

GOD'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM FOR THE AGES

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. God has, from all eternity, absolutely decreed whatsoever comes to pass. In the beginning, God created all things out of nothing by the word of His power. **Heb 11:3; Gen 1:1**

B. From the moment of their creation, continuing through the present and on into eternity, God preserves and upholds all things. This includes not only their being, but also the possession and exercise of all their "inherent properties." **Heb 1:3; Col 1:17; Neh 9:6**

C. God continually controls and directs the actions of all His creatures thus preserved so that, while he never violates the law of their several natures, He yet infallibly causes all actions and events singular and universal to occur according to the eternal and immutable plan embraced in His decree. In Short: There is a design in providence." **Acts 17:24-27**

D. God has chosen His great end: **The Manifestation of His own Glory**. In achieving that great end He has chosen innumerable subordinate ends. These are fixed; and he has appointed all actions and events in their varied relations as means to those ends. He continually directs the actions of all creatures so that all these general and special ends are brought to pass precisely at the time, by the means, in the mode and under the conditions, which He from eternity proposed.

E. God revealed to us in His Word (in skeletal outline form) His "program for the Ages." It includes His grand purpose and many of the subordinated purposes. He has told us something concerning His means of accomplishing the above, along with indicating certain time elements which are in his program. We are going to look at this over-all plan in these notes!

II. REBELLION

It is a matter of revelation that God created creatures with the intention of having "fellowship" with them and to be Lord over them (both angels and man). Upon completion of God's creative activity, all was **good** and fellowship was possible. The angels were apparently created before the world. **Gen 1:31-2:4; Job 38:4-7**

A. Rebellion occurred in the angelic realm when Lucifer refused God's place for him and he took multitudes of angels with him in his rebellion **Ezk 28:11-19; Matt 25:41**. NOTE: There was apparently a further rebellion by some of these angels later **2 Pet 2:4**. Judgement of these rebellious angels is part of the "things to come."

B. Adam and his posterity rebelled by refusing the bounds that his Creator had placed upon him **Gen 3:1-7; Rom 5:12**. As a result, judgement became necessary.

C. The rest of the revelation of God concerns itself with God's efforts to once again establish fellowship with man, and with man's response, judgement always being necessary when God's efforts are spurned.

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NOTE: No salvation has been provided for angels. **Heb 2:16**

Also note that all creation was subjected to futility, suffering, death, etc. when man fell.

Rom 8:18

There were individuals who God "saved" thereby re-establishing fellowship and "Lordship" with them from the time of Adam to the time of Abraham. Enoch, Noah and Seth, etc, were such men (walked with God). Mankind as a whole, however, became exceedingly wicked causing God to destroy the world by water -- Noah's Flood. **Gen 6:5-7; Rom 1:18-32; 2 Pet 3:3-6**

Noah and his sons began repopulating the earth and from the time of Noah to the time of Abraham little information other than that which is historical in nature is given outside of the incident at Babel. **Gen 11**

III. THE COVENANTS

Abraham was the first individual with whom God dealt that shed light on God's prophetic program. It was with Abram that God established a covenant out of which most prophecy finds its roots. We call it the **Abrahamic Covenant**.

1. **Covenant** - an agreement (usually formal) between two or more parties to do or not do something specified. There are many covenants referred to in the Bible between individuals, nations, etc.

2. There are **FIVE MAJOR COVENANTS** mentioned which are said to be between God and an individual or God and the nation of Israel. Four are "**unconditional**" covenants with the formula "I Will." These four covenants are:

- a. Abrahamic - **Gen 12:1-3**
- b. Palestinian - **Deut 30:1-10**
- c. Davidic - **2 Sam 7:10-16**
- d. New - **Jer 31:31-40**
- e. Mosaic - **Ex 19:5,8; Deut 28:1-15**

The only one that was "**conditional**" with the formula "If you will..."

3. Consequently, in God's **unconditional** covenants he promises (obligates Himself in **Grace**) to bring to pass definite blessings for the covenanted ones. Under His **conditional** covenant He promises to grant special blessings to the one covenanted contingent upon conditions that must be met with the promises to execute definite punishment in the case of Man's failure.

4. The four unconditional covenants are also referred to as **eternal covenants** in the Scriptures (Mosaic is not). They are also "**Literal**" covenants. The promises are specific. In as much as these covenants are literal and eternal they depend solely upon the integrity of God for their fulfillment.

5. Finally, These covenants were made with a covenant people **ISRAEL**, **Eph 2:11-12**. God did not promise anything to Gentile people.

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A. ABRAHAMIC COVENANT - basis of God's entire Covenant Program

1. **Gen 12:1-3,6-7; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-14; 22:15-18**
2. The eternal aspects of this covenant guarantees Israel:
 - a. Permanent title to the land of promise. **Gen 12:1,7; 13:14-17**
 - b. Certainty of material and spiritual blessings **Gen 12:3** with **Gen 22:18** and **Gal 3:16** with **Gen 13:15; 22:18**
 - c. A promise of numerous descendants to form a great nation **Gen 12:2; 13:16; 17:2-7**
In short, the essential areas are the **Land**, the **Seed** and the **Blessings**.
3. NOTE: The laying alongside of this covenant the Mosaic covenant in no way nullifies the above promise. **Gal 3:17-18; Rom 4**
4. Since the Abrahamic covenant deals with Israel's title/deed to the land of Palestine, her continuation as a nation to possess that land and her redemption so that she may enjoy the blessings under the promised King are demanded. Israel must be preserved, converted and restored.
5. The Abrahamic covenant was a blood covenant **Gen 15:9-18** in contrast to a salt covenant **Num. 18:19** or a shoe covenant **Ruth 4:7-9**. God went alone between the carcasses **Gen 15:17**. If God dies all of the above will not happen.

B. PALESTINIAN COVENANT Deut 30: 1-10

After Abraham we find the period of the patriarchs followed by the 400 year Egyptian bondage where God established Israel as a nation.

-Seventy (70) from one man's family went down to Egypt and a mighty nation returned.

Gen. 46:26-27; Num. 2:32 (603, 550); **Num. 3: 42-43** (22,273) All these descendants in 430 years. **Ex. 12: 40-41**

-Before entering the Promised Land, God enlarges that part of the Abrahamic covenant which dealt with the possession of the Land. **Deut 30:1-10**

-God tells the people before they ever enter the land that they will forsake Him and consequently He will drive them back out of the Land.

