

# A Study of the so-called "END TIMES"

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## Introduction.

1. What the Bible says about end times, last days, latter times, etc... could be covered in relatively a moderate amount of time.
2. What people have been led to believe the Bible says about the "end times" is another matter!! This would be almost a never ending discussion, on & on & on...
  - a. Some estimate that as much as  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Bible is made up of Bible prophesy (predicted prophesy?) Prophet = a spokes person for another.
  - b. It is claimed that almost everything happening in our world today is a fulfillment of some Bible prophesy.
  - c. Many claim to have discovered "the key" of understanding that unlocks the meaning of these so-called prophesies and how and when they are going to be fulfilled in our day and in time to come... (they have their time line of events) (signs of the times, rapture, Kingdom on earth, Antichrist, Armageddon, etc)
3. It is NOT my intent to study the books of Ezekiel, Daniel, Revelation, Matthew, BUT to deal with what is being taught today about the "end-times" will necessitate us studying different parts of these books, and others, in order to learn the truth as taught in the Bible about these matters.
4. Why would we want to study this subject in the first place?
  - a. It involves much of the religious discussion today in many of the denominational churches, TV preaching, advertisement, printed material... It's a whole system of theology & a method of Biblical interpretation.
  - b. If you have the opportunity to discuss the Bible with your neighbor, chances are great they may believe some or all of this teaching.... 1Pet. 3:15
  - c. New Converts may come into the church with some of these beliefs.
  - d. Besides, we are commanded to "test the spirits" because many false prophets have gone out into the world.... 1Jn.4:1-6
  - e. It will re-affirm our faith in the simplicity and power of truth in God's word.
5. I will be using the old fashion (like me) over-head projector. It will be visible on the wall to the left of the pulpit. Since the size of print is limited, you may want to sit closer to the front and in a location visible from your seat.
6. I would appreciate it VERY MUCH if when asking a question or making a comment to limit it to the subject matter under discussion if at all possible.... There will be a logical order followed in this study....we will get there in time....

## SOME EVENTS TO BE FULFILLED IN "last days"

1. There is a prophetic TIME LINE (prophetic schedule) in the scriptures.
  - a. Fullness of Time Gal. 4:4 (Gen. 3:15)
  - b. Time fulfilled Mk. 1:15; Matt. 4:17; Mk. 9:1  
( did Jesus know, was He right ? )
  - c. Kingdom established in the days of "these kings" Dan. 2:44
  - d. John, the forerunner to come Lk. 3:1-6 (Isa. 40:3-5)  
Mal. 3:1; 4:5-6 Mt. 3:1-3; Jesus > Matt. 11:11-15
  - e. Daniel's 70 weeks - Dan. 9:23-25 (Matt. 24:15)
2. Israel in Expectation of Messiah & His Kingdom (time was right)
  - a. Simeon Lk. 2:25-26
  - b. Ana Lk. 2:38
  - c. The people Lk. 3:15
  - d. Joseph of Arimathea Mark 15:43
  - e. Woman at the well (Samaritan) Jn. 4:25
  - f. Israel Acts 26:7
3. Some end-time, (last days) Promises
  - a. Messiah would come - Dan. 9:23-25
    - (1) Sit on David's throne 2Sam. 7:12-13
    - (2) Reign over the Kingdom Lk. 1:30-33
    - (3) Jesus = the Messiah Acts. 2:36
  - b. Kingdom established - Dan. 2:28, 44-45; 7:13-14
  - c. God's house built - Isa. 2:2-3; 1Tim. 3:15
  - d. Pour out His Spirit ..... - Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21
    - (1) Signifies the presence of God
    - (2) Blessings from God
  - e. A new covenant - Jer. 31:31-34 (Heb. 8:7-13; 10:9-10)
4. The nature of the Kingdom
  - a. Spiritual - John 18:36-37; Lk. 17:20-21; Rom. 14:17; 1Cor. 15:50
  - b. No more carnal warfare Isa. 11:1-10; 2:4; (Matt. 18:3-4; Rom.15:12)  
2Cor. 10:3-5; (Eph. 6:10-18)
  - c. Expand the borders by teaching God's word Isa. 2:2-3; (Mt. 13:18-19)
5. The BIG mistake Israel made in the first century.
  - a. They viewed these prophecies & promises of the Messiah and His Kingdom in a literal way. They expected the Messiah to come, set up a kingdom on earth, reign on David's throne in the city of Jerusalem. There would be a restoration of Israel as in the glory days of David & Solomon. God would gather the scattered Jews and they would be a part of this great kingdom. Presumably, this Messiah (King) would over throw the yoke that Rome had over them and they would be a great & powerful nation again. Jn. 6:14-15

- b. When Jesus did not fit their mold and pre-conceived ideas of what they thought the messiah would be like when he came, they rejected Him. His teaching (turn the other cheek, love your enemies, repent) did not sound like the mighty King they were expecting. They rejected him as messiah in spite of the power of his speech (Mt. 7:28-29) and the miracles and mighty works which he did. (Mt. 11:20-23; Mt. 13:53-57; Acts 2:22)
  - c. They plotted against Him in many ways, and eventually succeeded in having Him put to death by crucifixion. Acts 2:36  
His rejection, suffering, betrayal, death & resurrection was part of God's Plan (before the world began) and was predicted in the O.T. Scriptures.  
Psa. 22; Isa. 53; Acts 2:23, 29-36 (Rev. 13:8; 1Pet. 1:18-21)
6. MANY preachers, evangelist and religious leaders in denomination churches (past and present) make the same mistakes as Israel's leaders did in the first century. They believe these promises and prophesies were supposed to be fulfilled in a literal way. That is, Jesus (messiah) came into the world to establish his kingdom on earth, sit and rule on David's throne in the city of Jerusalem for ONE THOUSAND YEARS, etc...etc.....
- a. Obviously that **did not** happen !!
  - b. Their solution is to teach that God postponed the fulfillment until some future date when Israel will be receptive and the time is right....
  - c. In the mean time, God instituted the "Church age" to fill in **from** the postponement till Jesus comes again. This time He will do all that was prophesied to happen. (could he failed again ?)
  - d. Many believe this "church age" was totally unknown or promised in the Old Testament prophets and scriptures.
  - e. Some even believe that the rejection & sufferings of Christ was not a part of God's original plan !! But because of the rejection & suffering, God postponed...etc.... and in came the "church age"
7. This whole system of doctrine is usually identified as **PREMILLENNIALISM**.
- a. Pre = before, and millennial = 1,000. The doctrine that teaches that Christ will come **before**, then establish His kingdom and reign on earth for **1,000 years**.
  - b. There are several variations within the teachings of a literal kingdom on earth, and matters concerning the coming of Christ and "end time" events.
  - c. We will identify and explain in more detail this system of false teaching Concerning the so-called "end times" theories next.

## Time & Order of END TIME EVENTS

By Ray Vaughn (My summation of THEIR time line of events, see pp. 4-5)

1. & 2. ( see p. 4)
3. **RAPTURE** (taken from “caught up” 1Thes. 4:17)
  - a. First prophesy of end times to be fulfilled
  - b. Second advent of Jesus into the world from heaven  
Come in the sky and say “come up here”.(only righteous hear ?)  
Suddenly only the righteous will be resurrected, the living changed and Millions of “born again” will disappear, vanish from the earth. In heaven w/Lord for 7 years...then return.
  - c. The wedding feast/marriage supper take place, CROWNS given  
1Thess. 15:51-55 1Cor. 15:51-55  
  
**BUT:** Thess = Shout, voice of Arch angel, Trumpet of God  
1Cor. 15:52 = Trumpet will sound (see John 5:24-29 =ALL)
4. **TRIBULATION ( 7 YEARS)**
  - a. Whole earth is filled with trouble, disease, wars, earth quakes, storms, pestilence, etc.... **WORST** in world History  
Dan. 12:1; Mt. 24:21-22 (days shorten or all die = 7 yrs)
  - b. **ANTI CHRIST COMES FORTH**  
Some great charismatic influential political leader comes to rescue  
To unite the world, peace treaty with Israel & other nations..  
Try to settle things down world peace, etc... **BUT** = continues
5. **Russia & Persia (Iran) attack Israel - Break the peace**
  - a. This is the **GOG & MAGOG** coalition of nations....  
Ezek. 38-39 Rev. 20:8
6.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of World population is killed 8 B - 2B = 6 Billion
7. In middle of 7 yrs. Antichrist is killed & comes back to life somehow
  - a. Whole world is impressed, gains power, one world govt. & **RULES**
  - b. Eventually moves into the newly constructed Temple on Mt. Moriah in city of Jerusalem. (cite of the *Dome of the Rock* = Moslem’s now)
  - c. Declares himself to be God and demands the whole world worship his Image, receive his mark on them (666) **IMAGE** = on TV Worldwide
  - d. Refuse = no work, can’t buy/sell ...killed by beheading  
2Thes. 2:1-2 = “Man of sin”..... see pages 3-C & 3-D on antichrist.

