#### Lesson 25

# A Study of End Time Events

#### Introduction:

The purpose of this lesson is to provide a <u>foundational</u> <u>structure</u> for the study of End Time Prophecy. While this is not an extensive study, it attempts to cover a comprehensive outline of the following KEY events for the end times in chronological order:

- 1. The Rapture of the Church
- 2. The Judgment Seat of Christ
- 3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- 4. The Great Tribulation / Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week
- 5. The Battle of Armageddon
- 6. The Judgment of Nations
- 7. The Return of Christ on Earth & the Millennial Kingdom
- 8. The Last Battle (Gog and Magog)
- 9. The Great White Throne Judgment
- 10. The New Heaven & Earth and the Everlasting Kingdom

# **Opening Verses:**

**2** Thessalonians 2:6–8 <sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

As the world gets darker in sin and in the iniquity of man, the coming of the Lord draws closer! The LAST major event that will take place before the Lord comes back for His bride is the End Time Harvest of Souls! This is when the body of Christ will be greatly involved in evangelizing and discipling the lost souls from darkness to light. There will be great persecution upon the Church but there will also be great GRACE that will become manifest upon His body with signs and wonders! This is not a time to be fearful or distracted but it is the time to be bold with His authority in fulfilling His will for MANY souls to be saved!

The Church is the body of Christ who is filled with the Spirit of God. The Holy Ghost is God's RESTRAINING POWER over the enemy. And it is only until God's restraining power is removed from earth that the *Antichrist* can be revealed to this world.

One of the most anticipated events of God's people is when we will instantaneously meet the Lord up in the air and then will forever be with Him! This is commonly referred to as the *RAPTURE* of the Church.

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together** with them in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

# 1. The Rapture of the Church

The very first event that marks the end of the Church Age on earth (or the Dispensation of Grace) is when the church of God gets "raptured" out from earth to Heaven.

**Rapture** is not a biblical term but it pertains to the catching away of the saints to meet the Lord in the air.

This event includes every soul who was <u>baptized in Jesus</u> <u>Name</u> and/or who has <u>received the gift of the Holy Ghost</u>, whether or not they continued to follow Christ.

But **NOT** every soul who is raptured **will be saved!**But he that shall <u>endure unto the end</u>, the same shall be saved. (Matt. 24:13)

#### • The **UNGODLY** will not be saved.

Those who were once born into God's Kingdom but failed to follow Christ and chose to follow their flesh, resulting in a lifestyle of sin, will not inherit heaven. (*Gal. 5:19-21*)

#### • Those in INIQUITY will not be saved.

The born-again Christians who run their own lives and fail to establish a submitted and approved relationship with the Lord will not enter into His Kingdom. (*Matt.* 7:21-23)

#### **NOTES:**

As we have adequately covered these teachings in our previous lessons, these other biblical conditions for salvation apply:

- Those who were baptized in Jesus' Name but did <u>NOT</u> <u>receive the Holy Ghost</u> will not be saved.
- Those who received the gift of the Holy Ghost but were NOT baptized in Jesus' name will not be saved.

# The Rapture of the Church = The First Judgment of God

The PARABLES give us a good illustration on how God's judgment would be during the time of the Rapture wherein the angels are assigned to separate God's chosen or qualified souls from the "other" souls who were disqualified from Heaven and reserved for Hell.

# The Parable of One Without a Wedding Garment

Matthew 22:11–13 <sup>11</sup> And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: <sup>12</sup> And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

God's wedding garment in Heaven is likened to a <u>white</u> <u>robe</u> that signifies the covering of God's blood through water baptism in Jesus' name.

This parable must apply to the raptured souls who had the Holy Ghost but were not baptized in Jesus' name.

#### The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

<u>Matthew 13:30</u> <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the **tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the **wheat** into my barn.

