
THE BEGINNING TO THE END

THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD: FROM THE BEGINNING TO ETERNITY FROM "IN THE BEGINNING" TO THE DEATH OF JACOB

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD-Jn 1:1.
Jesus is the Word. And GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH-Gen 1:1.

And God created man in His own image, and God blessed them-ref Gen 1:27,28. Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, and there put the man-ref Gen 2:8. And the Lord God commanded the man telling him that he could eat of every tree of the garden, except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned Adam of the penalty of disobedience by telling him that in the day he would eat thereof, he would surely die-ref Gen 2:15-17.

Now the serpent, which is Satan, the devil, was more crafty than any of the wild animals that the Lord God had made-ref Gen 3:1. He began sowing doubt in Eve's mind by asking her, "Has God said, 'Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?' " Then he contradicted what God had said by telling her that she would not surely die. Thus, the fear of God's judgment had been eliminated by Satan's lie. Her emotions chose to believe a lie rather than God's Word. And when she saw the tree was good for food, and pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she did eat-ref Gen 3:1-6. She also gave to her husband, and he did eat. They had sinned. They had disobeyed God's command-ref Gen 3:6. Then their eyes were opened, and they realized they were naked-ref Gen 3:7.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said, "Where are you?" Because they had sinned and were naked, they were afraid and hid-ref Gen 3:8. And the Lord God said, "Have you eaten of the tree?"-ref Gen 3:11. Then Adam blamed his wife by saying, "She gave me, and I ate it"-ref Gen 3:12. The Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" She blamed the devil by saying, "The serpent deceived me"-ref Gen 3:13. Adam and Eve had sinned and were now spiritually dead. They were without hope. Their sin was separating them from God.

Now God begins to reveal His mercy and plan to redeem people from their sins. He begins to reveal the coming of Messiah. And as we now know, it is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ that we can be reconciled to God through faith. The Lord God said, I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN YOU (Satan) AND THE WOMAN (Israel), AND BETWEEN YOUR OFFSPRING (the offspring of Satan, the son of Satan, the Antichrist which is yet to come, as well as the children of the devil) AND HERS (the Son of Man, the Son of God, Jesus Christ); HE (Jesus) WILL CRUSH YOUR HEAD, AND YOU (Satan) WILL STRIKE HIS HEEL-Gen 3:15 NIV. (Satan was defeated at the cross and ultimately will be cast into the lake of fire; however, Satan was allowed to cause the death of Jesus, but to his own defeat.) Adam had sinned, but now, God has shown His great mercy in announcing the coming of the Messiah. So the Lord God banished Adam from the garden of Eden and from the tree of life-ref Gen 3:24. God put a curse on the ground and told Adam, "To dust you shall return"-ref Gen 3:19.

Now Eve, Adam's wife, gave birth to Cain and Abel. Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time, Cain brought the fruit of the ground for an offering unto the Lord. (This indicates that God had instructed them in some manner concerning offerings.) Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat thereof. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor. So Cain was angry. The Lord said to Cain, "If you do right, will you not be accepted?"-ref Gen 4:1-7. It may be noted there is a right attitude and a wrong attitude. There is a right way and a wrong way. The right attitude is one of repentance and believing God. The wrong attitude is one of no repentance and not believing God. The right way is doing it God's way. Abel's offering was of the best of the flock. Cain's offering was of the ground that was cursed. Note, God accepted Abel, and as a result, his offering which was correct was also accepted. However, God did not accept Cain for he did not do that which was right. As a result, his offering was also not accepted. In addition, he also brought a wrong offering, which may indicate he did not believe in doing it God's way. Still, God left the door open for repentance, as He said to Cain that if he did right, would he not be accepted? The right way is repentance: a transformation, a conversion, and coming by faith in Jesus Christ, Who shed His blood for our sins. The wrong way is coming without repentance. If you come by believing in Jesus Christ, you must also come by "His" way and by believing "His" Word.

Cain had a wrong attitude. Afterwards, Cain killed Abel-ref Gen 4:8; and God pronounced judgment upon Cain-ref Gen 4:11,12.

And Adam had a son and called his name Seth-ref Gen 5:3. It was from the lineage of Seth that ultimately Noah would come forth. The number of people greatly increased upon the earth.

It came to pass that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and God was grieved that He had made man-ref Gen 6:5,6. God made a decision to destroy man and animals, including the creatures that went along the ground and the birds; but Noah found grace in God's eyes-ref Gen 6:7,8. Noah built an ark at God's direction-ref Gen 6:14-22. Noah entered the ark, and his family, and all the creatures that God had determined to keep alive came into the ark, and the Lord shut him in-ref Gen 7:13-16. The flood came, and all flesh died that moved upon the earth-ref Gen 7:17,21-23. All the high mountains were covered with the water-Gen 7:19. Finally, the

waters receded, and Noah and his family and all the living things left the ark-ref Gen 8:15-19. Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and God made a covenant with Noah-ref Gen 8:20-9:15. Through the sons of Noah, the whole earth was repopulated-Gen 9:18,19. After the flood, the earth was of one language. Man again rebelled against God. Then God confounded their language and scattered them all over the earth-Gen 11:1-8.