8. **CONDITIONS GET WORSE.....** 1/3 mankind killed = 2 Billion
- a. **Roman Empire ?** Sometime before the 7 yrs. up **MUST** be re-estab.  
“in the days of these kings” = 10 toes = 10 kings  
Coalition of 10 nations = European Union ?? or ??
  - b. China & allies/ US+ allies/ Europe, etc....warfare in middle east
  - c. **NOTE:** During tribulation - A remnant of Jewish men, all virgins...  
called, equipped and sent out by God to win world for Jesus !  
  
144,000 Billy Grahams...Millions converted, killed...  
Everyone given an opportunity to believe and accept Jesus sac.
- 9-10. **ARMEGEDDON EXPLODES** at end of tribulation (7 yrs)  
Mother of all battles, cut short or no flesh saved. Mt. 24:22
- See article on historical info. on Armageddon
11. **Jesus returns - stops Armageddon....**
- a. **Resurrects righteous who were killed in “Tribulation”**
  - b. **Sheep/goat judgment - Mt. 25:31-ff**
12. **Antichrist & false prophet cast alive into lake of fire**
13. **Satan chained 1000 years – deceive nations no more...Till.....**
- 14, 15, 16. **1000 yrs. peace/harmony/happiness – Christ reigns as  
King of Kings & Lord of Lords**
17. **Satan let loose for a little season - deceives, gathers to battle righteous...**
- a. **Gog & magog coalition = Russia & allies**
18. **Fire comes down from God and devours them**
19. **Devil is cast into lake of fire**
- 20, 21, 22. **Wicked raised, Great white throne judgment. Old Heavens/earth  
will pass away = New H/Earth come forth, New Jerusalem...  
Wicked into hell/torment.... Rt into Heaven, w/Lord forever**

## WHO IS THE ANTICHRIST ?

The following is taken from a booklet entitled "The AntiChrist" pages 3 & 4. Here is an explanation of what some are said to believe about

### "The advent of Christ and the AntiChrist"

1. Satan will appear as a man in the person of the AntiChrist because he seeks to reign as king over mankind and desires to focus the worship of God on himself.
2. The AntiChrist will be a Jew, and will achieve his stated objectives by being accepted as the Christ, the messianic king of the Jews, taking his seat in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, pretending to be God Himself, and thereby becoming the "abomination of desolation" spoken of by the prophet Daniel and mentioned also by Jesus.<sup>5</sup>
3. The AntiChrist is the "little horn" of the fourth beast mentioned in Daniel 7. He will slay three of the other horns<sup>6</sup> and reign as an eighth with the remaining seven.
4. The AntiChrist will achieve his objectives in the middle of the final seven-year period of this age. At that time he will be proclaimed the messianic king of the Jews and will take his seat as God in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. He will reign for three and one-half years.
5. The AntiChrist, during his reign, will deceive the majority of people living on the Earth at the time into believing he is God. However, he will persecute those who refuse to worship him because they are able to see through his delusion.
6. Jesus Christ will return to Earth at the end of the three and one-half year reign of the AntiChrist, destroying Satan's kingdom. The resurrection of the just will occur at that time. //

The AntiChrist

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<sup>5</sup>Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:15.

<sup>6</sup>Hippolytus explains that those three are the rulers of Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia.

(These kinds of interpretations are based on pure speculation on what they believe is taught in 2Thess.2:1-12 & other passages they link together)

## THE FOUR BIBLE PASSAGES

## “ANTICHRIST”

1John 2:18-19 “Children, it is the last hour, and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us, for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.”

1John 2:21-23 “Who is a liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the son. Whoever denies the son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the son has the Father also.”

1John 4:2-3 “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”

2John 1:7 “For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.”

From the Bible we can clearly see 3 things. First, the “antichrist” is defined as anyone who doesn’t believe Jesus is the divine son of God. Second, “antichrists” appear to actively teach against Christ. Third, there were many “antichrists” in the world when John wrote the book. This directly contradicts the teaching of modern speculationists who say that one antichrist will arise at some still future time.

The Greek word from which we get our English word “antichrist” is translated is very simple to understand. It is a simple compound word and means “anti” + “Christ”= “antichrist”. We use the same compound word everyday. We have people who are “anti-smoking; or “anti-gay” or “anti-hunting” or “anti-Semitic” or “anti-abortion”. There really is no big mystery as to what the word means. “Anti-Christ” is anyone who opposes Christ.

The “antichrist” then, has no horns or red glowing eyes. Neither is the “antichrist” some demon possessed super-intelligent human clone. Rather, the “antichrist” is that sweet elderly lady living next door who openly teaches the neighborhood kids that Jesus just was a myth.

From: <http://www.bible.ca/D-AntiChrist.htm>

## PREMILLENNIAL VIEWS OF THE "END TIMES"

The next two pages is taken from "<http://end-time.com/Documents/Revelation/Main.htm>" parts of pages 1-7. It gives a brief introduction and an order of events they believe will start to take place very soon. (A detailed description of each event is also found there)

### INTRODUCTION TO THE LATTER DAYS AND BEYOND

Prior to studying the Revelation (note it's singular, not Revelations), it may be helpful to understand a basic outline of the times in which we live and of what lies ahead. For the most part, the Revelation covers these periods. This should make the study of the Revelation easier to grasp.

Much like putting a puzzle together-if you have a picture of what the completed puzzle looks like, how much easier it is to put the pieces into place. In the same way, if you have a biblical idea of the times in which we live until the end, as you read the Revelation it is easier to put into perspective.

### BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE UNTIL THE END

Will Russia and some Arab nations invade Israel and the U.S.A. become involved? Yes.

Will 1/4th of the world's population die? Yes.

Will diseases such as AIDS increase? Yes.

Will a world leader called the Antichrist come forth? Yes.

Will there be a one-world governing system? Yes.

Will there be an event called Armageddon? Yes.

Will Jesus Christ actually return? Yes.

Just as the rebirth of Israel happened as predicted (along with over 300 other predictions) so the rest of the prophecies shall come to pass.

THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD.

The Bible gives us over 360 prophecies that would come to pass; however, none of these meant anything until the predicted rebirth of Israel occurred. This event did happen in 1948. (Note-many of these are covered under the prophecy section of this site.) The rebirth of Israel and the 360 plus prophecies (all coming to pass and being in place at the same time) indicate the Tribulation is on the doorstep and the Rapture that precedes it is very near at hand.