-There will be a day come when Israel will be regathered and brought back into the Land to stay. That day will be the same day that they receive a new heart.

-Unfaithfulness and unbelief by the nation **will not** set aside the covenant God has promised that He will bring to pass

1. There are seven (7) main features concerning this covenant.
 - a. The nation going into Canaan will be removed again from the Land for its unfaithfulness. **Deut 28:63-68; 30:1-3**
 - b. There will be a future repentance of Israel. **Deut 30:1-3**
 - c. Their Messiah will return at this regathering. **Deut 30:4-5; Matt 24:29-34; Rom 11:25-27**
 - d. Israel will be restored to the Land **Deut 30:5**
 - e. Israel will be converted as a nation. **Deut 30:6; Rom 11:26-27**
 - f. Israel's enemies will be judged. **Deut 30:7; Matt 25**
 - g. The nation will finally receive her full blessings. **Deut 30:9; Obadiah, vs17; Amos 9:11-15**

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2. **Ezekiel chapter 16** is a symbolic picture of Jehovah's relation with Israel.
 - a. God loved Israel when no one else wanted her. **v1-7**
 - b. He married her. **v8-14**
 - c. She played the harlot. **v15-34**
 - d. Therefore, he punished her. **v35-52**
 - e. He will once again restore her. **v53-63**
3. The "conditional" element in this covenant is the time that it will be fulfilled, **not if it will.**

Israel begins to possess Canaan. She never fully takes possession and begins her up and down existence. Along the way she rejects God as her king and receives permission to establish a monarchy **1 Sam 8:4-9**, about 400 years after entering the Land). When David was king, God gave Israel her next unconditional covenant.

C. DAVIDIC COVENANT 2 Sam 7:12-17; Note Ps 89:3,4,34-36

This covenant expands the "nation" aspects of the Abrahamic covenant. It primarily deals with a house, throne and kingdom. Part of its fulfillment referred to Solomon, but the eternal aspects of it will be found in that future day of the restoration of the nation of Israel. There are many references to it in the Old Testament:

Jer 23:5-8 Ezk 37:24-25 Amos 9:11

30:8-9 Dan 7:13-14 Zech 14:4,9

Jer 33:14-17,20,21 Isa 9:6-7 Hosea 3:4-5

D. NEW COVENANT Jer 31:31-34

Israel's history became a downhill run from the time of Solomon's reign. Sin and rebellion brought about division and finally separation of the Israelites into two nations. Matters continued to decay until God removed Israel (10 tribes/Northern kingdom in 722 BC) from His sight. About 10 years later a prophet named Jeremiah arose. While prophesying to Judah he revealed the fourth major unconditional covenant that God made with his people. We refer to it as the New Covenant. This covenant expands the blessing aspect of the Abrahamic covenant. It deals with the regeneration (or salvation) of the nation of Israel. Some of the major aspects of this covenant are:

- a. It is unconditional and everlasting - "I Will"
- b. It promises the impartation of a renewed mind and heart (regeneration) **Jer 31:33**
- c. It provides for restoration to the favor and blessing of God **Jer 31:33**
- d. Forgiveness of sin **Jer 31:34**
- e. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is included with His teaching ministry.
Jer 31:34 with Ezk 36:26-27

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IV. DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS

Judah slides into further sin and finally God sends her off into captivity . While in captivity, God gives Daniel a series of visions concerning world events. One of these prophecies had to do with the future of Israel and consequently the future of the world.

In the book of Daniel we find a particular prophecy which we refer to as the "**70 Weeks**". This particular prophecy concerns the time-table which is involved in preparing Israel so that she may receive the fulfillment of the previous covenants. **Dan 9:24-27**

The first 69 weeks lead up to the coming of Messiah and the 70th week is the great tribulation which ends with the second coming of Christ when He will establish the kingdom for Israel that was promised in the covenants.

A. General Information about the Seventy Weeks of Daniel

1. Prophecy concerns Daniel's people (Israelites) and the city (Jerusalem). **v24**
2. Two princes are mentioned:
 - a. Messiah the Prince, **v25**
 - b. prince who is to come, **v26**
3. The entire time-period involved is 70 weeks (sevens) **v24**

B. Specific Information about the prophecy

1. Seventy weeks have been decreed
 - a. "week" is the Hebrew word for seven (7), consequently, $70 \times 7 = 490$ has been decreed concerning Jerusalem and the Israelites.
 - b. The Israelites operated on a seven day cycle and a seven year cycle, which was grouped into seven cycles of seven years. The context must determine whether the days or years cycle was meant. **Lev 25:1-12**
 - c. In context, **Dan. 9:1-2** is dealing with the "**years**" cycle per Daniel's reading of **Jer 25:11-12; 29:1c**. All this was determined because the Israelites had not given the Land its rest. **2 Chron 36:21** **NOTE:** Now, at the end of the judgement for these violations the angel has been sent to reveal the start of a new era of God's dealing with the Jews which would extend for the same number of years covered by her violations of the Sabbatical year, namely, a cycle of 490 years, or **70x7's** of years. **Dan 9:24**
 - d. Old Testament years contained 360 days or 12 months of 30 days.
 - e. Finally **490 days would not allow enough time** for any of the events which are said to occur within the period prophesied.
2. The time (490 years) has been decreed so that 6 specific accomplishments can be wrought by God. The first three (3) are in reference to Christ's (Messiah) First Coming:
 - a. "finish the transgression - overstepping the bounds" It is used when referring to breaking the Mosaic Law and more generally as Man's rebellion to God's created place for him. **Rom 5:12-21; Gal 3:19** **NOTE:** Christ's death paid for man's transgressions. **Rom 3:23-26**
 - b. "make an end of sin - coming short, missing the mark" An all-inclusive term from which different types are specified. **NOTE:** Christ's death put an end to sin. **2 Cor 5:21; Rom 6:1-7**

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- c. "to make atonement for iniquity - to cover" Atonement is only found in the Old Testament and means "to cover". A New Testament word that is more appropriate is propitiation or "satisfaction." Iniquity = lawlessness or unrighteousness. **NOTE:** Christ in His death propitiated God for our unrighteousness along with the unrighteousness of the Old Testament people. **Rom 3:25; Heb 9:11-14; 10:11-14**

The second three (3) have to do with Christ's Second Coming at which time He will establish the kingdom.