- In this parable, the WHEAT pertain to the followers of Christ who are reserved for Heaven, while the TARES are those who did not live a submitted life in Christ and were then reserved for damnation.
- The wheat and the tares look much alike but it is when they mature or are ready for harvest that you can tell the difference. It's the same way that all Christians may look godly or righteous in their appearance or actions but in the end, God will separate those who had an approved relationship with Him from those who did not. (*Matt. 7:21-23*)

#### **NOTES:**

Rev. 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev. 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev.7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

# There were Two Groups of People SAVED in Heaven.

The <u>FIRST Group</u> of saved souls were RAPTURED into Heaven in their glorified bodies **SEVEN YEARS before** the <u>SECOND Group</u> of saved souls arrived in Heaven.

Chapters 4 – 5 record the presence of the 1<sup>st</sup> group in Heaven while Chapter 7 records the presence of the 2nd group in Heaven. It is important to distinguish the difference between these two groups – WHO they were and WHEN they appeared in Heaven.

The **FIRST Group** were **Holy Ghost-filled** souls who were baptized in Jesus Name and saved during the Church Age while the **SECOND Group** were **martyred souls who were baptized in Jesus name** and they (Jews and their converts) were saved during Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week or the time of Great Tribulation on earth.

**The First Group: Revelation 4:4,10** <sup>4</sup> And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, **clothed in white raiment**; and they had on their heads **crowns of gold**. <sup>10</sup> The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne ...

**Revelation 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup> 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;** <sup>10</sup> And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests**: and **we shall reign on the earth**.

- The 24 Elders refers to the Church or the Holy Ghostfilled body of Christ who was raptured out before the beginning of the Great Tribulation on earth.
- The number **24** is **figurative** since *Rev. 5:9* shows how they represent a much larger group redeemed out of every kindred, people, tongue and nation.
- The #24 represents the 12 Apostles and 12 Prophets/Tribes. (Ephes. 2:19-20; Rev. 21:10-14; Matt. 19:28)

#### **NOTES:**

#### Ephes. 2:19-20

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup> And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; The **1**<sup>st</sup> **group** had **thrones** to sit on and **crowns** of gold on their heads that they cast unto the Lord. And they were destined to **rule and reign** with Christ on earth.

All of these benefits (i.e. crowns, thrones, etc.) were promised to the **Church**, as you read about it in the Gospels and Epistles. Then the terminology of "**Church**" had to be replaced by the "**24 Elders**" in the Book of Revelation since the purpose of the NT Church (as the ruling body on earth) was no longer needed in Heaven.

#### **The Second Group:**

**Revelation 7:9** <sup>9</sup> After this I beheld, and, Io, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

**Revelation 7:14b -15** These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and **serve him** day and night in his temple: and he (Jesus) that sitteth on the throne shall **dwell AMONG them**.

- The **2**<sup>nd</sup> **group** of people were wearing white robes and had palms in their hands. They did not wear any crowns on their heads.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> group did not have thrones to sit on but they were standing before the throne of God; they were not destined to rule /reign but to serve God day and night.
- They did <u>not</u> have the infilling of the Holy Ghost, as the Lord dwelled "AMONG" them, which differs from God dwelling "IN" the body of Christ:

**2 Corinthians 6:16** ... for ye are the **temple of the living God**; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them**, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

However, the **Holy Ghost** was available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> group to "experience" in Heaven: *Rev. 7:17* For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall **lead** them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

#### **NOTES:**

**1 Peter 5:4** And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall **receive a crown of glory** that fadeth not away.

**Luke 22:30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and **sit on thrones** judging ...

**Ephes. 2:6** And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

It is possible that the <u>SECOND</u> group of saved people would include the <u>Old Testament souls</u> in Abraham's bosom?

Friends of the Bridegroom

John 3:29 He that hath the bride is
the bridegroom: but the friend of
the bridegroom, which standeth
and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly
because of the bridegroom's voice:
this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

**Rev. 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

# What is the PURPOSE of knowing the DIFFERENCE between these TWO GROUPS of SAVED people in Heaven?

This will give us the understanding, hope and faith that God will rapture His CHURCH **BEFORE** the start of the Great Tribulation on earth!