### A BRIEF OUTLINE OF SOME KEY EVENTS OF BIBLE PROPHECY FROM ISRAEL'S REBIRTH TO THE END OF THE BIBLE

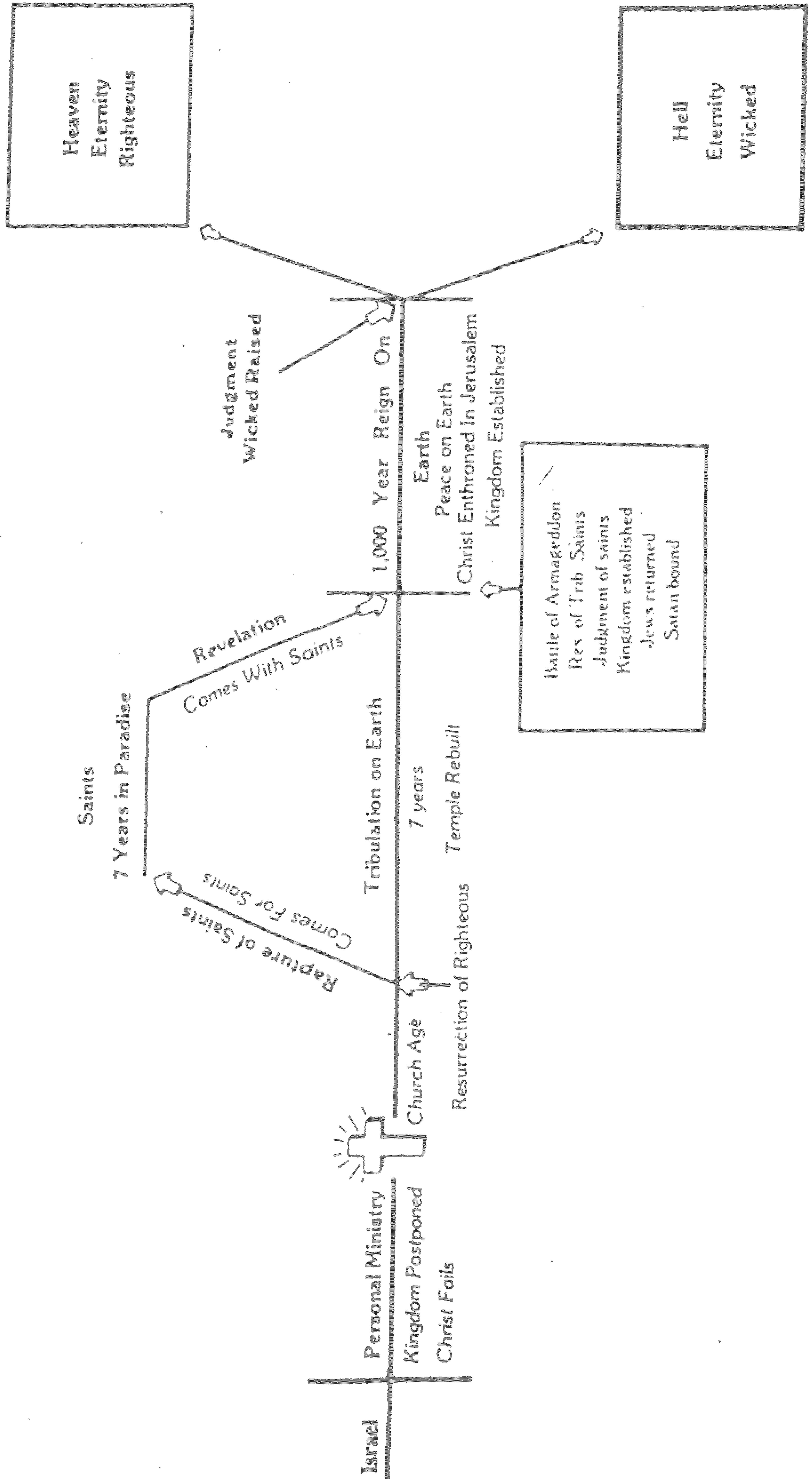
Among most noted Bible prophecy scholars, there appears to be little difference of opinion, regarding the following list of main events and the order in which they will occur. Some occasional differences do exist, regarding the precise timing of certain events during the Tribulation, which are not listed here. It is written, "FOR WE KNOW IN PART"-1 Cor 13:9. Sometimes these differences occur, because of certain traditions or a lack of comparing Scripture with Scripture. In other cases, there may be a lack of Scripture references given to enable the pinpointing of certain events.

1. • ISRAEL'S REBIRTH (the key which had to be in place...May 14, 1948)  
(The latter days)
2. • A NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT HAD TO BE IN PLACE OR OCCUR,  
FOLLOWING ISRAEL'S REBIRTH. OVER 360 SIGNS AND  
PROPHECIES ARE FULFILLED.



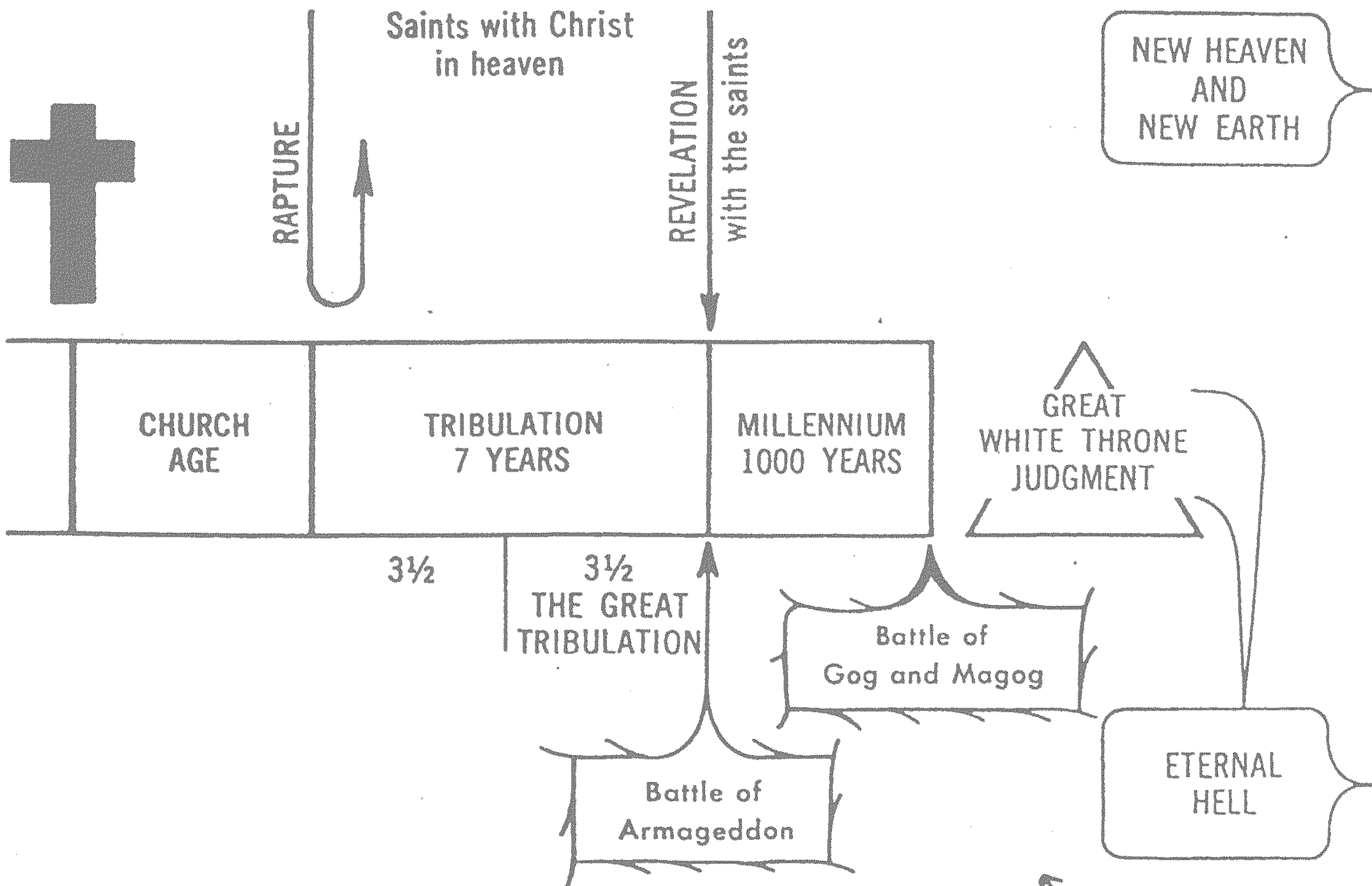
3. THE RAPTURE *I Thess. 4: 13 - 18*
4. THE ANTICHRIST COMES FORTH AND CONFIRMS A COVENANT WITH ISRAEL AND OTHERS; THE TRIBULATION BEGINS (The Tribulation is traditionally considered to be a seven year period, consisting of two parts, each three and a half years long) (The seventieth week of Daniel)
5. RUSSIA AND OTHER NATIONS INVADE ISRAEL
6. ONE-FOURTH OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS KILLED
7. ON OR ABOUT THE MIDST OF THE TRIBULATION: THE ANTICHRIST IS KILLED; HE COMES BACK TO LIFE AND MOVES INTO THE REBUILT TEMPLE; THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION OCCURS; THE FALSE PROPHET COMES FORTH; THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST IS CREATED; THE MARK "666" IS REQUIRED.
8. WORLD CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO GET WORSE. ONE-THIRD OF MANKIND IS KILLED.
9. THE TRIBULATION ENDS
10. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION, THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON EXPLODES.  
  