- a. "to bring in everlasting righteousness" **Jer 23:5-8; Isa 11:1-12**
 b. "seal up vision and prophecy" Seal up means the termination of revelation by means of vision and oral prophecy. It will no longer be needed because God will be reigning visibly. **Jer 31:34**
 c. "anoint the most holy place" God's establishment of the millennial temple at the beginning of the millennium. Note for example **Ezk 46**.

All six of these have been determined or decreed. They are as certain as God is.

3. **The beginning of the 490 years (Dan 9:25) can be established to the day by secular historians.** There are 3 different decrees recorded in scripture concerning the rebuilding of Jerusalem. In **2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-2**; we find the decree of Cyrus. In **Ezra 6:3-8** we find the decree of Darius. Both of these are in reference to the rebuilding of the **temple only**. In **Ezra 7:7** we have a return recorded which was the result of a decree from Artaxerxes. He made this decree in **Neh 2:1-8**, giving permission to restore and rebuild **both the temple and the city**. This decree was issued on 1st Nisan, 445 BC or March 14, 445 BC.

4. Sir Robert Anderson gives the chronology of the first 69 weeks as follows:

Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to proclaim His messiahship and to receive His doom can be figured thus: "In accordance with the Jewish custom, the Lord went up to Jerusalem upon the 8th of Nisan, six days before the Passover. But since the 14th, on which the Paschal Supper was eaten, fell that year upon a Thursday, the 8th was the preceding Friday. He must have spent the Sabbath, therefore at Bethany; and the evening of the 10th after the Sabbath had ended (the supper took place at Martha's house). Upon the following day, the 10th of Nisan, He entered Jerusalem as recorded in the Gospels." **Note: The Julian date of that 10th of Nisan was Sunday, the 6th of April, 32 AD; which is EXACTLY 173,880 days or SEVEN TIMES SIXTY-NINE PROPHETIC YEARS OF 360 DAYS.** Based on our solar calendar, the time from March 14, 445 BC to April 6, 32 AD is:

476 x 365	173740
add Mar 14 to Apr 6	24
add for leap years	116

Total	173880 days

Luke 18:31-33; 19:28-44

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5. After the Messiah's death, which was to close the 69th week, the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. Titus marched on Jerusalem and fulfilled this prophecy in 70 AD.

GAP: Between **Dan 9:26** and **9:27** there is a 2,000 year (?) gap to date; not known to Daniel or any of the other prophets. We call it the AGE OF GRACE or the CHURCH AGE. Israel was set aside at the crucifixion and God has turned to the Gentiles for the present age. The church is a "parenthesis" in God's program with Israel **Rom 11:11-29**. It was a mystery not understood in the Old Testament **Eph 3:1-6**.

6. At the end of the church age God will rapture His church which ends God's dealings with man in the way that He does today. After the church is finished, God's program for Israel will resume because He will again turn his attention to them.
7. According to **Dan 9:27**, God's time-table for Israel involves 7 more years of 360 days per year.

This period of time is referred to elsewhere as the **tribulation** period **Matt 24:3,9,21** with the last half being referred to as THE GREAT TRIBULATION **Rev 5:1 thru 19:21**. This period will begin with the Prince who is coming (anti-Christ) by the signing of a covenant with Israel. He is said to break the covenant in the middle of the week (3 1/2 yrs) **Dan 9:27**. The time element is so literal that elsewhere it is referred to as "Time, Times and Half a Time" **Rev 12:14**; "42 months" **Rev 11:2, Rev 13:5**; "1260 Days" **Rev 11; 12:6**.

From this point in these notes we will be following concepts and subjects as they relate to the end of time rather than running through the future in a purely chronological manner. In this way, it is hoped that this will make the overall picture easier to grasp.

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V. WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH ?

There is not a great deal of prophecy in the bible that is chronologically oriented concerning this present church age. In general we find statements concerning the outward growth of the Church with no inward life. We find a trend of falling away from Christ, increase in evil, etc.

2 Tim 3:1-9; 1 Tim 4:1-5 Many see the seven letters of Rev 2-3 as prophetic, being general statements concerning the condition of the church in the respective ages (from first love of Christ to Christ outside the door/knocking to be let in). Unlike the specifics of Israel's future, these passages are very general and our predictions from them are purely speculative.

The next major event for the church, which we as Christians are looking toward, is what we call the ""**RAPTURE**"" of the church. The Lord has told us **that it will happen but no signs have been given in the Bible concerning when this will happen.**

What about the Holy Spirit: In the world, Omnipresent, yet Resident ?

A. Before the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit lived in heaven and came and went as he so desired, entering people for a specific reason and leaving when that reason was accomplished.

For example: **1 Sam 16:13-14, Judges 3:10; 6:34;** "came upon..."

Ex 31:3 - "filled..."

Num 27:18 - "in..."

Ps 51:11 - "take not..." (David views indwelling as not permanent)

B. Christ (at the end of the Old Testament age) promised that the Comforter would soon be in them or take up residence in believers **Jn 14:17; 16:13; Acts 1:7-8.**

C. At the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit of God came down from heaven moving His residence into believers to permanently indwell them **Acts 2:1-4, 2 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:13-14 w/ Jn 6:27; Eph 2:18-22.**

D. The Church age will end when the Holy Spirit moves back to heaven at the rapture of the church, just before the tribulation begins **1 Thes 5:9. 1 Thes 4:14-18; 2 Thes 2:1-10** -- We are permanently indwelt by the Restrainer (Holy Spirit). When He is taken out of the way, we will go with Him. NOTE: Those who have heard the gospel, understood it and **not** accepted it appear to not be allowed to be saved **2 Thes 2:11-12.**

E. Once in heaven, Christ's people will stand before the judgement (reward) seat or Bema Seat of Christ to be judged for what they have done in the flesh after their salvation.

2 Cor 5:10; 1 Cor 3:9-15

F. The fact that the Holy Spirit (Restrainer) moves His residence does not imply that He no longer works among men. Old Testament saints were saved by faith, as a result of the Holy Spirit who is omnipresent even though he did not indwell Old Testament believers as a temple **Jn 3:5-6.** In the tribulation period the Holy Spirit will do the work of regeneration as He did in the Old Testament without the indwelling ministry.