For why would the Lord intend for His beloved BRIDE to experience the wrath and judgment of God on earth?!

Furthermore, **AFTER** the first group arrives in Heaven, the **first SEAL of the Lamb's wrath is opened!** (Rev. 6:1)

# THE CHURCH IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT CLASS OR GROUP IN HEAVEN THAN ALL OTHER GROUPS!

Aside from the authority that God gives to His Church to rule and reign with Him in His Kingdom, the body of Christ will be the only group who is **filled with His Spirit** and who will have **glorified bodies**.

Everybody else will have "saved" natural bodies. Only the Church will have a body like His! That's why the Church in heaven is neither male nor female individually; nor will we be marrying or giving in marriage in heaven. But the ones whom we will be ruling over during the thousand years and on the new heaven and new earth – will be marrying and having children.

**Romans 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**.

**Matthew 22:30** For in the resurrection they (body of Christ) neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

# 2. The Judgment Seat of Christ

This is when the raptured Church will individually receive their **REWARDS** for their works that will be tested by fire.

# (The Judgement Seat of Christ)

**1 Cor. 3:13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

- Your reward will be the LEVEL of AUTHORITY that you will have forever!
- Your involvement in God's Kingdom will determine how many cities you will be ruling over.
- Those who were NOT involved in God's Kingdom will have NO place of authority but will still be saved.
- Those <u>without a relationship with God</u> will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

#### The Parable of Talents

**Matthew 25:20–21** <sup>20</sup> And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, **I have gained beside them five talents m**ore. <sup>21</sup> His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, **I will make thee ruler over many things**: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Matthew 25:29–30** <sup>29</sup> For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. <sup>30</sup> And **cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness**: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

# 3. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Bride's celebration with Christ goes on with the awareness of what's happening on earth (The Great Tribulation).

Revelation 19:7-9 <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup> And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. <sup>9</sup> And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

#### **NOTES:**

<u>1 Cor. 3:15</u> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but **he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire.

# 4. The Great Tribulation (Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week)

#### **PURPOSE:**

- 1) To pour out God's wrath on man's INIQUITY
- 2) To cause Israel to turn back to God
- The Antichrist will first come as a Man of Peace.
   There will be so much turmoil going on in the world that man would be so desperate for peace.
   The Antichrist is a man of sin (2 Thess. 2:13), a human being (devil incarnate). His goal is to wipe out the Jews.
- The first 3 ½ years are PEACEFUL wherein the Jews make a covenant with the Antichrist.
- The **False Prophet** is a **religious leader** with power to confirm the Antichrist. He will promote the worship of the Antichrist after the first 3 ½ years.
- The <u>Abomination of Desolation</u> is when the Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel (no longer allowing the Jews to offer sacrifices in the temple). This is also when he sets himself up as "God." It will stand in the holy place and trigger the Great Tribulation of 3 ½ years.

**Daniel 9:27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the <u>midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease</u>, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

 The next 3 ½ years begin wherein the Antichrist turns against the Jews and terrible persecution follows = the Time of Jacob's Troubles.

Jeremiah 30:5-7 <sup>5</sup> For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and not of peace. <sup>6</sup> Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, And all faces are turned into paleness? <sup>7</sup> Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; But he shall be saved out of it.

**Revelation 13:5–7** <sup>5</sup> And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. <sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

#### **NOTES:**

The Abomination of Desolation:

**Daniel 11:31** And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the <u>abomination</u> that maketh desolate.

Mark 13:14 But when ye shall see the <u>abomination of desolation</u>, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

(Rev. 13)

<sup>7</sup>And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

# The Great Tribulation = ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT, ONE WORLD CURRENCY, ONE WORLD RELIGION

- The Bible prophesies that a GREAT WORLD GOVERNMENT will be established on earth just before Jesus returns to establish His 1,000 year reign of peace.
- The world government will be ruled by the Anti-Christ.