*(The next three events all take place during the same time frame as the Battle of Armageddon)*
11. JESUS CHRIST RETURNS WITH ALL OF HIS SAINTS
12. THE ANTICHRIST AND FALSE PROPHET ARE CAST ALIVE INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE
13. SATAN IS CHAINED FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS, SO HE CAN DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO LONGER TILL THE THOUSAND YEARS BE FULFILLED.
14. THERE WILL BE ONE THOUSAND YEARS OF PEACE (the Millennium)
15. JESUS CHRIST WILL REIGN AND RULE AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS
16. THE MILLENNIUM EXPIRES
17. SATAN IS LET LOOSE FOR A LITTLE SEASON; HE GOES FORTH TO DECEIVE THE NATIONS ONCE AGAIN, TO GATHER THEM TO BATTLE
18. FIRE COMES DOWN FROM GOD, OUT OF HEAVEN, AND DEVOURS THEM
19. THE DEVIL IS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE
20. THE HEAVENS AND EARTH PASS AWAY
21. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT IS HELD
22. A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH COMES FORTH; NEW JERUSALEM COMES FORTH; SO SHALL ALL THE SAINTS EVER BE WITH THE LORD

# A STUDY OF PREMILLENNIALISM



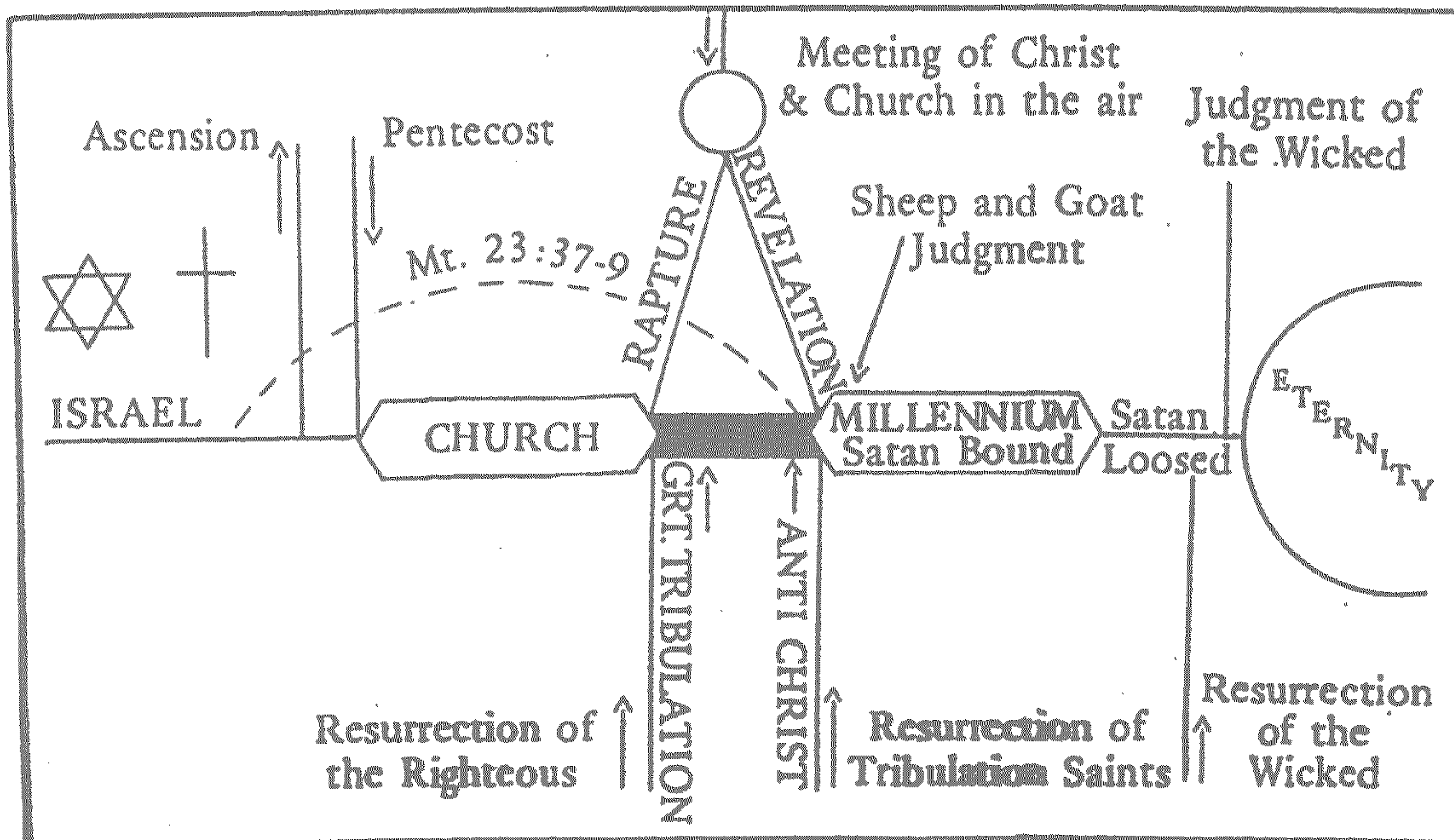
# PREMILLENNIAL SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS

## CHART 91



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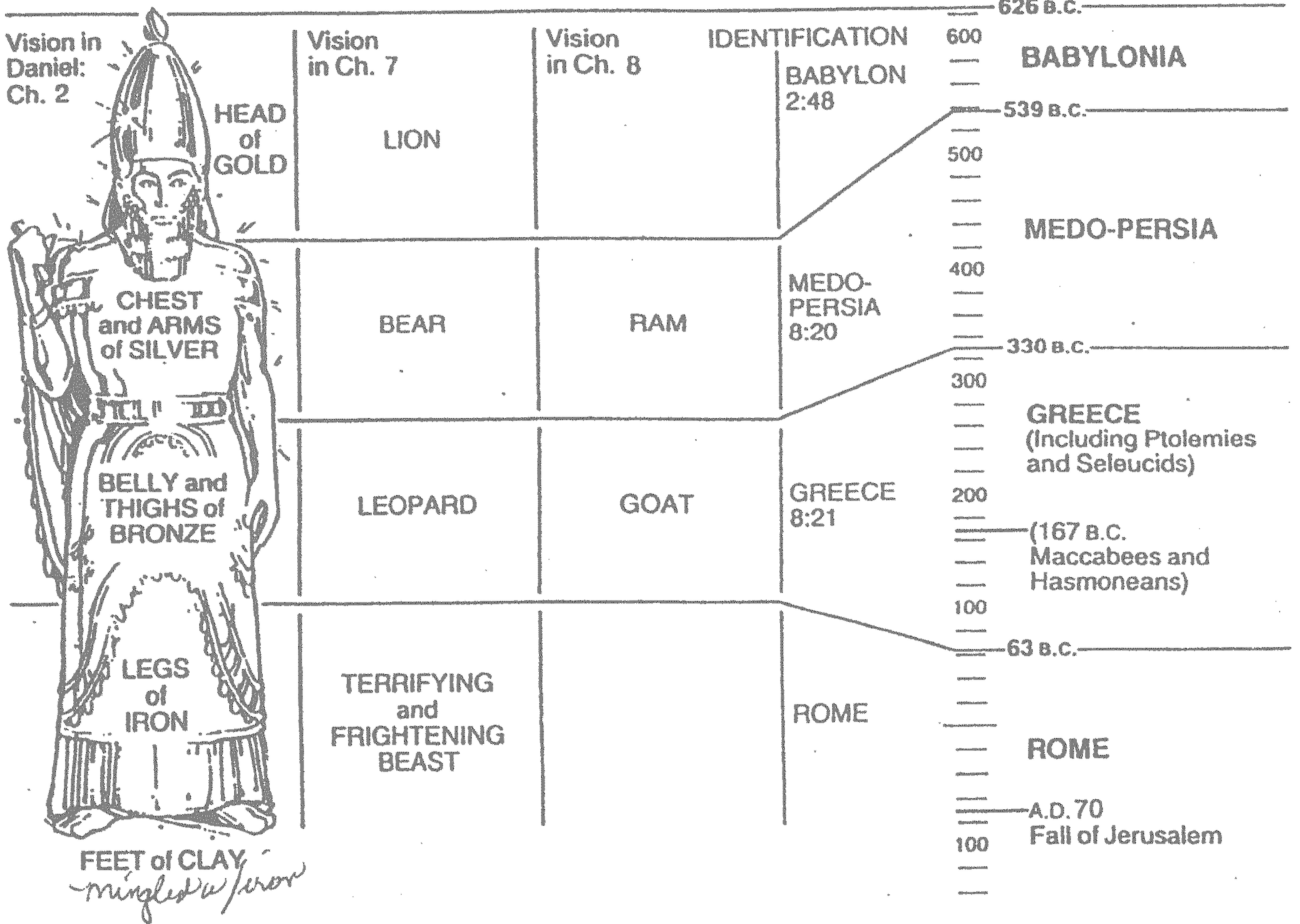
Jensen's Survey of the New Testament



This chart taken from Gareth L. Reese's Commentary on Acts, page 37.