G. **Rev. 7:1-4,9,14** There will be multitudes saved during the tribulation as a result of the 144,000 raised up by God in the tribulation after all believers have been removed at the rapture. The tribulation believers are never referred to as members of the "church." They are saved on the basis of faith in the death of Christ and presumably the convicting work of the Spirit. The church was completed before the rapture **Rom 11:25.**

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REASONS FOR A BELIEF IN A PRETRIBULATION RAPTURE

- 1) The church is said to be delivered from (not out of) the wrath to come.
I Thes 1:10
- 2) Believers are also said to be kept from that hour which is about to come upon the whole earth.
Rev 3:10
- 3) Believing that Christ can return at any time argues for a pre-trib rapture.
Titus 2:11-15
What should we be looking for if we remain entering that time?(Out of Context Matt 24:42-22 with vs 32-34)
- 4) An argument from silence along with the position of the church implied at the beginning and the end of the section Rev 4:1-2;
Rev, chapters 4-18 have no mention of the church
Rev 19 The church is in Heaven preparing to return with Christ
- 5) II Thes 2:1 subject is the rapture
Their fear is that “the day of the Lord” has come (begun) vs 2.
Cannot come until the restrainer (Holy Spirit) has been removed vs 6-8.
Being permanently indwelt by the restrainer, we, of necessity would be removed when He is removed.
- 6) A pre-tribulation rapture (as opposed to a post-trib rapture) allows for believers to be available to re-populate the earth for the millenium.
If all believers are translated at the end of the tribulation no natural body believers are left upon the earth.
Israel will believe at the end of the tribulation Rom 11:25-29.
There will be believing Gentiles at the end of the trib Matt 25:31- 46.
If the church is still being developed during the trib, these would be translated just prior to the millenium.
- 7) The return of the Lord for the church occurs in the clouds I Thes 4:15-17.
The return of the Lord at the end of the tribulation focuses on His arriving on the Mount of Olives Acts 1:9-14 Zech 14:1-6

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VI. RESURRECTIONS

- A. All people everywhere from all time will be resurrected **1 Cor 15:21-28,35-49; 2 Cor 5: 1-9!!**

Resurrection is not the same as restoration. In more than 40 New Testament references to resurrection, with the possible exception of **Lk 2:34**, it always refers to a literal resurrection, never in a spiritual or nonliteral sense, and has to do with the raising up of the physical body. **Dan 12:1-3; Jn 5:25-29; 1 Cor 15:12-58; Isa 26:19-21**

- B. There is two kinds of resurrection in God's program:

1. **The Resurrection UNTO LIFE (First Resurrection) Lk 14:13-14 Phil 3:8-11**

The time order or sequence of the first resurrection is given as follows: **1 Cor 15:23**

- a. Christ - **Matt 28:1-7; Heb 6:19-20; Jn 5:22; Heb 2:14-18**
- b. A handful of Old Testament believers - **Matt 27:50-53**
- c. The church prior to the tribulation - **1 Thes 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-58**
- d. Believing Israel at the end of the tribulation (all O.T. believers)
Job 14:13-15; Dan 12:9-13; Ezk 37:1-14 (May represent the Nation of Israel in 1948); Isa 26:19-21

2. **The Resurrection UNTO DAMNATION - GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT**

Rev 20:5-15

VII. THE JUDGEMENTS

- A. **Judgement of the Cross** (substitutionary death of our Lord by which he received judgement so that we would not have to be judged for sin)

Jn 5:24 Gal 3:13-14 Rom 5:8-10 with 8:1

2 Cor 5:21 Heb 9:26-28; 10:10,14-18

- B. **Judgement of believers** in chastening by the Lord while on earth -- in this life.

1 Cor 11:32; Heb 12:5-11

- C. Self-judgement of believers **1 Cor 11:28-31**

NOTE: The above judgements affect the judgements following.

- D. **Judgement seat of Christ** followed by the Marriage Feast.

1. The church today is in the betrothal period. During this time we are tested to see if we are going to be true to our Savior. We, as the church, are the bride of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ is the groom **Eph 5:25-27**.

2. At the end of our betrothal period, the Lord will come and receive us to Himself where we will participate in the marriage of the Lamb. Christ will receive his church **1 Thes 4:13-18**.

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3. At the rapture of the church we will **all** go before the judgement seat of Christ and we will be judged according to the works we have done **after our salvation**. Rewards or loss of rewards will result at this public manifestation of our Christian life. (We are not judged on the basis of our accepting Christ as our personal savior or not. We are present at this judgement because we are saved.)

4. Judgement (Bema) Seat of Christ

a. Two words for judge are used.

i. criterion - **1 Cor 6:2-4** - To judge guilty or innocent

ii. Bema - reward seat - place where umpire of the arena sat to issue rewards to the winners

Time - directly after the rapture **Lk 14:13-14; 1 Cor 4:5 with 1 Thes 4:14-18; Rev 22:12**

Place - The Heavens **2 Cor 5:1-8; 1 Thes 4:15-18; Heb 12:18-24**

Judge - Lord Jesus Christ **Jn 5:21-29; Rom 14:10-12; 2 Cor 5:9-10; Heb 4:14-16**

Subjects of Bema seat - Believers **2 Cor 5:10**

Basis of examination

Not our sins: **Jn 5:24; Rom 8:1; Heb 10:17-24; 1 Jn 4:15-18**

Based on our works and whether they are acceptable or worthless **2 Cor 5:10; Lk 6**

Result of examination

Rewards lost **1 Cor 3:10-15; 9:22-27**

Five (5) Crowns as rewards (stephanos-wreath, not diadems-kingly crowns) are mentioned in the New Testament:

a. to those who get mastery over the old man - **1 Cor 9:25**

b. of rejoicing for soul winners - **1 Thes 2:19**

c. of life for those enduring trials - **James 1:12**

d. of righteousness for those loving his appearing - **2 Tim 4:8**

e. of glory for being willing to feed the flock of God - **1 Pet 5:2-4**

Question: Why were we saved ?