From the lineage of Noah and Shem, came Abram. From Abram (Abraham) came Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael was born of the bond woman, and Isaac was born of the free woman. These two half brothers were at odds with each other. It was originally expected that Ishmael would be Abram's heir; however, GOD SAID...IN ISAAC SHALL THY SEED BE CALLED-Gen 21:12. Many of the Arabs today are descendants of Ishmael. They believe the land of Israel should belong to them as they are the offspring of the firstborn of Abram. But God said the heir would be the offspring of Isaac. Thus, there is what appears to be an unsolvable problem in the Middle East. This same feud between Ishmael and Isaac goes on today. This forms the basis for much of the Bible prophecy that is yet to happen. God's covenant is with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their seed.

Sodom and Gomorrah, in which ten just men could not be found, was destroyed-ref Gen 18:32; 19:22-25.

Abraham begat Isaac. Isaac begat Jacob, whose name was changed by God, to Israel-ref Gen 35:10. From Jacob came twelve sons that would become the twelve tribes of Israel-ref Gen 35:22-26. Israel went to Egypt.

FROM THE DEATH OF JACOB TO THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CAME NEXT

While in Egypt, Moses was born-ref Acts 7:20. The Lord worked great miracles by the hand of Moses against Egypt-ref Ex 3:14,17,20. Moses led the Jews out of the land of Egypt. The children of Israel had been in Egypt for four hundred and thirty years-ref Ex 12:40,41. And Israel rebelled against God and brought up an evil report regarding the promised land. Thus, Israel wandered in the wilderness forty years, and God was grieved with that generation-ref Heb 3:8-10. All the Jews from the age of twenty and upward died in the wilderness, except two-ref Num chapters 13 and 14.

The seven feasts of Leviticus were initiated-ref Lev chapter 23. The tabernacle, the ark, mercy seat, cherubims, table, candlestick, seven lamps, veil, door, altar, horns, court, gate and lamp to burn were all initiated-ref Ex chapters 25, 26, 27.

Israel was tempted in the wilderness. Finally, Joshua was given a charge. Moses did see the promised land, but was not permitted to pass over the Jordan River-ref Deut 34:1-4. Moses died, but his life force never abated-ref Deut 31:14; 34:5-8. The children of Israel followed Joshua and entered the promised land-ref Deut 34:9; Jos 3:15-17; yet, they still would not obey God. They wanted a king-ref 1 Sam 8:5-8. Saul became the first king, and David followed-ref 2 Sam 7:12-17. Afterward, came Solomon. Israel later split into Israel and Judah-ref 2 Chr 10:11,15,19.

Finally, Israel was conquered because of sinning against the Lord. They would not follow the Lord-ref 2 Ki 17:11,13,14; 18:11,12. Eventually, Judah was also conquered-ref Jere 19:15; Dan 1:1-3; 2 Chr 36:7; Jere 52:28; 2 Ki 24:11,14,15.

Then Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, and Daniel told him the dream and the interpretation. That dream included the kingdoms that would follow his, as well as prophecies which included events that are yet to happen-ref Dan 2:1-45.

During the days of Daniel, other prophecies also came forth directly relating to the times in which we are now living-ref many chapters in Daniel. Among the most significant was Daniel 9:21-27, which are the "seventy weeks of Daniel."

FROM THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE CAME NEXT

Israel was expecting the Messiah-ref Lk 2:25,36,38. Then Jesus was born of a virgin-ref Lk 1:26,27,35; 2:4-7. The birth, life, crucifixion, and rising from the dead of Jesus, fulfilled hundreds of Scriptures. The Scriptures give us approximately 172 reasons that Jesus came the first time. Jesus grew-ref Lk 2:40. His ministry began when He was about the age of thirty-ref Lk 3:21-23. He fasted forty days-ref Lk 4:1,2. The devil tempted Him-ref Lk 4:3-13. There were many witnesses and proofs that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. Jesus had said many times, I AM. Many Scriptures covered the ministry of Jesus which were fulfilled. Jesus healed many-ref Lk 4:31,32,40. He cast out devils. THE MULTITUDES MARVELED-Mt 9:33; Lk 4:41. Jesus raised the dead-ref Lk 7:11,12,14-16.

Jesus preached on multitudes of subjects. Some included, repentance-ref Mt 4:17; denying oneself-ref Lk 9:23; fearing God-ref Lk 12:4,5; covetousness-ref Lk 12:15,22,23,30-34; your lights burning, waiting for the Lord's return, watching, and doing-ref Lk 12:35-37,43. Jesus mentioned water baptism-ref Mk 16:16, and He taught that MANY...WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE-Lk 13:23,24.

Then Jesus entered Jerusalem-ref Mk 11:7,11. He was betrayed by Judas, one of His apostles-ref Lk 22:47,48. He was led away captive-ref Jn 18:12,13. Jesus was tried and declared guilty of blasphemy by the high priest-ref Mk 14:61-64.