**Identification of the Four Kingdoms**

**Chronology of Major Empires in Daniel**



Daniel 2:1-44

Dan. 7:1-8, 17-25

Dan. 8:1-27

# THE KINGDOM ESTABLISHED

<u>EMPIRE</u>	<u>FIGURE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>FULFILMENT</u>	
BABYLONIAN	HEAD - GOLD	DAN. 2:38	ROMAN EMPIRE JN. 11:48	
	LION	DAN. 7:4		
MEDO-PERSIAN	BREAST - SILVER	DAN. 2:32,39	LAST DAYS ACTS 2:17 HEB. 1:1,2	
	BEAR	DAN. 7:5		
	RAM, TWO HORNS	DAN. 8:3,4,20		
GRECIAN	B./THIGHS-BRASS	DAN. 2:32,39	JERUSALEM ACTS 2:5 LORD'S HOUSE I TIM. 3:15	
	LEOPARD	DAN. 7:6		
	HE GOAT	DAN. 8:5-8,21,22		
ROMAN	LEGS - IRON FEET - IRON/CLAY	DAN. 2:33,40	HOLY SPIRIT CAME ACTS 2 KINGDOM EST. COL. 1:13 ALL NATIONS ACTS 2,10 MT. 28:18-20 PEACEFUL KINGDOM ISA. 11:6-12 ROM. 15:8-12 EPH. 2:14-18 JN. 18:36 UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM HEB. 12:28 MT. 13:19	
	DREADFUL BEAST	DAN. 7:7,23,24		
	<u>ISA. 2</u>	<u>JOEL 2</u>	<u>DAN. 2</u>	
WHEN?	LAST DAYS	LAST DAYS	LAST DAYS	
WHAT?	LORD'S HOUSE	H.S. GIVEN	KINGDOM	
WHO?	ALL NATIONS	ALL FLESH	ALL PEOPLE	
WHERE?	JERUSALEM	JERUSALEM	JERUSALEM	

THE KINGDOM OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY WAS ESTABLISHED ON PENTECOST!

Mk. 9:1 Acts 1:8 Acts 2:1-4 Col. 1:13-14

CHRIST IS ON DAVID'S THRONE  
2 SAMUEL 7:12-14

GOD'S THRONE: SEAT OF AUTHORITY,  
POWER TO RULE

THRONE = Seat of Authority, Power to Rule

1. Transferred from Heaven to Earth

1Sam 8:5, 19, v. 7; 12:12, 17

David's Throne  
Solomon's Throne  
God's Throne

One and  
the Same  
Throne

2. Back to Heaven where it belongs Heb. 12:25

"On Right Hand of God" Jesus seated on Throne (now)  
Psalms 110:1-4 Acts 2:33

1Kings 1:46-48; 2:12 1Chron 29:23

3. Jesus is Priest on His Throne (Now)

Heb 6:20 Heb 7:17 Zech 6:13

David's Throne  
Christ's Throne  
God's Throne

One and  
the Same

4. Jesus has Key of David (Ruling power of David)

Isa 22:21-22 Rev 3:7 (Isa 9:6-7)

5. Jesus cannot rule on David's Earthly Throne

Priest on Throne Heb 8:4 (Zech 6:13)

Isa 9:6-7 Lk 1:30-33 Acts 2:25-33, 36  
(2Sam 23:2, Psa 132:11)

Seed of Coniah (Jeconiah) Mt 1:12

Jer 22:24-30 2Chron 36:10 Ezek 21:25-27

JESUS IS THE SEED OF DAVID-----Romans 1:3

**JESUS MADE KING IN SPITE  
OF REBELLION /REJECTION  
Psalms 2:1-12**

- 1. The Rebellion of the Nations against God & Christ 2:1-3**
  - a. Counsel against God's annointed v.2
  - b. The opposition v.3
  - c. Crucifixion
  
- 2. God enthrones His Son in the face of their futile rebellion. 2:4-6**
  - a. Sinful rebellion is folly, Greeted with contempt v.4
  - b. Who are these raging people? Acts 4:23-31
  - c. Did they succeed? v.6 Heb. 12:22-29
  
- 3. The Universal scope of the Messiah's Reign. 2:7-9**
  - a. God calls on men to submit to Christ, His Son v.7
  - b. Universal dominion v.8
  - c. Rule with a rod of Iron v.9
  
- 4. Admonitions based upon the Messiah's Authority & Power Psalms 2:10-12**
  - a. Cannot succeed in their rebellion, therefore be wise v.10
  - b. Render homage and obedience v.11
  - c. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry v.12
  - d. Blessed are those who trust in Him

## **GOD PROMISED TO GIVE THE LAND OF CANAAN TO ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS Gen. 12:7**

### **I. Premillennialism Claims the Land Promise has NOT been completely Fulfilled.**

- 1. It is yet to be fulfilled in the future WHEN God sets Christ on David's Throne in Jerusalem.**
- 2. His Kingdom will be estab. on earth & reign for 1000 years.**
- 3. God will gather the scattered Jews from all over the world back to Palestine.**
- 4. Israel will finally posses ALL the land God promised to Abraham and his descendants.**

QUOTE from a booklet "A Study of Premillennialism" pub. by Guardian of Truth Foundation, article "Has the Land Promise been fulfilled" by Earl E. Robertson, pages 49, 50.

" Charles C. Ryrie, in his book, *The Basis Of The Premillennial Faith*, says the Abrahamic and Davidic covenants have not been fulfilled. He says, "The unconditional character of the Abrahamic covenant is the crucial issue in making the Abrahamic covenant a basis for premillennialism. If the covenant is unconditional, then the national aspect of it must yet be fulfilled, and premillennialism is the only system of interpretation which makes a place for a national future for Israel in which she possesses her land" (p. 52). Again, on page 60, he says, "Since the covenant has never been fulfilled in history, if language means anything at all, it must have a future fulfillment." And among the things God promised Abraham which have not been fulfilled, he says, "specifically, the national promises." He says there have been three dispersions of the Jews, "The third and last dispersion began in 70 A.D. and continues to the present day. Israel has not yet returned from this dispersion although the prophecies of her final regathering are manifold, which prophecies must be fulfilled if the Bible is the word of God . . . Israel's regathering is surely future" (p. 74). "



## II. GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED

### Gen. 12:1-7

- (1) Phys. = Make of you a great Nation (Israel)
- (2) Spiritual = In your seed (Christ, Gal.3:6, 16) all blessed
- (3) Phys. = Give you (Israel) the Land of Canaan

1. The Land Promise: Unconditional, "I will give it"
  - a. To Abraham Gen. 12:1-3 (Gen. 13:12-17;
  - b. To Isaac Gen. 26:1-4 15:18; 17:7-8
  - c. To Jacob Gen. 28:3-4 Num. 10:29)
  - d. To Israel Ex. 6:4-8
2. Keeping and possessing the Land was **CONDITIONAL !!**  
Dt. 28:1-2, 15, 62-64; 30:17-18; Lev. 26:14-16, 32-33
  - a. Neh. 1:8, Unfaithful ? = Scattered  
(to last for 70 years Jer. 29:10-14)
  - b. Neh. 1:9, Faithful gathered  
(only a remnant returns Isa. 10:20-21)
3. God kept His Promises = **ALL** the land received & Possessed:
  - a. When Israel conquered the Land of Canaan;  
Josh. 21: 43-45; 23:14
  - b. When Solomon Reigned; 1Kings 8:54-56
  - c. Return from Babylonian Captivity. Neh. 9:8 (Neh. 7:6-ff)

### CONCLUSION: *What About Israel Today ?*

1. Jeremiah uses a visual aid "earthen flask" Jer. 19:1-12  
Once broken, cannot be put back together again, as it once was.
  - a. Babylonian siege of Jerusalem = destroyed (BC 606-586)
  - b. Jerusalem destroyed by Rome (AD 70)  
Mt. 21:33-44 Lk. 11:45-52
2. There is no indication (in the Bible) that Israel will ever be restored as a nation again & possess all the Land of Canaan.
3. The promise of God to gather all Israel from the nations where they have been scattered is a spiritual gathering into the church by the gospel. (The universal spiritual Kingdom of Christ today)  
Mk. 16:15-16 (Acts. 2:38-39) Micah 4:1-8

Isa. 11:1-12, fulfilled > Romans 15:8-13

## DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS Dan. 9:23-27

### I. MESSIAH'S MISSION

1. Deal with the problem of human sin ! 9:24a  
 Transgression, sin & iniquity  
 See Isa. 53:5,8,12 Transgressions  
       53:10,12 Sin  
       53:5,6,11 Iniquity
2. Bring in Everlasting Righteousness 9:27 see Romans 1:16-17; 3:21-26
3. Vision & Prophecy sealed up (brought to a conclusion or is finished) 9:24b
  - a. Become obsolete. 1Cor. 13:8-13; Mt. 5:17-18; Zech. 13:1-2 ff
4. Anoint the Most Holy 9:24b (Place or person ?? )
  - a. Jesus = Prophet, Priest, & King  
       Heb. 1:9; Isa. 61:1 --- Lk. 4:18
5. Covenant of Salv. by Grace through Faith made firm 9:27a  
       Heb. 10:9-10; Mt. 26:28
6. Sacrifice & Offering to end in Middle of 70<sup>th</sup> week 9:27
  - a. Messiah cut off 9:26 = crucified!!