**Rev. 13:1–2** And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a **beast** rise up out of the sea, having **seven heads** and **ten horns**, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. <sup>2</sup> And the beast which I saw was like unto a **leopard**, and his feet were as the **feet of a bear**, and his mouth as the **mouth of a lion**: and the **dragon** (Satan) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- A **BEAST** = a **KINGDOM** or **NATION** along with its ruler
- The Beast in John's vision has the body of a leopard (Germany), the feet of a bear (Russia), the mouth of a lion (Great Britain/United States), and the ten horns of the ten-horned kingdom (Ten-nation alliance of the Antichrist). This Ten nation alliance or kingdom can also be referred to as the Revived Holy Roman Empire.
- John's vision relates to Daniel's in *Daniel 7:17, 23*.
- John's vision represents the merging of Great Britain/United States, Russia, Germany and the tennation union into One Great World Government.
- All these nations will initially be united for the purpose of establishing PEACE in the world. This ideology had already begun with the *New World Order*, after the Berlin Wall came down in November 1989.
- The ten-nation union could possibly come from the European Union (which has 27 nations, as of 2023).
   And most likely, the United Nations would be the vehicle to run the agenda of this One World Government.
- The end result of the One World Government is when all these nations (led by the Antichrist), would <u>unite</u> together to destroy Israel. (Rev. 17:12-14)
- We call this prophetic event wherein Jesus defeats the world government armies of the Antichrist as the **Battle of Armageddon**. (see page 14 for more details)

#### **NOTES:**

- Multiple heads on a beast portray the number of times that nation will rise and fall.
   For example, Germany is the leopard with 4 heads, a nation who has risen and fallen 4 times.
- The Ten Horns (Dan. 7:24; Rev. 17:12-14)

### **DANIEL'S VISION:**

Daniel 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

Daniel 7:23 Thus he said, The fourth beast (10 nation alliance of the Antichrist) shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

 The <u>4 beasts</u> of Daniel 7 merge into <u>1</u> beast in Rev. 13.

Rev. 17:12–14 <sup>12</sup> And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. <sup>13</sup> These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. <sup>14</sup> These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

#### ONE WORLD ECONOMY/CURRENCY

Scripture teaches that a central part of this end time world government plan will be total control of the economic activity of every nation and every individual. The secret to the power of the prophesied world government of the Antichrist will be its ability to control the individual citizen. The control will be possible through a new economic system in which every person will receive a personal identification number. Without this number an individual will not be permitted to participate in the economy.

#### The Mark of the Beast

**Rev. 13:16–18** <sup>16</sup> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: <sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

 They will command all people to take the MARK of the BEAST and if they don't – they will be be-headed.

**Rev. 20:4** ...and I saw the souls of them that were **beheaded for the witness of Jesus**, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, **neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands**;

 God's judgment upon those who take the mark of the beast = they will be cast into the Lake of Fire.

Rev. 14:9-11 <sup>9</sup> And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, <sup>10</sup> The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

#### **ONE WORLD RELIGION**

There will be a **UNION** of **RELIGION** (*Mystery Babylon*) and **GOVERNMENT** (10 Nation Beast/European Union/ Revived Holy Roman Empire).

#### Revelation 17:5.7

<sup>5</sup> And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. <sup>7</sup> And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

In **DANIEL'S VISION** (*Daniel 2:33-41*), the *legs of iron* represent the Roman Empire and his feet represent the union of religion and government (*part iron and part clay*).

In our world today, there has always been a push for a ONE WORLD RELIGION which promotes the idea that all religions are equal and that many ways lead to God or to Heaven. We know that this is unbiblical and very deceptive! Being united with everyone's belief cannot save us for eternal salvation can come only through the knowledge and obedience of God's Truth! This ideology will become more prevalent when the world unites under one religion under the power of the Antichrist.