As it is written, FOR OF A TRUTH AGAINST THY HOLY CHILD JESUS, WHOM THOU HAST ANOINTED, BOTH HEROD, AND PONTIUS PILATE, WITH THE GENTILES, AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, WERE GATHERED TOGETHER-Acts 4:27. AND...THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE RULERS AND THE PEOPLE...CRIED...CRUCIFY HIM, CRUCIFY HIM-Lk 23:13,21. THEN...THE PEOPLE...SAID, HIS BLOOD BE ON US, AND ON OUR CHILDREN-Mt 27:25. AND PILATE GAVE

SENTENCE THAT IT SHOULD BE AS THEY REQUIRED-Lk 23:24. And HE HAD JESUS FLOGGED, AND HANDED HIM OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED-Mk 15:15 NIV. AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM-Mt 27:35.

The blood of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, had to be shed. MANY WHO WERE APPALLED (or astounded) AT HIM - **HIS APPEARANCE WAS SO DISFIGURED BEYOND THAT OF ANY MAN AND HIS FORM MARRED BEYOND HUMAN LIKENESS-Isa 52:14 NIV.**

Even while He was on the cross, He was tempted in many ways-ref Mt 27:39-44; Lk 23:36,37. AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, HE SAID, FATHER, INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT: AND HAVING SAID THUS, HE GAVE UP THE GHOST-Lk 23:46.

Jesus was buried. NOW IN THE PLACE WHERE HE WAS CRUCIFIED THERE WAS A GARDEN; AND IN THE GARDEN A NEW SEPULCHRE, WHEREIN WAS NEVER MAN YET LAID. THERE LAID THEY JESUS-Jn 19:41,42.

The tomb Jesus was laid in was secured, so no one could steal His body away. PILATE SAID...(Take a guard): GO YOUR WAY, MAKE IT AS SURE (or secure) AS YE CAN. SO THEY WENT, AND MADE THE SEPULCHRE SURE (or secure), SEALING THE STONE, AND SETTING A WATCH (or posting the guard)-ref Mt 27:62-66.

Yet despite the precautions, Jesus rose from the dead-ref Mt 28:2-7; as was also prophesied-ref Acts 13:34,35; Ps 16:10. Following His resurrection, Jesus appeared to many-ref 1 Cor 15:6; Mk 16:15-18. Also HE (Jesus) SHOWED HIMSELF ALIVE AFTER HIS PASSION (or suffering) BY MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS, BEING SEEN OF THEM FORTY DAYS-Acts 1:3.

Jesus gave commissions and instructions after His resurrection. Then Jesus ascended up to heaven. AND HE (Jesus) LED THEM OUT AS FAR AS TO BETHANY, AND HE LIFTED UP HIS HANDS, AND BLESSED THEM-Lk 24:50. AND WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN THESE THINGS, WHILE THEY BEHELD, HE WAS TAKEN UP; AND A CLOUD RECEIVED HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT-Acts 1:9. Nevertheless, He is going to return. As it is written, THIS SAME JESUS, WHICH IS TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER AS YE HAVE SEEN HIM GO INTO HEAVEN-Acts 1:11.

Jesus is now in heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father-ref 1 Pe 3:22; Mk 16:19; Heb 10:12. He MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR the saints-Ro 8:34; ref Heb 7:25. The Bible gives us many names for Jesus in the Revelation.

Then Judas, the apostle that betrayed Jesus, was replaced by Matthias as the twelfth apostle-ref Acts 1:21,22,24-26.

Within a generation of the crucifixion of Jesus, Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed-ref Lk 21:20-24; Dan 9:26; Mt 23:34-38. Throughout the Old and New Testament, the second coming of Jesus was prophesied. The various things Jesus went through had very significant meanings. The resurrection of Jesus was proven in many ways.

FROM THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM AND THE TEMPLE TO LEADING UP TO THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL AND MOST OF THE CHURCH AGE CAME NEXT

It was prophesied that Israel would be destroyed. It was.

It was prophesied that Israel would be scattered among the islands of the sea, even among the heathen. It happened.

It was prophesied that Israel would be sifted or dispersed among all nations. It came to pass.

It was prophesied that Israel would abide many days without a king. This prophecy came to pass.

It was prophesied that Israel would abide many days without a sacrifice. It happened.

It was prophesied that Israel would serve other gods. It came to pass.

God's Word gives us the definition of what the church is. Then God's Word outlines for us seven churches-ref Rev 2:1 to 3:22. The first of the seven churches began at Pentecost. Over the past 1900 plus years, prophecies listed in these churches have come to pass. This time period brings us up through the first six churches. During the course of these churches, God's Word gave us specific events that would happen. He gave us information about persecutions that would happen during various time periods. He gave us information of how Satan would attack the church through severe persecutions, a lessened amount of persecutions, and false doctrines. From these churches more information is derived about Jesus, about good and bad things regarding each church, about things that would happen, and what to do. Exhortations were given and promises to them that overcame. Rewards were listed, followed with words such as, "If any man have ears to hear, let him hear," which would characterize the entire church.

FROM THE REBIRTH OF ISRAEL TO THE RAPTURE IS THE TIME PERIOD WE ARE NOW IN

It was prophesied that one day, many days in the future, Israel would be reborn into a nation. This event happened exactly as was prophesied. The rebirth of Israel represents a time clock, signifying the beginning of a countdown. From this event, we entered into a period called the latter days. The generation of the rebirth of Israel would include Jesus actually returning to this earth and the gathering together of the elect.