### II. CHRONOLOGY OF THE 70 WEEKS = 490 years ?

1. Starting point – The command to restore/rebuild Jerusalem 9:25
  - a. Three different dates possible
    - (1) Zerubbabel --- 536 bc
    - (2) Nehemiah --- 444 bc
    - (3) Ezra --- 457 bc Ezra 7:6-7; 9:9
  - b. Took 7 weeks (49 years) to complete
2. 62 weeks = 434 years to Messiah = Baptism of Jesus 26-27 ad
3. In the midst of the week 3 ½ years 9:26a, 27
  - a. Lord's ministry = 3 ½ years

### III. CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTING CHRIST

Matt. 21:33-44; 23:31-36

1. Roman Invasion started in the spring of 67 ad, ended in the Fall 70 ad = 3 ½ yrs.
2. Desolations are Determined Dan. 9:26, 27b
  - a. Be with a flood
  - b. Poured out on the desolate = see Mt. 23:38
  - c. Fulfilled, Jesus Mt. 24:15

THE PROPHECY  
OF DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS

Let us, in this connection, briefly examine this fascinating prophecy. There is a three-fold thrust to the narrative.

First, it foretells the “Anointed” One’s advent, and what would be accomplished thereby. The Messiah would: finish transgression, bring an end to sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, usher in everlasting righteousness, seal up vision and prophecy, be anointed as the most holy one, make firm a new covenant, and terminate sacrifices. *These things are associated with Christ’s redemptive work at Calvary—not his second coming.* To suggest that Daniel’s prophecy contains a “long parenthesis,” the “church age” (between the 69th and 70th weeks), which was wholly unknown to the Old Testament prophets, is without any rational basis.

Second, the prophecy sets forth a chronological time-frame in which the messianic events would take place. From the time of Judah’s commission to leave Babylonian captivity (in 457 B.C.), some 486 1/2 years (set forth in three increments—with “days” signifying “years”) would pass, thus terminating in the very year of Jesus’ death (see the author’s article on “Daniel’s Seventy Weeks,” elsewhere in our Archives).

Finally, the terrible price for the Jews’ rejection of Jesus is graphically portrayed. “As a result or consequence of the death of the Messiah one making desolate (i.e. the Roman prince Titus) appears ‘upon the wing of abominations’ (i.e. the pinnacle of the temple). By this language the complete destruction of the temple is signified” (Young, 679).

It is not without significance that the Jews themselves recognized that the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 was the fulfillment of Daniel’s prophecy. Josephus, the Jewish historian, stated that “Daniel also wrote concerning the Roman government, and that our country should be made desolate by them” (Antiquities, 10.11.7). This view of “Daniel’s seventy weeks,” commonly called the “traditional” view, “has been held with slight variation by most Biblical scholars until recent years” (Scott, 364).

## OUR APPROACH IN STUDYING THE BIBLE

1. The Bible is its own best interpreter. "Wherever we are able to correlate passages (in Matt, Rev., etc) with plain statements found elsewhere in the Bible, we have to understand them in this light." ALL scripture must harmonize with all others. Our interpretation must NOT contradict other passages of scripture. Similar words, phrases, language found in Matthew, Revelation, and other parts of the Bible must be compared for possible meaning and understanding.
2. We must proceed from the known to the unknown or more difficult parts. In regular Bible Study we are taught to master the "basics" then proceed to the more difficult. Should we not proceed on these basis in studying Revelation, Matthew, Daniel, etc. ?? There are similar words, phrases & contexts in other parts of the Bible that we do know what they mean... (Matt.; Dan. 2,7,9 etc...) These will help us understand what the "signs" in Matt 24:3 & Rev. 1:1 could be indicating, or identifying !! We should interpret the unknown, or the more difficult "signs" in harmony with the known signs and contexts.
3. **SIGNS:**
  - a. The first verse in *Revelation* says "...He sent and signified it..."  
*Revelation* = to reveal, make known... NOT conceal or hide.  
 Sign language is used to reveal things to John --- 7 churches  
  
 "The revelation was "signified" by Christ through his angel to his servant John. The word translated "signified" means to show by signs. Thus we are introduced to the nature of the book. It is a revelation (unveiling) of God's message through signs (symbols). This must be kept in mind and follow if the truth of the book is to be known. Its message comes not through literal understanding of its words but through the interpretation of the symbols. It is a divine picture book."  
 Ray Summers, Worthy is the Lamb" p. 99
  - b. Matt. 24:3 "...what will be the sign of Your coming."
  - c. When Joseph dreamed that the sun, moon & eleven stars bowed down to him, what was Jacob & his brothers' interpretation? (Gen. 37:9-11)  
 Was this a sign of things to come? (Gen. 42:6)
  - d. Curve ahead; Talking to the deaf using your hands = signing!  
 Signs stand for and represent something. Is that something REAL, actual or figurative ??

- e. Were the Apostles & 7 churches in Asia supposed to understand the meaning of these signs ? Can we ??  
(some have described these things as written in code)
- f. Gen. 9:13 Rainbow “shall be a **sign** of the covenant”  
17:11 Circumcision “shall be a **sign** of the covenant”  
Ex. 12:13 “blood shall be to you for a **sign**”  
Isa. 7:14 Virgin birth “the Lord himself shall give you a **sign**”  
Mt. 12:38-39 No sign given but “the **sign** of the prophet Jonah”  
Lk. 2:12 To shepherds of birth of Jesus “this shall be a **sign** unto you”  
Mt. 24:3 “and what will be the **sign** of Your coming?”  
Lk. 21:7 “what **sign** will there be when these things are about to take place?”  
Rev. 12:1 “Now a great **sign** appeared in heaven...a women...being with child”  
15:1 “I saw another **sign** in heaven” etc...etc.....

1. Read Matthew 24
2. False theories
  - a. Armstrong, JW's, Modernists, Denominationalist
  - b. Abused, misused, outright perversion (false teaching)
3. Different Views on Matt. 24
  - a. Most popular = Two Subjects
    - (1) 1 – 35 Destruction of Jerusalem
    - (2) 36-44 Second coming of Jesus
  - b. Second most popular
    - (1) 29-30 Could NOT ref. to dest. of Jerusalem !!
    - (2) 1 – 28 Destruction of Jerusalem
    - (3) 29 – 51 Second coming of Jesus
  - c. Third = switch back & forth, depends on the language
4. My position: ALL = destruction of Jerusalem = ONE subject....  
The end of O. T. Judaism, priesthood, the law, etc....

#### I. BACKGROUND OF MATTHEW 24

1. Took place shortly before the crucifixion of Jesus
2. Chapter 23 to Jewish leaders
 

23:13, 15, 23, 27, 29-39 38 "house left desolate"
3. Jesus/Apostles outside the temple & have a conversation
4. Matt. 24 Records Jesus statement,  
Apostles question, Jesus Answer

#### II. THE APOSTLES QUESTIONS

1. cf. Mt. 24, Mk. 13, Lk. 21 see Transp. Chart on these
2. NOT about the second coming
  - a. What did the apostles know about "second coming" ??
  - b. Slow to bel. in Jesus death/resurrection
 

Mt. 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:51-ff  
cf. Lk. 24:13, 17, 18-ff, v. 25-27, 33, 44-45  
Mk. 16:14; Acts 1:6

#### III. APOCALYPTIC SPEECH, OR LANGUAGE (signs & symbols)

1. Quote McGuigan, Rev. p. 14 see CHART (Page 18)
2. Examples of this kind of language
  - a. Ezek 32:1-16 --- Egypt
  - b. Isa. 13-14 ---Babylon
 

Isa. 13:9-10, 13:1-22; 14:1-17, 22-23  
Vs. 12-17 --- cf. Dan. 4:28-37
  - c. Joel about Israel 1:1-7; 13-20; 2:1-11
  - d. Isa 34 = Nations (4-8)
  - e. Jesus ---Jersuaalem Mt. 24
  - f. John --- 7 churches in Asia Rev. 1-22

#### IV. NATIONAL PUNISHMENT OF ISRAEL

Mt. 3:7-12; Lk. 13:1-9; Mt. 23: 29-39 Matt. 21:33-46  
Heb. 12:22-28 Heb. 8:13 see Lk. 11:37-52 Lk. 13:33-35

**Jerusalem destroyed....people killed... WARNING !!**

**The Righteous could escape. ...WATCH for the "sign"**

## **SIGN TO WARN OF THE COMING DESTRUCTION**

**Matthew 24** by Ray Vaughn

1. Mt. 24:15 = When you see the abomination spoken of  
by Daniel  
Luke 21:20 = Jerusalem surrounded by armies
  - a. 24:16 Those in Judea **FLEE** to mountains  
:18 Don't go back for a coat  
:20 Pray that not (1) in winter (2) on Sabbath  
(woe to them with child....)
  - b. End of Jerusalem....NOT end of the world !!
2. **DO NOT BE DECEIVED...**
  - a. Jerusalem will be destroyed in your life time 24:34
  - b. But – don't live in **FEAR !!**
  - c. You can escape this calamity.... & be delivered....
3. Some events will happen **BEFORE** the fall....
  - a. Hear of wars, rumor of wars....pestilence, earth quakes, etc... (these go on all the time)
  - b. False Christs, false prophets...  
Don't believe it or go after them.....

