Empire.
3. The antichrist rises up and subdues three of the ten leaders.

A. First Half of the week

1. The antichrist will be one of many who will sign a treaty with Israel.
Daniel 9:27

The Antichrist is a title given to a world leader who will first appear to save the Jews, but will turn on them and try to destroy them.

2. The antichrist rules Israel in peace for the first 3 ½ years.

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3. There is an increase in intensity and frequency of signs.

Beginning of Birth Pains

Matthew 24:3-14

- Some proclaim to be the promised Messiah
- Wars and rumors of wars
- Famines, pestilences, earthquakes
- Jews will be hated and killed
- Sin will be abounding
- People's love will grow cold

B. Middle of the Week

1. The Holy Spirit stops restraining the antichrist.
II Thessalonians 2:7-8
2. The Abomination of Desolation is when the antichrist stops Jewish worship.²
3. Jews flee to the mountains.
4. Many turn away from their faith.
II Thessalonians 2:3

C. Last Half of the Week

1. The Antichrist goes to war
 - Note: We're not sure how much influence the antichrist will have over all the earth; however, we do know that the antichrist has enemies, so not everyone is his ally.

The Lord will protect those that have kept the faith. Revelation 3:10

2. God protects 144,000 Jews.³
3. A third of the earth is destroyed.⁴
 - Note: When the Bible referred to the earth, it was referring to the known world at that time. We are not absolutely sure how the western world will be affected.

² Matthew 24:15-21, Daniel 9:26

³ Revelation 7:1-8

⁴ Revelation 8:7-13

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Today we see how weapons of mass destruction could develop and fulfill this prophecy.

4. The mark of the beast (antichrist).⁵
 - “Mark” in the Greek means scratching or etching.
 - The mark is given on the right hand or forehead.
 - The mark is a branding for allegiance to the antichrist with either his name or his number.
 - The antichrist demands worship of his followers.

➤ Note: For some nations in the Middle East, politics and religion are combined, so worship of a political leader is not incomprehensible.

The Rapture

The word rapture is not in the Bible. The word is used to describe the event where Christians are transported to meet Christ in the air.

1. Rapture means “a snatching away.”
2. The rapture and the second coming are two separate events.

Jesus is Coming for Us!

Luke 21:28 “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

We have a redeemer. He wants to redeem people of sin. He wants to redeem people from any bondage to sin. (Prayer)

⁵ Revelation 13:15-18

Part 4 The Lord Has His Day

A New Beginning

Revelation 21:5a "Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.'"

Differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming⁶

Description of the Rapture

- Jesus appears in the clouds of heaven
- There are angels and a trumpet blast
- The dead in Christ rise first
- Those that are alive meet Him in the air
- Our bodies are changed in an instant

Description of the Second Coming

- Jesus comes to the earth
- His saints are with Him
- The second coming is part of the Day of the Lord

Scriptures to Study: *Matt. 24:29-31; I Cor. 15:51-54; I Thess. 4:16,17; Rev. 6:12-17; Rev. 11:2; Dan. 12:1-3*

Note: Also known as the first resurrection (Revelation 20:5, 6) no danger of hell.

A. The Second Coming: The Day of the Lord

The term is referring to the period of time where God takes back the authority of the earth and gives it to His Son.

Daniel 12:11,12

The Day of the Lord, or the Second Coming, is when God pours out His wrath on the wicked, Jesus Christ comes back to the earth, and the kingdoms of this world are defeated. The Day of the Lord is not referring to a 24-hour day, but a period of time where the kingdom of God comes to replace the kingdoms of this world.

When He returns to the earth, He has a battle to fight. The Battle is commonly known as the Battle of Armageddon. Armageddon has to happen because the authority God has given to man on the earth is going to change hands to the authority of Christ. The kingdoms of the earth are not going to hand over their authority without a fight. Jesus comes to claim His reign over the kingdoms of this world.

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1. [The Rapture has already happened](#)
Revelation 14:14-16

(The sun and moon are darkened, powers of the heaven are shaken, and stars appear to be falling from the sky.

Joel 2:31-32; Amos 8:9; Matthew 24:29-31; Revelation 6:12-13)

2. [The wrath of God is poured out](#)
Revelation 14:17-19

3. [The purpose for God's wrath is to purify the earth](#)
Hebrews 12:26-29

4. [Nations gather for Armageddon](#)
Revelation 16:14-16

The nations come together in the valley of Megiddo, or Armageddon, in Jerusalem.

5. [Jesus returns with His saints](#)
Revelation 19:11-16

Jesus returns with the saints and defeats the armies of the world with His word. The Antichrist and the False Prophet were cast into Hell or the Lake of Fire.

Zech. 14:3-4

Revelation 11:15b "...The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

1 Corinthians 15:24 "Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power."

B. The Millennium

1. Satan is temporarily bound in [a bottomless pit](#)

Revelation 20:1-3

2. Christ reigns on the earth for [1,000](#) years

Revelation 20:4

Isaiah 65:22-25, 2:3-4; Jeremiah 23:3-6; Zech. 14

What will the Millennium be like?

- Jesus reigns from Jerusalem
- Saints through the tribulation reign with Him
- Jews are gathered from around the world
- There are people who are not saved
- There is universal peace and order
- The earth is restored
- There are unsaved who live through the tribulation
- There will be children born; people live and die.

3. Satan is released for a short time [towards the end of the Millennium](#)

Revelation 20:7-10

There will be one last attempt at war. Ezekiel 38-39

C. Great White Throne Judgment

1. The Book of [Life](#)

Revelation 20:12-15

One book is called the Book of Life, which contains names of everyone who received salvation of sins through Jesus Christ.

Whoever is not in the Book of Life are people who chose to deny God and refuse salvation through Jesus Christ. Because they chose to turn away from His love and forgiveness, they were thrown into Hell or the Lake of Fire.

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2. Hell is a [real place](#)

Matt. 25:41, 8:12, 13:42; Mark 9:48; Rev. 20:10, 21:8; II Thess. 1:9

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and His angels:'"

Revelation 20:10 "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

Revelation 20:8

- God does not want anyone to chose death
- Also called the Second Death
- God is not there; there is complete darkness
- Hell was made for Satan and his demons
- Hell is a lake of eternal fire and brimstone
- Worms continually eat on flesh
- There is weeping and gnashing of teeth
- The torment is everlasting

3. Heaven is a [real place](#)

What is it like?

Revelation 21:1-6

Revelation 21:1- 2:5

- There is a new heaven and new earth; no sea
- New Jerusalem comes down
- God lives with us; He is our light
- Satan is not there; sin is not there
- There is no sorrow, crying, or pain
- Relationships change; there is no marriage
- We will see Jesus face to face

(Prayer for Salvation)