Beginning with the rebirth of Israel, the Scriptures give us approximately 360 signs or prophecies to look for that would indicate an event called the Tribulation was about to begin; yet the Bible foretells that despite all the signs, despite the overwhelming evidence that God's Word has given us, most people would not believe these things.

These prophetic events that a person could look for once Israel was reborn as a nation, include: prophecies about Israel, Jerusalem, the church, a false religion, religious deception, what people would be like, Russia, Ethiopia, Egypt, Libya, other nations and cities,

and the Far East. These prophecies also include: gold and silver, a place for worship in Israel, the currency in Israel, inventions, the European Economic Community, specific events and things that would happen, and miscellaneous other prophecies. Since the rebirth of Israel on May 14, 1948, one by one, this huge list of over 300 prophecies have come to pass; yet despite this overwhelming, unmistakable proof from God's Word, people still refuse to understand that the worst time since man has been on the earth is about to happen. It is called the Tribulation.

NEXT COMES THE RAPTURE IT WILL COME SOON

Just prior to the Tribulation coming about, the Rapture of God's people will take place. The number that will be raptured will be far fewer than most people might think. The Bible unmistakably portrays the true born-again believers in heaven before the throne of God, prior to the Antichrist coming forth and the Tribulation beginning.

Regarding the Rapture (which includes Jesus coming in the air), it is written, BUT AS THE DAYS OF NOE WERE, SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE. FOR AS IN THE DAYS THAT WERE BEFORE THE FLOOD THEY WERE EATING AND DRINKING, MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE, UNTIL THE DAY THAT NOE ENTERED INTO THE ARK, AND KNEW NOT UNTIL THE FLOOD CAME, AND TOOK THEM ALL AWAY; SO SHALL ALSO THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN BE-Mt 24:37-39.

(For) THE WICKED SHALL DO WICKEDLY; AND NONE OF THE WICKED SHALL UNDERSTAND; BUT THE WISE SHALL UNDERSTAND-Dan 12:10. (For) THE LORD KNOWETH HOW TO DELIVER THE GODLY OUT OF TEMPTATIONS, AND TO RESERVE THE UNJUST UNTO THE DAY OF JUDGMENT TO BE PUNISHED-2 Pe 2:9. (For regarding the unjust) I GAVE HER SPACE TO REPENT...AND SHE REPENTED NOT. (Therefore) I WILL CAST HER INTO...GREAT TRIBULATION, EXCEPT THEY REPENT OF THEIR DEEDS-Rev 2:21,22.

BUT YE, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS, THAT THAT DAY (the Rapture) SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF. YE ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY: WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT, NOR OF DARKNESS. THEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP, AS DO OTHERS; BUT LET US WATCH-1 Thes 5:4-6. BLESSED ARE THOSE SERVANTS, WHOM THE LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND WATCHING-Lk 12:37. For the Lord has given us many things to look for, AND WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO COME TO PASS, THEN LOOK UP, AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS; FOR YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH-Lk 21:28. (Because) UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME-Heb 9:28.

(For) BEHOLD, I SHEW YOU A MYSTERY-1 Cor 15:51. (For) AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A CRY MADE-Mt 25:6; (There was) A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL-1 Thes 4:16; BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM. THEN ALL THOSE VIRGINS AROSE, AND TRIMMED THEIR LAMPS. AND THE FOOLISH SAID UNTO THE WISE, GIVE US OF YOUR OIL; FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GONE OUT. BUT THE WISE ANSWERED, SAYING, NOT SO; LEST THERE BE NOT ENOUGH FOR US AND YOU: BUT GO YE RATHER TO THEM THAT SELL, AND BUY FOR YOURSELVES. AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME-Mt 25:6-10. FOR THIS WE SAY UNTO YOU...THAT WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN UNTO THE COMING OF THE LORD SHALL NOT PREVENT THEM WHICH ARE ASLEEP-1 Thes 4:15.

(For know this), WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP (or die)-1 Cor 15:51; FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH...THE TRUMP OF GOD-1 Thes 4:16; (and) IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP-1 Cor 15:52; (ref Num 10); FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND-1 Cor 15:52; AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST-1 Thes 4:16; AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE-1 Cor 15:52.

THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP-1 Thes 4:17; as it is written, AND THE FIRST VOICE WHICH I HEARD WAS AS IT WERE OF A TRUMPET TALKING WITH ME; WHICH SAID, COME UP HITHER-Rev 4:1. (And we 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-1 Thes 4:17; (And this know, that they which) WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARRIAGE: AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT-Mt 25:10.

THEN SHALL TWO BE IN THE FIELD; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT. TWO WOMEN SHALL BE GRINDING AT THE MILL; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT-Mt 24:40,41.

I TELL YOU, IN THAT NIGHT THERE SHALL BE TWO MEN IN ONE BED; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER SHALL BE LEFT. TWO WOMEN SHALL BE GRINDING TOGETHER; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT. TWO MEN SHALL BE IN THE FIELD; THE ONE SHALL BE TAKEN, AND THE OTHER LEFT-Lk 17:34-36. THEY ASKED HIM, "WHERE, LORD?" HE ANSWERED, "WHEREVER THERE'S A DEAD BODY, THAT'S WHERE THE VULTURES GATHER"-Lk 17:37 JNT.