- All the world will wonder after and worship the beast (*Rev.* 13:3-4).
- Then all who refuse to pledge allegiance to the beast and his world religion will be persecuted and killed (*Rev.* 13:15). This false religion will permit and encourage the death of those who follow Jesus during the tribulation: *Rev.* 17:6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus ...
- The Great Whore or the MYSTERY BABYLON religion gave birth to the doctrine of the *Trinity* that mixed ancient paganism (worship of *Nimrod, Semiramis, Tammuz*) with Christianity in the early days of Babylon.
- God proclaims judgment on this false one world religion (*Rev. 17:1*).

**NOTES:** 

Revelation 13:15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

#### The Devastation and Terror of the Great Tribulation

During the second half of this period, evil people will bring various calamities on earth AND God will pour out severe judgment on earth.

These devastating events of God's wrath are introduced by the **7 SEALS** (Rev. 6; 8:7), the **7 TRUMPETS** (Rev. 8-9), and the **7 VIALS** (Rev. 16).

There will be **terrible DEATH** on earth: In the <u>fourth seal</u>, one-fourth of the earth's population will die. And in the <u>sixth trumpet</u>, one-third of the remaining population will die in a short period. The world would be experiencing much heartache and misery over and over again.

#### The Seals (Rev. 6; 8:7)

- The Anti-Christ will win the war to himself.
- Terrible war will come, followed by famine and death.
- One-fourth of the world's population will die.
- There will be much persecution of people who turn to God
- Catastrophic earthquakes
- The moon will become as blood

#### The Trumpets (Rev. 8-9)

- Hail with fall, and fire will burn over a third of the earth.
- A falling meteor will destroy one-third of the shipping.
- The fish of the sea will die.
- One-third of the sea will become blood.
- Poisons will contaminate one-third of the water supply
- Great darkness
- Scorpions will sting people
- A 200,000-man army will kill one-third of the population.

#### The Vials (Rev. 16)

- Awful sores will afflict those with the mark of the beast.
- Everything in the ocean will die.
- The water will become blood.
- The sun will scorch people.
- The earth will be thrown into darkness and great pain will come upon people.
- The river Euphrates will dry up so the armies of the east can come to Armageddon.
- Great earthquake destroys whole cities and great hail fell

# The 144,000 SEALED (Male Jews who were Preserved)

Revelation 7:1-4 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. <sup>2</sup> And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

**Revelation 14:4** These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

These are the male Jews that the Lord PRESERVED (12,000 from every tribe) who were also the PREACHERS to their fellow Jews.

They are referred to as the remnant of the remaining who are sealed in their forehead and who survive the 3.5 years of tribulation on earth.

**Revelation 12:14** And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

 The great eagle must pertain to the US Airforce who will aid Israel.

# The Two Witnesses (Moses and Elijah)

God gives power to these two witnesses to prophesy to the Jews during the second half of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week for a total of 1,260 days (*Rev. 11:3*). Then the Antichrist makes war with them and kills them. But after 3.5 days they receive life from God and they ascend up to heaven as their enemies watch them.

# 5. The Battle of Armageddon (end of Great Tribulation)

This is when several nations led by the Antichrist gather against the Jews in Armageddon. (Rev. 16:14,16).

Christ comes back to the earth with His Saints to fight for Israel. And the Lord will consume them with the Sword of His mouth.

#### **Revelation 19:14–15**

<sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> And **out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword**, that with it he should **smite the nations**: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

This is also referred to as **the Lord's SECOND COMING** and as Zechariah prophesied, **the Lord's feet will stand upon the Mount of Olives** (Zech. 14:4).

Everything that the Antichrist established will be destroyed and judged. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20). They are the first human beings to be thrown into the permanent place of torment.

# **6.The Judgment of Nations**

God saves **ISRAEL** as a **nation** and judges the ungodly nations by death.

The **UNGODLY** who die are reserved for the Great White Throne Judgment.

The **JEWS** will be God's people in Jerusalem who will be examples on how to serve the Lord, learn His ways and obey His commandments.