## APOCALYPTIC SPEECH

### “The Book of Revelation” by Jim McGuiggan p. 14, 15

“Apocalyptic” speech is a phrase we moderns dug up. We use it to denote speech which is made up of symbols. In the New Testament there is only one book of “apocalyptic speech” although there are a number of examples of such speech in books written in “ordinary” speech. In the Old Testament apocalyptic speech pervades books such as Daniel, Ezekiel, Zechariah. In a number of other books (eg. Isaiah and Joel) there are many examples of apocalyptic speech.

The word itself denotes “an unveiling, or uncovering, a revealing.” In light of the confusion which swirls around these books, it is hard for the average fellow to believe this. The truth is, we borrowed the word from the “Revelation of John” (ie. the book of Revelation) where the word was **not** used to describe the speech used. In Revelation 1:1 we are told God gave Jesus a “revelation” to John in symbolic speech. Paul “revealed” some things in ordinary speech but the last book in the New Testament - the last “revelation” was given in symbolic speech. Because this last book is called an “apocalypse” and it was given in symbolic speech, men then called books written in symbolic speech — apocalyptic.

Exactly what should be included in the term “apocalyptic” is hard to say. Should a metaphor (“I am the door”) be said to be “apocalyptic” speech? Should we say **any** figurative expression is “apocalyptic”?

You’ll draw your own conclusion since I don’t think the issue can be fully resolved. I’m of the opinion that it doesn’t really matter in the end. This much we can say for sure: One can go through the Bible and without much difficulty gather together the sections of scripture which remind him of the book of Revelation. These sections sound like one another. They strike the same chord in our mind — they are in a class of their own. This may be because they not only sound alike, but they have the same general import.

Apocalyptic speech is lurid in its colors and very often violent in its tone. It strikes the imagination and grabs hold of the mind. Who, having read of it, can forget the seven-headed sea beast or the scarlet prostitute on its back? Whose mind does not boggle over the falling of the stars and the rolling up of the heavens? Apocalyptic speech is vivid and easily remembered. It appeals to our imagination. It is the language of conflict and victory. It is the language used when God smites the oppressor and vindicates his people. It is the language of crisis if not of persecution.

It is the extension of the Biblically familiar. See examples of it in Isaiah 13,34; Micah 1:2ff; Zephaniah 1:2ff; Jeremiah 4:11-26. In these we read of God’s attack on the world of the ungodly. A repetition of past historical events.

The earth (of the ungodly) becoming once more “without form and void;” the heavens (of the ungodly) once more coming under attack as they did in the days of Pharaoh; another Sodom and Gomorrah judgement comes on Edom; and the earth’s high places tremble again at God’s presence as they did at Sinai.

This is certain, though an apocalyptic book may have material in it which is to be understood literally, we must reverse the usual rule of interpretation when approaching it. Here is the usual approach to a book: Understand it literally unless forced to do otherwise. In approaching an apocalyptic book the rule is: Understand it figuratively unless there is good reason to do otherwise.



**THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM/TEMPLE FORETOLD**      page 1.  
By Ray Vaughn

This is a conversation that took place between Jesus and His apostles not long before the Lord was crucified. We will compare the accounts of Jesus foretelling of the destruction of Jerusalem/Temple in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. I believe the accounts are only about what was going to happen in and around Jerusalem, (perhaps including the regions of Palestine) and NOT about the “second coming of Jesus” as we know it.

Matthew 24:1-51Luke 21:5-36Mark 13:1-37**I. THE LORD AND HIS DISCIPLES VIEWING THE TEMPLE TOGETHER**

## 1. The Lord's statement:

Mt. 24:1-2	Mk. 13:1-2	Lk. 21:5-6
Shall not be left here one stone upon another	Not be left one stone upon another	Not be left one stone upon another

## 2. Question asked by the disciples (based upon the Lord's statement)

Mt. 24:3	Mk. 13:4	Lk. 21:7
a. When shall these things be?	When shall these things be ?	When shall these things be?
b. What shall be the <b>sign</b> of thy coming and of the end of the world?	What shall be the <b>sign</b> when all these things shall be fulfilled?	What <b>sign</b> will there be when these things shall come to pass?

Note: “end” = completion or consummation, Thayer      see page 22-A  
“completion of the age” = Nestle Text

“World” = compare Mt. 12:32; 28:20; Lk. 18:30; Heb. 6:5;  
Heb. 9:26; Eph. 1:21; 1Cor. 2:7, etc... “age”

**THY COMING ....THESE THINGS.....SIGNS OF FULFILLMENT**

**NOTE**: If the disciples were also inquiring about the Lord's “second coming” how & when did they get this insight & understanding when they did not know he was leaving in the first place ? **John 14:1-5**

3. Time limit for fulfillment ( *Then the end shall come* )

- a. Gospel shall be preached in all the world.  
Mt. 24:14; Mk. 13:10; (Col. 1:23; Rom. 10:16-18 A.D. 64 ??)
- b. When **THEY** see Daniel's **abomination of desolation standing in the holy place**. = Luke 21:20-24... Roman armies surrounding Jerusalem .
- c. When physical flight will save your life Mt. 24:16-22
- d. When false prophets abound. Mt. 24:23-28 ( see Josephus Wars 6:5.2)
- e. **THIS generation SHALL NOT pass till ALL BE FULFILLED !**  
Mt. 24:34; Mk. 13:10; Lk. 21:32

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## II. SIGNS LEADING UP TO THE FULFILLMENT OF ALL THESE THINGS

1. False Christs - Mt. 24:5; Mk. 13:6; Lk. 21:8 (2Cor. 11:13; 2Pet. 2:1; 1Jn. 4:1)

2. Wars and rumors of wars - Mt. 24:6; Mk. 13:7-8; Lk. 21:9-10

3. Great and natural disturbances - Mt. 24:7-8; Mk. 13:8; Lk. 21:12

THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS - Mt. 21:8; Mk. 13:8

4. Outbreak of persecutions - Mt. 24:9; Mk. 13:9; Lk. 21:12

Hatred, betrayed, delivered up, put to death, etc...

(see Lk. 21:12 - "before all these... # 1, 2, 3 above)

5. Gospel is first preached (before the end)... then the end comes !

a. End of what ? (Jewish Temple, priesthood, religion of O. T. etc...

Mt. 24:14; (compare Lk. 21:9 "not immediately")

Mt. 24:8 beginning of sorrows, beginning of the end...

f. When Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed, many Jews killed, others scattered.... Since that time = no Jewish nation, religion, priesthood as per the Law of Moses (see Heb. 8:13)

## III. ABOMINATION WHICH MAKES DESOLATE.

Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; Lk. 21:20 (Daniel 9:23-27 )

1. Jerusalem compasses with Gentile armies Lk. 21:20, 24

2. Those in Judea flee to the Mtns. Mt. 24:16; Mk. 13:14; Lk. 21:21

3. The haste and difficulty of the flight

Mt. 24:17-20; Mk. 13:14-18; Lk. 21:21-23; (19:41-44)

4. Great affliction and calamities Mt. 24:21-22; Mk. 13:19-20; Lk. 21:24-26

## IV. THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN.

1. Mt. 24:30 "Then shall appear the **SIGN** of the Son of man in heaven....  
**they**...see Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with  
power and great glory."

2. Mark 13:26 "And then shall **they** see the Son of man coming in the clouds  
with power and great glory."

3. Luke 21:27 "And then shall **they** see the Son of man coming in a cloud with  
power and great glory."

( v. 31 - Kingdom of God in nigh. - Thayer, "Royal power and dignity  
belonging to God..... Rev. 12:10..."

Also see Mt. 24:33; Mk. 13:29

4. WHO shall see Him come in the clouds ?? **THEY** (Mt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7)

a. Read Mt. 24:29, "powers of heaven"

Mk. 13:24-25, "powers that are in heaven"

Lk. 21:26, "powers of heaven"

b. Powers of heaven = Rulers (see Isa. 13:9-10; Rev. 12:1; Gen. 37:9-10)

The Sun - the religious light of the nation

Moon - the earthly govt. of the Jews

Stars - the judges, leaders, priests, rabbis, scribes, elders

see page 22-B

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Powers of heaven = Jewish church or religious commonwealth

Compare the fall of Egypt Ezek. 32:7-8

Fall of Babylon, Isa 13 – 14 chap.