(In the twinkling of an eye) WE SHALL BE CHANGED. FOR THIS CORRUPTIBLE MUST PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY-1 Cor 15:52,53; (because) FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD; NEITHER DOETH CORRUPTION INHERIT INCORRUPTION-1 Cor 15:50. (For we groan) AS WITH THE PAINS OF CHILDBIRTH...TO HAVE OUR WHOLE BODIES REDEEMED AND SET FREE-Ro 8:22,23 JNT. 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 Cor 5:1,2.

THERE IS ONE GLORY OF THE SUN, AND ANOTHER GLORY OF THE MOON, AND ANOTHER GLORY OF THE STARS: FOR ONE STAR DIFFERETH FROM ANOTHER STAR IN GLORY. SO ALSO IS THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD. IT IS SOWN IN CORRUPTION; IT IS RAISED IN INCORRUPTION: IT IS SOWN IN DISHONOUR; IT IS RAISED IN GLORY: IT IS SOWN IN WEAKNESS; IT IS RAISED IN POWER: IT IS SOWN A NATURAL BODY; IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY. THERE IS A NATURAL BODY, AND THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BODY. AND SO IT IS WRITTEN, THE FIRST MAN ADAM WAS MADE A LIVING SOUL; THE LAST ADAM WAS MADE A QUICKENING SPIRIT. THE SPIRITUAL DID NOT COME FIRST, BUT THE NATURAL, AND AFTER THAT THE SPIRITUAL-NIV. THE FIRST MAN IS OF THE EARTH, EARTHY: THE SECOND MAN IS THE LORD FROM HEAVEN. AS IS THE EARTHY, SUCH ARE THEY ALSO THAT ARE EARTHY: AND AS IS THE HEAVENLY, SUCH ARE THEY ALSO THAT ARE HEAVENLY. AND AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE EARTHY, WE SHALL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY-1 Cor 15:41-49.

AFTERWARD CAME ALSO THE OTHER VIRGINS, SAYING, LORD, LORD, OPEN TO US. BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, I KNOW YOU NOT. WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YE KNOW NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEREIN THE SON OF MAN COMETH-Mt 25:11-13.

STRIVE TO ENTER IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR MANY, I SAY UNTO YOU, WILL SEEK TO ENTER IN, AND SHALL NOT BE ABLE. WHEN ONCE THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS RISEN UP, AND HATH SHUT TO THE DOOR, AND YE BEGIN TO STAND WITHOUT, AND TO KNOCK AT THE DOOR, SAYING, LORD, LORD, OPEN UNTO US; AND HE SHALL ANSWER AND SAY UNTO YOU, I KNOW YOU NOT WHENCE YE ARE-Lk 13:24,25.

In the Scriptures, the true born-again Christians are pictured in heaven, immediately after the resurrection and Rapture. After this, the first seal is opened. As it is written, AND THEY SUNG A NEW SONG, SAYING, THOU ART WORTHY TO TAKE THE BOOK, AND TO OPEN THE SEALS THEREOF: FOR THOU WAST SLAIN, AND HAST REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD OUT OF EVERY KINDRED, AND TONGUE, AND PEOPLE, AND NATION. AND I BEHELD, AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF MANY ANGELS ROUND ABOUT THE THRONE AND THE BEASTS AND THE ELDERS: AND THE NUMBER OF THEM WAS TEN THOUSAND TIMES TEN THOUSAND, AND THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS-Rev 5:9,11.

And as the saints are with Jesus, HE SHALL GIRD HIMSELF, AND MAKE THEM TO SIT DOWN TO MEAT, AND WILL COME FORTH AND SERVE THEM-Lk 12:37.

WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS-1 Thes 4:18. There is comfort in looking for the Rapture, the blessed hope. There is no comfort in looking for the Tribulation.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE RAPTURE THE ANTICHRIST COMES FORTH AND THE TRIBULATION BEGINS SHORTLY THEREAFTER

The Tribulation will happen as we near the end of the generation of the rebirth of Israel. (The last three and a half years of this seven year period, as outlined by Daniel, is sometimes called the Great Tribulation.)

As soon as the Rapture takes place, a man of sin (whom we call the Antichrist) comes forth. A covenant is signed between he and Israel, and others that begins the Tribulation, also called the seventieth week of Daniel. During this horrible period of God's wrath, Russia, Iran, and other nations will come against Israel. Many nations will be involved. One-third of trees are burned up. All green grass is burned up. One-third of the sea will become blood. One-third of the creatures in the sea will die. One-third of the ships are destroyed. One-third of the waters become wormwood (or poisoned, or radioactive). One-third of the day and also the night is darkened. One-fourth of the world's population will die. Food prices will soar. Earthquakes, famines, and pestilences will continue increasing as birth pangs of a woman. Crime and hate will abound. One hundred and forty and four thousand male, virgin Jews come forth to evangelize. Many people will get saved, but of these, many will be killed by decapitation for their faith in Jesus Christ. There will also be many false Christs and false prophets. A one-world, false religion which God calls MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH will increase. This religion has existed for hundreds of years and exists today. The nations of the world have become intoxicated with her false teachings. A temple in Jerusalem will be built.