To glorify God **1 Cor 6:20**

To bear fruit for God **Rom 7:4**

5. The Marriage of the Lamb

a. Christ is the bridegroom - **Jn 3:29**

b. The church is the bride - **2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25-33**

Time - After the rapture, before the Second Coming **Rev 19:7-9**

Place - In heaven; we are already clothed at the Second Advent **Rev 19:14**

Participants - Believers of the church age that were raptured. **Rev 19:7**

6. Second Advent - We come with Him **Rev 19:11-21; Zech 14:1-5****E. Judgement of the nation Israel**

Time - At the Second Advent - **Ezk 20:33-38; Zech 13:8-9, Matt 25:1-30**

Place - Outside the Land - **Ezk 20:35-38**

Basis - Works - **Mal 3:2-5**

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Results - They will be saved (cleansed) and allowed to enter into the millennial kingdom
Matt 25:1-30 NOTE: The unsaved will be cast into outer darkness **Matt 25:1-30**. The unsaved of the Old Testament are not judged here, only the unsaved of the tribulation. The saved of the Old Testament are resurrected here. The unsaved of the O.T. are judged at the Great White Throne Judgement.

F. Judgement of the nations

Isa 34:1-5; Joel 3:11-16

Time - Directly after the Tribulation **Matt 25:31-46**

Place - Valley of Jehoshaphet (Jehovah Judge), might be the valley that is created at Messiah's Second Advent **Zech 14:4**

Basis - How they treated the Jews during the Tribulation **Matt 25:40,45**

Results - Those who cared for Israel will be allowed to enter into Messiah's Kingdom
Matt 25:34-40 Those who persecuted or rejected the Jews will be cast into fire **Matt 25:41-46**.

G. Judgement of the Fallen Angelic Creatures

Time - Just before the Great White Throne Judgement **Rev 20:10**

Place - Do not know

Subjects - Demons, Lucifer, evil angels **Rev 20:10; 2 Pet 2:4**

Basis - Rebellion against God's order **Ezk 28:13-19; Jude 6**

Results - Hell **Rev 20:10**

OVERVIEW – Judgements which occur after the Tribulation

- 1) Judgement Of Natural Israelites who survived the Tribulation
Matt 24:29-31
Ezk 20:34-42
Zech 13:9
Result of their judgement – Invited to Enter the Millenium
- 2) Resurrection & Judgement of Old Testament Israel
Job 14:13-17
 Included in this resurrection are the Tribulation Believers.
 They are part of the Nation of Israel.
- 3) Judgement of Natural Gentiles (Nations) that have survived the Tribulation
Matt 25:31-46; Joel 3:1-2
Result of their judgement – Invited to Enter the Millenium

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1. In **Matt 23** the Lord has announced judgement on the Pharisees and blindness on the nation.
2. In **Matt 24:1-2** the Lord announces the overthrow of Jerusalem
3. The disciples question our Lord concerning these events. They ask 3 questions **Matt 24:3**
 - a. When will these things be? (**Answered – Lk 21:20-24**)
 - b. What will be the sign of you coming ?
 - c. What will be the sign of the end of the age? (**Answered – Matt 24:4 – 25:46**)
4. The answer to the first question concerning the destruction of Israel is recorded in **Lk 21:20-24**. Titus, in 70 AD brought it to reality.
5. **Matt 24:4 to 25:46** answers the questions concerning the signs of Messiah's coming, which would terminate the age. At the time that the disciples ask these questions, God is dealing with Israel. **Matt 24-25** is given in chronological order.
The first event in Israel's program for the end of the age is the TRIBULATION PERIOD.
Matt 24:4-26; vs 4-8 first half; Vs 9-26 second half
The tribulation will end with the RETURN OF CHRIST
Matt 24:27-30; Zech 14:1-7; Rev 19:6-21.
6. Christ's return is followed by the REGATHERING OF THE NATION to establish Israel's kingdom **Matt 24:31; Zech 14:8-21** Notice that they will be regathered to the Land **Deut 30:3-4; Ezk 37:1-14**
7. Our Lord then interrupts His chronology by giving several illustrations in parables, **v32-51**.
 - a. Parable of the Fig Tree: **v32-35**
The signs that were given above would herald the coming of Messiah as certainly as the new shoot on the fig tree heralded the approach of summer.
 - b. Parable showing the certainty of His coming is followed by 3 exhortations to watchfulness because of the uncertainty of the time, **v36-51**. 1) **Days of Noah** v37-39, does not emphasize the wickedness of the people but rather the unpreparedness for the event that brought the judgement. 2) **Two at the well** v40-41, those taken are done so in judgement. 3) **Faithful and faithless servants** v45-50. NOTE: The lesson to be drawn from each is the unexpectedness of the event because of the fact that the individuals were concerned and occupied with the usual round of life without any thought of Messiah's return.
(The chronology continues)

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8. Judgement of Israel - **Matt 25:1-30**

a. Following the second advent and the regathering of Israel there will be a judgement on the earth for living Israel to determine who will go into the kingdom (marriage feast of the bride and groom) and who will be excluded from it. Those with light (life) are received and those without light (without life) are rejected **Matt 25:1-13**.

b. The parable of the Talents further illustrates the same truth. Parallel passage:

Ezk 20:33-44

9. Judgements of the Gentile nations concludes the chronological answer given by our Lord **Matt 25:31-46**.

10. **Rev 12:1 to 20:15** The major emphasis in this portion of scripture is the attack of Satan against the people of Israel.

a. Chapter 12 tells us who is involved:

- woman = Israel
- child born = Christ
- dragon = Satan
- time involved = Great Tribulation

b. The woman is attacked by the beasts who offer her a false messiah and kingdom **Rev 13**.

c. The woman is attacked by an apostate religious system, which falsely claims to be the Kingdom of God **Rev 17-18**.

d. The woman is attacked by the alliance of nations which is formed against her and her King whom the Lord destroys at his coming **Rev 19**

NOTE: Why does Israel find herself in this position ?

- Satan is trying to destroy her because God's whole prophetic program is based upon her.
- God is purging Israel so she can enter her Kingdom.

B. THE EVENTS OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION

1. The man of sin signs a covenant with the nation of Israel which begins the last seven years or Daniel's 70th week **Dan 9:27**. The tribulation ends with the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. The tribulation is divided into two equal periods of 3 1/2 years each.

2. The judgement of God begins with the "seal judgements" **Rev 5:1,4-7; 6:1**

The seals are described as follows:

a. White Horse: **Rev 6:2** Covenant made with the beast to establish peace.

He has a bow but no arrows are mentioned. He will reign and begin conquering with "diplomacy".