The **RIGHTEOUS GENTILE BELIEVERS** who <u>survive</u> the Tribulation and do <u>not</u> take the mark of the beast will enter the initial phase of God's Millenium, with <u>natural</u>, un-resurrected bodies.

This generation will also begin to populate the earthly kingdom. They will form the Gentile nations that will worship God in Jerusalem, as prophesied by Isaiah.

#### **NOTES:**

#### Isaiah 2:2-3:

<sup>2</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last days, That the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow unto it.

<sup>3</sup> And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
And he will teach us of his ways,
And we will walk in his paths:
For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

# 7. The Rule of Christ on Earth and the <u>Millennial</u> Kingdom

# Jesus will reign as King of the earth.

<u>Zech. 14:9</u> And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: In that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

#### He will rule on earth for a thousand years.

<u>Revelation 20:6</u> Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

### Satan is bound for a thousand years in darkness.

Rev. 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

**The curse is lifted:** There will be no more sickness and the people will live a long life.

<u>Rev. 22:2</u> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the **tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

#### The raptured saints will rule with Christ on earth.

<u>Revelation 5:9–10</u> <sup>9</sup> 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; <sup>10</sup> And hast **made us** unto our God **kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth**.

Those who were beheaded for Christ were resurrected (lived) and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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

#### (The Millennial Kingdom)

- The capital will be Jerusalem (Zech. 14:16-17).
- Everyone allowed to be alive during the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom chose to BELIEVE and FOLLOW God (as they risked their lives and did not take the mark of the beast).
- They will be judged by their works of righteousness after 100 years of age.

<u>Isaiah 65:20</u> There shall be no more thence an infant of days, Nor an old man that hath not filled his days: For the child <u>shall die an hundred years old</u>; But the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

# 8. The Last Battle (Gog and Magog)

- Satan is loosed after 1,000 years to tempt many and the nations will be deceived again.
- The Battle of God and Magog is when Satan gets people to terminate Jesus.

#### Revelation 20:8-10

<sup>8</sup> And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. <sup>9</sup> And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

 The fire of God consumed them and the defeated devil was cast into the <u>Lake of Fire</u> which is the permanent place of torment.

# 9. The Great White Throne Judgment

This is the final judgment of God. It is an EXECUTION of the VERDICT. It is not the trial as we were all given the opportunity to be saved while on earth. It is for all the UNGODLY who died and were reserved (in *Hades*) for this last judgment (in *Gehenna*/the Lake of Fire).

#### **NOTES:**

#### Zechariah 14:16-17

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations Which came against
Jerusalem Shall even go up from year to year To worship the King, the LORD of hosts, And to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up Of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem To worship the King, the LORD of hosts, Even upon them shall be no rain.

# Luke 1:31–33 Jesus will sit upon the Throne of David (Jerusalem)

<sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him **the throne of his father David**: <sup>33</sup> And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

#### (The Great White Throne Judgment)

- The remaining dead will be resurrected and judged for their WORKS/RIGTHEOUSNESS.
- Two books were opened to judge man according to their works – the Bible and the Book of Life.

**Revelation 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

- Death and Hell (Hades) were cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:14).
- Those names not found in the Book of Life were cast into the Lake of Fire.

**Revelation 20:15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

# 10. The Beginning of the Everlasting Kingdom

- Time ends and eternity begins!
- The Heavens and Earth are destroyed (2 Peter 3:10).
- The NEW HEAVEN and NEW EARTH are created.
   (2 Peter 3:13)

**Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

- The New Jerusalem is established. The Holy City will be the home of the Bride.
- There will be no more sun for the glory of God is the light. And there will be no more night.
- No more sorrow, no more crying, no more death, no more pain.

**Revelation 21:4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

 God's everlasting KINGDOM, PEACE and GOVERNMENT shall be established. (Isaiah 9:6-7).

#### **NOTES:**

#### Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: And the government shall be upon his shoulder: And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there **shall be no end**, Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, To order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice From henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.