At approximately the midst of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will be killed with a wound in the head by a weapon; but his deadly wound will be healed. He will come back to life. He will proclaim himself to be God and move into the temple in Jerusalem. The sacrifices at the temple will be stopped. All that dwell on the earth shall worship the Antichrist, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb. During the last three and a half years (called the Great Tribulation), world conditions will continue to get worse and worse. A one-world system will be set up. The Antichrist shall make war against the saints and will overcome them. Power is given to the Antichrist over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. A false prophet appears that will do great wonders. The abomination of desolation occurs. An image of the Antichrist (also called the beast) will be set on a wing of the temple. If a person does not worship it, he will be beheaded. The elect Jews now flee for their lives to a place where God will hide them and take care of them during the last three and a half years. People will be required to take the mark of the Antichrist or the number of his name, which is 666, in or on their forehead or right hand. If they refuse, they cannot buy or sell. Two prophets of God will appear. One of them is Elijah. These have the power to shut up heaven that it rain not during their days on the earth. They have the power to bring all kinds of plagues on the earth.

Multitudes will be slain for the Word of God. Locusts will sting men with a sting like a scorpion. It will be so bad that men will seek death and shall not find it. There will be terrible sores upon men. The rivers and fountains will become blood. Men will be scorched with great heat. Earthquakes continue to get worse and worse. Diseases will continue to get worse and worse. Two hundred million troops will march to Israel from the east and cross the dried up Euphrates River. One-third more of the earth's population will be killed. After 42 months, the two prophets of God will be killed. People will rejoice, but then, after three and a half days, they will arise and ascend up to heaven. Great fear falls on them which see this. Men will be so terrified that their hearts will fail as they consider what is about to happen. Multitudes will hide in the rocks and say, "FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM...HIM (Jesus)...FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME; AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?"-Rev 6:16,17.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON EXPLODES AND JESUS CHRIST RETURNS

Immediately after the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon will explode. It lasts one day. The kings and armies of the earth are gathered to make war against Jesus as He returns. Jesus Christ will return as the King of kings and Lord of lords. All His saints will return with Him. If He had not returned exactly when He did, there should be no life left on the earth. The greatest earthquake in mankind's history occurs. The cities of the nations fall. Every island fled away. The mountains were not found. There is great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of 70 to 100 pounds. The earth will move out of its place. There are so few people left alive that a child could write the number.

From the coming forth of the Antichrist, to the time the Battle of Armageddon explodes, there will be seven seal, seven trumpet, and seven vial judgments, and many others as well. Never in the history of the world, since man has existed, has there been such a horrible time as will come very shortly.

AND SO ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED: AS IT IS WRITTEN, THERE SHALL COME OUT OF SION THE DELIVERER, AND SHALL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB-Ro 11:26.

Following the return of Jesus Christ to this earth with the saints, Jesus Christ will reign. The elect shall be gathered. The Jews shall be gathered to their own land. The Lord will plant them.

The nations shall be gathered as the judgment of the nations shall take place (which is also called "the throne of glory"). All that are left alive, who took the mark and worshipped the image, will perish. All that followed Jesus and survived will go into the Millennium. The judgment of the fallen angels may also be held at this time.

These previous events are only a few of the hundreds that will soon take place.

SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR EVENTS

- Israel reborn, the latter days.
- Over 300 signs and prophecies would take place.
- The Rapture will happen.
- A treaty will be confirmed by the person we refer to as the Antichrist with Israel and others.
- The Tribulation begins, also known as the seventieth week of Daniel. This is generally considered to be a seven year period.
- Immediately after the Tribulation, the Battle of Armageddon explodes. Jesus Christ returns with all His saints. The Antichrist and false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire. Satan is chained for one thousand years, so he can deceive the nations no longer till the thousand years be fulfilled.

NEXT COMES THE MILLENNIUM

Jesus will reign and rule as King of kings and Lord of lords for 1000 years. There will be peace on the earth. He will reign over all the nations and over all the earth. The angels shall ascend and descend upon Jesus. There will be great rejoicing. David will reign as the king of Israel. The twelve apostles shall reign over the twelve tribes of Israel.

The saints shall inherit the earth and shall reign as kings and priests. They shall reign with Christ for one thousand years.

The judges and counselors shall be restored as at the beginning. There will be a continuing judgment of Israel during the Millennium. There will be a continuing judgment of the Gentiles during the Millennium. The Lord shall judge among the people.

The former and latter rain comes in the first month.

The Lord will raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen down. Jesus will dwell in the holy mountain, Mount Zion. Mount Zion will be in the height of Israel, and all nations shall flow unto it. All kings and nations shall worship and serve Jesus. The Law shall go forth from Jerusalem, and the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord. Offerings will also be brought.

There will be a new covenant with the house of Israel. The idols shall be abolished. The Feast of Tabernacles shall be kept by the people. The fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months shall be kept.

The Scriptures tell us about the people who will run the temple, about entering the temple, about worship, about the worship of the Prince, as well as the temple measurements. A fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord. The waters will become a river.