The Beast will attempt to establish his kingdom. **Dan 9:24-27; Rev 13:1-7; 1 Thes 5:1-3**

b. Red Horse: **Rev 6:3-4** Removal of peace and the beginning of war.

c. Black Horse: **Rev 6:5-6** Famine **Ezk 4:7-17 and 5:9-17**

d. Sickly Pale Horse: **Rev 6:7-8** Death mounts as the wars and famine ravish the world. One fourth (1/4) of the world population is affected.

e. Death of God's Chosen Ones: **Rev 6:9-11**

f. Earthquakes and Universal Disaster: **Rev 6:12-17** The beginning of birth pains.

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THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN !!!!!

NOTE: These judgements do not necessarily end when the next judgement begins. Many continue on through the whole tribulation period. A progression of severity is also indicated.

3. God's judgement continues with the breaking of the seventh seal, which are the Seven Trumpets.
 - a. First Trumpet: **Rev 8:7** This judgement seems to be directed against vegetation **Ex 9:18-26**. One third of all trees and all the green grass is burned up.
 - b. Second Trumpet: **Rev 8:8-9 Ex 7:17-21** Possible that a very large body will come crashing to the earth, (water), and destroy a navy where it hits.
 - c. Third Trumpet: **Rev 8:10-11** One third (1/3) of the rivers turn bitter **Ex 15:23-25**.
 - d. Fourth Trumpet: **Rev 8:12-13** the lights in the heavens dwindle.

RECAP: Food is destroyed; distribution is crippled; water supply is limited; production is hampered.

The last three trumpet judgements are directed at man rather than natural objects. They are referred to as the "WOE" judgements. The severity of the judgements are continually becoming progressively worse **Rev 8:13**. (Fallen star perfect tense - completed action with ongoing results) (abyss - **Lk 8:30-31** not lake of fire)

- e. Fifth Trumpet: 1st WOE JUDGEMENT **Rev 9:1-12**
Rev 9:1-2 the Fallen Star and the Opening of the Abyss
 1. Star from heaven – which had fallen – perfect tense/completed action
 Who is the STAR? **Rev 12:3, 7-12**
 Accuser of our brethren **Rev 12:10; Isa 14:12-17; Lk 10:18**
 May have been cast out at the beginning of the Tribulation
 Persecutes Israel for 1260 days **Rev 12:6**
 2. Keys to the Bottomless Pit (Abyss) **Rev 9:1**
 Bottomless Pit mentioned 7 times **Rev 9:1,2,11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1,3**
 It is the abode of demonic spirits **Lk 8:26-33, esp vs31**
 Demonic creation let loose upon the earth **Rev 9:3-6**
 Those who have the seal of God on their foreheads **Rev 9:4**
 They were not permitted to kill anyone (possibly believers) **Rev 9:5a**
 They were permitted to torment – so bad – that men will seek death **Rev 9:5b-6**
 Added dimension to the suffering: physical suffering has had spirit-inflicted suffering added.
 A human dominated by demons loses their ability to exercise their own free will – thus unable to stop it.
 The locusts described **Rev 9:7-11**
 Their leader, Abaddon/Apollyon is translated destroyer **Rev 9:11**
 The one who portrays himself as “an angel of light” is actually “the destroyer”. He has deceived the nation.

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- f. Sixth Trumpet: 2ND WOE JUDGEMENT **Rev 9:13-21** The loosing of the Four Angels
 Four horns of the golden altar **Rev 9:13; 8:3-5**
 Four angels – bound **Rev 9: 14-15** Evil angels **Jude 6**
 (Lucifer will also be bound **Rev 20:2**)
 All times have been appointed by our God from all eternity **Rev 9:15**
 The time table for life is determined by God, not man!
 After the prior ¼ of the world's population being killed **Rev 6:8**, we now have
 Surpassed ½ of the world's population
 A description of the Army **Rev 9:16-19**
 Its size **Rev 9:16**
 Its armament **Rev 9:17-19**
 The drying up of the Euphrates to give it access indicates it comes from
 The East (China)
 Mankind is still unrepentant **Rev 9:20-21**

NOTE: Under the seal judgements one fourth (1/4) of the world population had been destroyed. Now one third (1/3) more die. Just over one half (1/2) of the world population has been destroyed. An army of 200,000,000 (200 million) strong marches on Israel. In **Rev 9:13-14**, John could well be describing modern warfare. Ancients had little to resemble this. After all this **Rev 9:20-21** men still refuse to repent. men show that they are depraved. **Revelations chapters 10-14** are parenthetical except for **11:15-19**. In **Rev 10: 1-4** we have recorded seven (7) thunder judgements. God has chosen to not reveal to mankind what He is going to do in those judgements.

- g. Seventh Trumpet: (It sounds and the end of the age is here. Christ is ready to return **Rev 11:13-19; Rev 14; Rev 15**. The seventh trumpet is seven (7) bowl judgements. **The worst is yet to come.**

4. The Seventh Trumpet **Rev 11:15**

Remember **Rev 10:1 - 11:14; ch 13-14; ch 17-19**, are not part of the chronological order in Revelation. NOTE: The seven bowl judgements **Rev 15:1; 16:1** (literally - "having seven plagues, the last ones") culminate the wrath of God after which He is satisfied.

- a. First Bowl: **Rev 16:2** Against those who have the mark of the beast.
 b. Second bowl: **Rev 16:3** Note that with the trumpet judgement, one third (1/3) of the sea turned to blood. Here the judgement is universal.
 c. Third Bowl: **Rev 16:4-7** God turns all the rest of the waters into blood to avenge the death of His saints.
 d. Forth Bowl: **Rev 16:8-9** Our sun becomes a means of judgement against mankind. Notice again, after all this, men still refuse to acknowledge God.

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- e. Fifth Bowl: **Rev 16:10-11** Darkness and severe agony (they gnaw their **tongues**) come upon mankind. As history has shown, men do not repent when they **see** the judgements of God but rather blaspheme Him.
- f. Sixth Bowl: **Rev 16:12-16** The Euphrates River will be dried up:see also **Isa 11:10-16, v15**.
- g. Seventh Bowl: **Rev 16:17-21** This ends the judgements of the Great Tribulation. The earth convulses as the time of the Gentiles comes to an end. The earth is "pounded" with 100 pound hailstones. Men still refuse to repent.
Christ returns to establish His reign **Rev 19:1-21; Zech 14:1-6**

OTHER NOTABLE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAIN PARTICIPANTS IN THE TRIBULATION

A.THE 144,000 **Rev 7:1-8 and 14:1-5**

- 1.The Setting **Rev 7:1-3**
- 2. The Twelve Tribes of Israel are Listed.
 - a. There are 12 Distinct Tribes in Existence at the End of the Tribulation
 - b. There are 12 Tribes into Eternity – New (Heavenly) Jerusalem
Rev 21:1-3, 10-14 Heb 12:18-24
 - c. Different listings of the Tribes (the Original List is in **Gen 49:2-28**)
Joseph is replaced by Ephraim & Manasseh in **Gen 48:1-6**
(This in essence gave Joseph a Double Portion of the Inheritance).
 - d. Levi did not receive Land as an Inheritance.
When you remove Levi & Joseph (replaced by Ephraim & Manasseh), it maintains the 12 Tribes.
This is born out in Joshua, when the results of the Land Distribution is given.
 - e. Joseph Is In (substitutes Ephraim), Manasseh Is In, and Dan Is OUT; Why?
Rev 7:4-8
 - i. Maybe the antichrist comes from this Tribe. **Gen 49:17**
 - ii. The Tribe of Dan had a history of idolatry throughout this time in Canaan. **Judges 18**
The 2 Golden Calves were set up in Dan and Bethel (Ephraim).
1 Kgs 12: 25-33
 - f. In the Millennial Distribution of the Land, both Dan & Ephraim will have a part.
Ezk 47:13; 48:4-5

NOTE: With all the World's and Satan's hate of God's people, Israel – He, God, Preserves Them Through All Eternity!

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- g. The List of the 12 Tribes (all 29 of them) Is Always in Reference to Physical Descendants of Jacob.
There is no basis for spiritualizing who they are.
 - h. The 12 Tribes may be lost to mankind but not to God. **Jas 1:1**
(genealogical records were destroyed in 70 AD.)
3. Rev 14:1-5
- a. John sees them on Mt Zion...they have survived the Tribulation.
The Lord has joined them. **Zech 14:1-6**
 - b. They have both the Father and the Son's Name written on their forehead!
They belong to both!
Believing Jews – **Verse 1**
 - c. John hears a voice (described) **Verse 2**
 - d. They sing a New Song – **Verse 3**
The 24 Elders sing the Song **Rev 5:9-10**
The 144,000 sing the Song **Rev 14:1-3**
 - e. The 144,000 are sexually pure and they follow the Lamb – **Verse 4**
They are called The First Fruits of the Tribulation.
They may well be the First Believers from that Time – **Verse 4.**
 - f. No lie was found in their mouth.
They are blameless. **Rev 21:27; 22:15; Rom 1:25**
Being the First Fruits of the Tribulation, these are never defiled with the false religion of the Tribulation.

NOTE: "Before the Throne of God" – **Verse 5** – is not in the older manuscripts.

Christians of the Present Age are exhorted to manifest these same qualities in
This Present Age: **Eph 1:4; 5:27 Col 1:22; Heb 9:14 Jude 24**

B. LITTLE BOOK Rev 10:1-11

- 1. Another angel **Rev 5:1-5**
Function of angels **Heb 1:13,14**
- 2. Seven Peals of Thunder (vs 4) do not reveal them. **Deut 29:29**

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3. Angel swears by Him (Jesus) who created all things; that there will be no more delay.

Vs 5-7

Why Matt 24:22?

“The mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants, the Prophets” **Vs 7**

Focus- Millennial Kingdom woven throughout the OT

4. The Eating of the Little Book **Vs 8-11**

a. Voice may be the same as 4:1

b. Similar experience to Ezekiel **Ezk 2:9 – 3:4**

c. God's Word is sweet as honey and at the same time it is bitter.

See **2 Cor 2:14-16**

C. TWO WITNESSES Rev 11:1-12

1. God measures both the Temple and Those Who Worship In It **Vs 1**

2. God allows the Gentile nations to dominate Israel **Vs 2 Lk 21:23,24**

And then will punish the Gentiles for it. **Isa 10-7**

3. Two Witnesses **Vs 3-4 Zech 14:1-14**

4. Their Ministry **Vs 5-6**

5. Their End **Vs 7-10**

The Beast: a. Coming up out of the sea – World Dictator **Rev 13:1**

b. Coming up out of the earth – Religious Leader **Rev 13:11**

c. Comes out of the Abyss – Satan **Rev 11:7**

6. Their Restoration and Departure **Vs 11-12**

D. THE BEAST - The Emergence of the Beast out of the sea Rev 13:1-10

Vs 1-2 This is the Revived Roman Empire **Dan 7:7-14; Rev 12:3; 17:3,7**

The world empire will be opposed to God (Christ).

There is an extensive description of this empire and its rulers in **Rev 17:8-18**

Who is like this Beast? **Rev 13:4**

⇒DETAILS FROM **REV 17:8-18**←

Vs 8 The power behind the political empire is Satanic.
It's power is unbelievable **Rev 13:4**

Vs 9 The Seven Heads are Seven Mountains/woman sits upon them.

Vs 10 The Seven Mountains are Seven Kings.
Five had fallen by John's time.
The sixth one was reigning during John's time.
The seventh will come at the end of time.

Vs 11 The Beast, himself, will take control of the Seventh King,
meaning that, Satan will rule, himself, in the Seventh.

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- Vs 12-13 There will be Ten Leaders who help to establish the Seventh King.
- Vs 14 This whole united empire will oppose the Lamb. The Lamb will overcome and destroy this empire.
Rev 19:11-21; Dan 7:26-27
 The Lamb will bring the Holy Ones with Him.
Rev 19:7-9; Zech 14:1-11; esp vs5
 These Holy Ones are said to be:
 1. Called **Rom 8:28-30; Rom 11:29**
 2. Chosen **Eph 1:4**
3. Faithful **Matt 25:14-30, esp vs 21,23**
- Vs 15 The Harlot (Religious Babylon **Rev 17:1-7**) will be connected with this political entity. She and it will be merged.
- Vs 16-17 In the Middle of the Tribulation the Political Empire will turn on The Religious Partner and destroy her. This is God's judgment executed upon her. The world dictator will then demand worship of himself.
- Vs 18 The Woman is:
 a. The Great City – Rome, Babylon?
 b. A Mystery **Rev 17:5**

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- Vs 2 The Beast and his prophet **Rev 13:1-10**
 Satan empowers this world empire.
 This final world empire will have the combined strength of:
 ♦ The Leopard – **Dan 7:6** Greek – Majesty & Power
 ♦ The Bear – **Dan 7:5** Medo-Persia – Strength & Tenacity
 ♦ The Lion – **Dan 7:4** Babylon – Swiftiness
 All Combined Into One...What an Awesome Empire!!!
- Vs 3 Whatever is being described will be so overwhelming that the whole Earth will be impressed so as to seek to follow after the Beast.