Everything shall live wherever the river comes. Trees shall grow on the banks of the river. Their leaves shall be for medicine.

Israel shall be one nation, and shall be called by a new name. There will be new borders for Israel, and the population of Israel will increase tremendously. They will become as the sand of the sea. There shall be old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. The streets of Jerusalem shall be full of boys and girls playing. It may be marvelous.

The population of the world will increase greatly. Their number will be as the sand of the sea. People will live to be very old. A person, who is 100 years old, will be thought of as a mere youth.

Jerusalem shall be made a praise in the earth. It shall be called: a city of truth, the city of the Lord, the throne of the Lord, a city not forsaken. Jerusalem's walls shall be called Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

The landscape of Israel shall be changed. Every mountain shall be made low. Every valley shall be exalted. Waters will gush forth from the wilderness, and there shall be streams in the desert.

The fir tree shall come up instead of the thorn, and the myrtle tree shall come up instead of the brier. The landscape of the world will be much different. The creature shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption. The curse on the ground shall be lifted. The earth will yield her increase.

Food will increase greatly. The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun. And the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days. God will establish a covenant with the animals. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together. The lion shall eat straw. The leopard shall lie down with the kid. The cow will feed with the bear.

The deaf shall hear, and the lame shall walk. The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. The people shall build houses, and the waste cities shall be rebuilt. Some nations shall perish. There will be no more Canaanite. The Scriptures give us information about Egypt and Edom, and the glory of Lebanon.

Israel shall be the third with Egypt and with Assyria. The Scriptures tell us, BLESSED BE EGYPT MY PEOPLE, AND ASSYRIA THE WORK OF MY HANDS, AND ISRAEL MINE INHERITANCE-ref Isa 19:24,25. During the Millennium, the Scriptures tell us, FOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO WERE ONCE ENLIGHTENED, AND HAVE TASTED OF THE HEAVENLY GIFT, AND WERE MADE PARTAKERS OF THE HOLY GHOST, AND HAVE TASTED THE GOOD WORD OF GOD, AND THE POWERS OF THE WORLD TO COME, IF THEY SHALL FALL AWAY, TO RENEW THEM AGAIN UNTO REPENTANCE; SEEING THEY CRUCIFY TO THEMSELVES THE SON OF GOD AFRESH, AND PUT HIM TO AN OPEN SHAME-Heb 6:4-6.

Many of the laws, outlined in the Old Testament, may become the laws during the Millennium, during this thousand years of peace.

The thousand years comes to an end. No Scripture using the terms: the latter days, latter year, latter years, latter time, latter times appear from this point on.

NEXT COMES A SHORT TIME PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE MILLENNIUM

Satan is let loose for a little season and goes forth to deceive the nations once again. He gathers them together to battle. They surround the camp of the saints and the beloved city. Fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. The devil is cast into the lake of fire.

NEXT THE HEAVENS AND EARTH PASS AWAY THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS HELD THERE IS A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH, THERE IS NEW JERUSALEM AND ETERNITY

The heavens and the earth pass away.

The great white throne judgment is held. Hell delivered up the dead. Death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Those multiple billions of people that rejected Jesus shall be in the lake of fire, tormented day and night for ever, and ever, and ever, and ever. There will be no pardon and no escape.

The Scriptures tell us about His enemies becoming His footstool.

A new heaven and a new earth come forth.

The New Jerusalem comes forth, whose builder and maker is God.

Jesus shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father.

The former things shall no longer be remembered.

So shall the saints ever be with the Lord. It is written, EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS WHICH GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM-1 Cor 2:9.

TO THE SKEPTIC AND UNBELIEVER

This may all sound like a fairy tale, but remember, there are approximately 10,000 prophecies in the Bible—every single one up to this time has come true, without a single exception. THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD-Ps 14:1.

ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?

If you had a sudden heart attack or the Rapture came in the next five minutes, are you sure you are ready to meet God? You may say, "I believe I'm a good person." The Bible says all of your righteous deeds ARE AS FILTHY RAGS. You may be religious and go to church, but if you died right now—you would perish to hell. Why? Because you have not been born-again. You may say, "Well my church never preaches like this." Will you trust your religion or what the Bible says? If you choose not to accept God's way to enter heaven, then you are choosing eternal separation from God. God loves you.

YOU MAY ASK, "WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?" FOUR THINGS.

1. You must admit that you are a sinner. The Bible tells us, ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

2. Be willing to change, to forsake all sin, to humble yourself and live for Jesus. Repent. Be willing to ask God for His help to make that change. The Bible tells us, EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH. WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD. Jesus tells us, HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME IS AGAINST ME.

3. Believe in your heart Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son, God Who came to this earth in human form. Believe He died for your sins. It is written, THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN, WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED. If you are caught robbing a bank, you have to go to jail. Jesus never sinned. When He died on the cross, He did not die for the things He did. He died to pay your jail sentence.