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- Vs 4 The head of this empire will be worshipped along with Satan – Himself, Being worshipped.
- Vs 5-6 He commits the “Abomination of Desolation” half way through the Tribulation.
Matt 24:15; Dan 7:8,11,25; Dan 11:36-45
- Vs 7 He exercises universal dominion. His primary focus will be to exterminate the followers of Christ.
REV 7:13-14; REV 6:9-11
- Vs 8 ABSOLUTE STATEMENT – ALL WHO HAVE NOT BEEN CHOSEN WILL FOLLOW THIS LEADER (ANTI-CHRIST)
- VS 9 DO WE HEAR?
- VS 10 GOES ALONG WITH **REV 6:9**

E. FALSE PROPHET Rev 13:11-18

He takes the place of the Holy Spirit in Satan's plan. He causes all men to worship the first beast. he will head up an Emperor Worship type false religious system. He is the one who forces the people to receive the mark of the beast. NOTE: Both the beast and the false prophet will be thrown into the lake of Fire **Rev 19:20**.

F. RELIGIOUS BABYLON Rev 17

- ❖ John is invited to see the destruction of the Harlot (religious system). Notice that she is riding on the back of the Revived Roman Empire, v3. She probably has some control because of the position she is in. She is working with the satanic world system and she is pictured as a "filthy abomination."
- ❖ The beast is said to destroy her **v15-18**, Earlier in **Rev 13**, it is stated that the beast himself is to be worshipped during the last half of the tribulation with the help of the false prophet. Consequently, religious Babylon must be destroyed after the first half of the tribulation.
- ❖ Many "Protestant" Bible scholars have suggested "who" will become this "Empire" or false church (i.e. denomination, etc). However, with the advent of the "New Age" movement, another viable alternative may be emerging. **In either event, we should refrain from speculation as to "whom", and rather recognize the basic nature of the "Empire" itself.** **Rev 17:12-18** describes the events that will occur in the Revived Empire.

G. COMMERCIAL BABYLON Rev 18, note: vs10-15

The **economic and political** world apostate system is destroyed by God, affecting the whole world. This will occur just prior to the Second Advent. The supreme good of the world "money" has collapsed.

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This ends the tribulation and is culminated in the Battle of Armageddon (**Rev 19:1-20:6**).

- A. The alleluia of the saints (martyred dead of the Great Tribulation) is heard in Heaven (**Rev 19:1-3**).
- B. The alleluia of the 24 elders (representatives of the church ?) **v.4**.
- C. All of heaven begins to shout, **v5-6**.
- D. The marriage supper of the Lamb is about to begin, **v7-9**.
- E. We return with the Lord for his Second Advent. The Battle of Armageddon has come, **v11-20:3; Zech 14:1-8**.
- F. Notice that the beast and the false prophet (both men) are taken alive and they are both thrown into the Lake of Fire. **Rev 19:20**
- G. The Resurrection of the Tribulation Saints finishes the First Resurrection. **Rev 20:4,5-6**

X THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

The 1,000 year reign of Christ is where all of God's eternal covenants will find their fulfillment. It begins with the binding of Satan **Rev 20:3** and the judgement of the Sheep and the Goats **Matt 25:31-46; Rev 20:4**.

A. Government of the Millennium

- 1. Theocracy
- 2. The Lord Jesus Christ will be king and reign in righteousness **Rev 19:16; Dan 7:13-14**.
- 2. There will be other rulers under the Lord **Matt 19:28; 25:15-30; Zech 3:3-10; Isa 1:24-26**.
- 4. His reign will be universal **Dan 7:14,27**
- 5. Peace, equity, justice, prosperity and glory characterize his rule **Isa 11:2-12**.
- 6. The capital will be Jerusalem **Isa 2:1-4; Zech 14**

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B. The Subjects of the Millennium

1. Saved, physical, normal Gentiles **Dan 7:18,22,27**; Saved, physical, normal Israel **Isa 43:5-7; Ezk 28:25-26**. Both Gentiles and Jews **Matt 24:30-31**. All Israel will be saved **Rom 11:26-27**
3. Resurrected church that comes with the Lord at His Second Advent. Resurrected Old Testament believers **Ezk 37:1-14; Dan 12:2,13**
(Again the Valley of Dry Bones **Ezk 37** may refer to Israel Today – see previous note)

C. The earthly city of Jerusalem will be raised up (in elevation) and the area surrounding it will be a plain. This city shall be the center of our Lord's earthly reign **Jer 31:38-40**. Israel's inheritance will be Palestine in fulfillment of all of God's Covenant with her. The land will be turned into a beautiful fertile plain **Zech 14:8-11**. There will be a New River flowing out of Jerusalem through the land **Amos 9:13-15**.

D. The Temple of the Millennium **Ezk 40:1 - 46:24, Esp 43:4-8**

E. The Heavenly Jerusalem and its occupants **Heb 11:16; 12:22-24; Rev 21**

XI. THE ETERNAL KINGDOM

A. Satan is loosed. **Rev 20: 7-8**

He will lead a revolt with those people who have populated the earthly kingdom.

B. The final battle **Rev 20:9-10**

C. The Great White Throne judgement **Rev 20:11-15**

Time - End of the Millennium

Place - Somewhere between heaven and earth

Subjects - Lost of all ages are resurrected

Basis - They are there because they are not saved. Their names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life. They are judged and condemned on the basis of their works.

Results - **ETERNAL** separation from God in the Lake of Fire **Matt 13:40-43; Mark 9:43-50; Rev 14:9-11; 20:15**

D. The Millennial Kingdom is merged With God's Eternal Kingdom

2 Pet 3:9-13

Isa 66:22-24

Rev 21

1 Cor 15:26-28

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And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall no longer be any death, there shall no longer be any mourning or crying or pain; the first things have passed away..."

Rev 21:4

He who testifies to these things says "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev 22:20



It is my hope that this study has been helpful for you and that it will serve as a motivation to share the Gospel with others. May God bless you as you continue to study His word and to share it with others.....

"BUT THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"

Rom 1:16-17

"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND YOU SHALL BE SAVED...."

Acts 16:30