4. Ask for forgiveness. Ask for God's mercy. By faith receive Jesus Christ as your only hope of salvation. Afterwards, be willing to get baptized by full immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Nicodemus was considered a very religious man in the Bible; however, in Jn 3:3, Jesus tells him it is not enough. You MUST BE BORN AGAIN. You must ask for God's forgiveness. You must confess Him publicly. Whenever Jesus called someone, He did it publicly. He said in Mt 10:32-WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I CONFESS ALSO BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. As it is also written, BE READY ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO EVERY MAN THAT ASKETH YOU A REASON OF THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR-1 Pe 3:15.

We invite you to make that decision for Jesus right now. You need to repent and ask Jesus to be your Lord and Savior. Please kneel right where you are. Can you feel God calling you right now? Is your heart pounding? You may have been baptized or confirmed, but something inside you is saying, "Be sure." Perhaps you have strayed from God and need to rededicate your life to Jesus now. Would you rather go to be with God or the lake of fire? You have that choice right now. God wants you to receive the gift of eternal life. Are you sure there is not a sin, there is nothing that stands between you and God? But you may know there is. The Bible tells us THERE IS A WAY WHICH SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO A MAN, BUT THE END THEREOF ARE THE WAYS OF DEATH. Jesus wants you to **KNOW HIM**, to have a personal relationship with Him. It's not a matter of whether you *think* you know Jesus, but does Jesus know you?

Right now, kneel and pray this prayer out loud and mean it with all your heart.

DEAR JESUS, I AM A SINNER. I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD AND DIED FOR MY SINS ON THE CROSS. FORGIVE ALL OF MY SINS. JESUS, I REPENT. I ASK YOU TO HAVE MERCY ON ME, A SINNER, AND COME INTO MY LIFE. GIVE ME YOUR SPIRIT AND YOUR POWER. HELP ME TO FOLLOW AND OBEY YOUR COMMANDMENTS, AND TO LIVE FOR YOU. JESUS, I GIVE YOU MY LIFE. THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY PRAYER. THANK YOU FOR COMING INTO MY LIFE. I ASK IT IN THE NAME OF MY LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

IF YOU JUST SAID THAT PRAYER AND MEANT IT

We recommend you now read your Bible every day faithfully—5 chapters a day. Begin with the Gospel of John, and read it through three times. Next go to Matthew and read the New Testament through three times. Then begin reading the entire Bible in order, beginning with Genesis. As God opens up His Word to you, obey it. Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, deceiving yourself-ref Ja 1:22. As you are faithful, God will open your understanding of His Word more and more.

Find a good Bible-teaching church that teaches God's Word, sound doctrine, Bible prophecy and the Revelation, not just stories about worldly things. Attend often and get baptized. Tell others that Jesus is your only hope of salvation. If you've just said that prayer and committed your life to Jesus, please let us know by contacting us at JesusSaves@abundantbiblestudies.com We would like to pray for you and send you some free literature, if you will include your mailing address.

FINAL NOTE ON SALVATION

Many people are positive that they are saved. They base this on emotions. They may make certain comments, such as, "I am a good person. I do what is right. I'm not as bad as that person. I had an experience with God. I feel that I am saved. I can feel God is with me. I know the Holy Spirit is inside of me. I am a preacher, an elder, a prophet, or a preacher's wife. I have prayed, and God answered my prayer. I believe in God. God did this or that for me. I sing in the choir. I go to church. I praise and worship God. I give my money to the church. I was baptized." While all of this sounds very nice, it is not based upon biblical knowledge. Many that are now in hell have said such things. The Pharisees in the New Testament also could have said many of these things, but Jesus showed them clearly they were not saved.

If you have received Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, as your Lord and Savior, it is because God in His mercy has opened your understanding. As it is written, **FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST. FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM-Eph 2:8-10.**

"**After**" we believe on Jesus Christ, "**after**" we have repented of our sins, we are commanded to be baptized by full immersion in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. It is written, **HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT SHALL BE DAMNED-Mk 16:16.** Note, believing on Jesus comes "before" water baptism. Baptism prior to repenting and believing on Jesus has no meaning. You cannot be baptized into One in Whom you do not believe. It is written, **FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST HAVE PUT ON CHRIST-Gal 3:27.** Water baptism is by full immersion. As it is written, **BURIED WITH HIM (with Jesus) IN BAPTISM (or buried in the water)-Col 2:12, ref Ro 6:4.** Jesus commanded, **GO YE THEREFORE, AND TEACH ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST: TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER I HAVE COMMANDED YOU: AND, LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD. AMEN-Mt 28:19,20.**

Surrender means "you give up." You stop putting your will before God's will. You allow Jesus (God's Word) to reign over you. You submit to Jesus and let Him become the Lord of your life.

If you have not humbled yourself, and totally surrendered to Jesus, and become as a little child (ref Mt 18:3), and continued steadfast in the faith, I would suggest that **NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION-2 Cor 6:2.** Please submit to God, say the prayer, and mean it with all of your heart. God loves YOU and cares.

It is written, **EYE HATH NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NEITHER HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN, THE THINGS WHICH GOD HATH PREPARED FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM-1 Cor 2:9.**

I CALL HEAVEN AND EARTH TO RECORD THIS DAY AGAINST YOU, THAT I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU LIFE AND DEATH, BLESSING AND CURSING: THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE, THAT...THOU...MAY LIVE-Deut 30:19.

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