Consider Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21

5. The Lord will come with retribution through the Romans - Mt. 24:27

a. Mt. 24:28 Carcass = Jewish govt., nation = DEAD

b. Eagles = The Roman army devouring the Jewish nation

Compare Isa. 13:4-9, 13, 17, 19; Dan. 8:10

**READ Isa. 10:5-12-ff**

**THIS GENERATION WILL BY NO MEANS PASS AWAY TILL ALL THESE THINGS ARE FULFILLED.** Mt. 24:34; Mk. 13:30; Lk, 21:32

ALL = that is said BEFORE these verses !!

#### V. BE WATCHFUL - DAY IS COMING - MY WORD WILL NOT FAIL

<u>Matt. 24</u>	<u>Mark 13</u>	<u>Luke 21</u>
27. Coming of the Son of man	26. See Son of man coming in the clouds	27. Son of man coming in the clouds
30. Appear the <b>sign</b> of the Son of man... see coming in the clouds	(28-29 Fig tree= signs)	(29-31 fig tree)
<b>WILL BE FULFILLED IN THIS GENERATION</b>		
34	30	32
35. My word will not fail	31 My word not fail	33 My word not fail
36. No man knows the day or the hour	32-33 Know not the day, hour, time	
37-41 Coming of Son of man be like days of Noah (life as usual, unawares)	34 Son of man on long journey – left house & authority to servants. Every man his work Porter to WATCH	34 Take heed to self cares of this life Worldly activities <b>THAT DAY</b> catch you unawares
42. WATCH - know not hour your Lord is coming	35 WATCH - know not when the master is coming	36 WATCH

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44 Be READY – son of man  
is coming unexpectedly

Matt. 24Mark 13Luke 21

45-47 Faithful servant:  
Expectant, watchful  
Ready, Rewarded!  
(see vss. 13, 16 22, 31, 33, 34)

36 Counted worthy to  
escape all these  
things that shall  
come to pass & to  
stand before the  
Son of man

48-51 EVIL SERVANT  
says – Lord's coming is  
delayed; lived ungodly  
life. Mistreated other  
servants. DESTROYED

36-37 SLEEPING, not  
watching

36 Unwatchful? shall  
not escape all  
these things that  
shall come to pass

There are MANY “comings of Christ” in the scripture...Context, Context !!

1. It refers to His first advent into the world . Gen. 49:10; Mtatt. 2:6; Rom. 11:26
2. To His second advent. Heb. 9:28
3. To his chosen apostles in the church. John 14:3
4. To the coming of His Kingdom on Pentecost. Matt. 16:28; Mark 9:1
5. To the destruction of Jerusalem. Zech. 14:1-5; Matt. 24:30; Mark 13:26; Luke 21:27
6. To the death of a Christian at the end of life. Psa 23:4; 1Cor. 1:7-8
7. To the end of time at the resurrection. 1 Cor. 14:24 1Thes. 4:15
8. To the last judgment. Matt. 25:30-31; 2Thes. 1:6-10
9. ...and to the rewards and judgments in the events of trial described in Revelation, as mentioned in the letters to the seven churches in Asia. Rev. 2:5; 2:16; 2:25; 3:3; 3:11; 3:20

**Taken from Foy E. Wallace's Commentary on Revelation pp. 39-40**

**WHAT DID THE APOSTLES KNOW ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST at the time Jesus spoke to them in Matt. 24 ??** by Ray Vaughn p. 22-a

Matt. 24:1-3 Sign of thy coming, \*End of the world ???

When did the sacrifice of Christ happen ?

Heb. 9:26 = “....now once at the end of the ages,... NKJV

1Cor. 10:11 = “....were written for our admonition, upon whom the end of the ages have come.” NKJV

***PASSAGES CHRONOLOGICALLY BEFORE Matt. 24***

Matt. 16:21-23; 20:20-23; Luke 18:31-34

***PASSAGES CHRONOLOGICALLY AFTER MATT. 24***

John 14:1-4, 5; 16:16-18; 20:9, 25; (Lk. 24:21, 25-27)

Apostles knew nothing about the second coming of Christ. They did not even understand His resurrection. Therefore, their questions in Matt. 24:3 was NOT about the second coming, but when would these things come to pass and what signs would accompany these things !! (not one stone left upon another)

Compare their questions in Matt. 24:3 to Mk. 13:4; Luke 21:7

\* END of the WORLD :

(completion of the age of Judaism as per Law of Moses)

End = “completion, consummation” (Thayer’s Greek Lex.)  
“completion of the age” Nestle Greek text;

World = compare Matt. 12:32; 28:20; Lk. 18:30; Heb. 6:5  
Heb. 9:26; Eph. 1:21; 1Cor. 2:7, etc = “AGE”.

**SUN, MOON, STARS**  
by Ray Vaughn

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**Matt. 24:29-30**

1. Joel 2:10-11 (2:1-2) Joel 2:31 (AD 70) Joel 3:15-16

**COMPARE:** Gen. 37:9-10; Isa. 13:1, 4, 6, 9-10, 13, 17, 19  
Ezek. 32:7-8; Rev. 12:1-ff

2. Symbolism: **SUN** = The religious LIGHT of a nation

**MOON** = The earthly Government of the Jews

**STARS** = The judges, leaders, priests, scribes,  
elders, etc..

a. Moon to blood: Joel 2:31; Rev. 6:12-17

b. Description of the day of Jehovah: Joel 2:30-31;  
Matt. 24:29-30, 34; Mk. 13:24-25; Lk. 21:24-25

c. The Judgment as a harvest: Joel 3:13; Mt. 13:39; Rev. 14:17

d. Treading the winepress as a symbol of judgment  
Joel 3:13; Rev. 14:19-20; 19:15; Isa. 63:2-3

e. The Locust of Joel 2:1-11 > figure used in Rev. 9:3-11

= CATASROPHIC EVENTS HAPPENING

*"If Thou Hadst Known"* by Stanley W. Paher, p. 102,103

Jesus had in mind only His generation because He used the very same phrase earlier in the day to pronounce woes on the Pharisees, concluding with, "Verily, I say unto you, *all these things* shall come upon this generation (Mt. 23:36). Considering the repetition of the key phrase and the context, the only defensible conclusion is that the disciples would witness the fulfillment of His prophetic word, culminating with the fall of Jerusalem and the dismantling of the temple.

This generation of Jews in Jesus' time is thoroughly described by Matthew. It was faithless and perverse (17:17), unrepentant, evil and sign-seeking (16:4), ill-tempered and capricious (11:16-19), wicked and very adulterous (16:4), evil-speaking, inhumane (23:4, 14), tradition-steeped (15:9), and sinful. It was destined for condemnation (12:42), for it had rejected the Christ (Lk. 17:25). It was worse than previous generations (12:45). In fact, Jesus promised to heap upon it the blood of prophets from Abel to Zechariah (23:35).

The hypocritical Pharisees of that generation had shut up the kingdom of God against others (Mt. 23:13); and the lawyers had taken away the key of knowledge (Lk. 11:52). It was the generation that Peter admonished others to save themselves from (Act 2:40), because the nation's disaster course would be realized in 70 A.D.

That the generation of verse 34 is Christ's is also borne out by scholarship. The Greek word is *genea*, meaning "age or progeny. . . It does not denote a period of unlimited duration." Vine says that *genea* means "a whole multitude of men (a progeny) living at the same time, especially those of the Jewish race."

All these things shall come upon this generation. The time reference is unmistakable. Mt. 24:34

"Generation" in Thayer's Lexicon = "The whole multitude of men living at the same time."

"Generation" is defined by the Bible in Matthew 1:1-17.

"Generation" is the same word used in Luke 11:49-51 and Matthew 24:34.

"Generation" never means "Jews" or "race" as some suggest in an effort to deny this verse.

## “COMING ON THE CLOUDS”

### 1. Appears three times in the New Testament

a. Mt. 24:30 (Mk. & Lk.) Jesus to the disciples concerning the destruction of Jerusalem!

b. Mt. 26:64 Jesus to Caiaphas:

c. Rev. 1:7 John to 7 chs. in Asia

30 “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

64 Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, and they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Note: Many passages in N. T. speak of the Lord’s “coming”, but only these three speak of HIM “coming on the clouds”. *This is significant!* ( cf. Rev. 14:14-20)

### Isa. 19

**19** The ‘burden’ against Egypt.

Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.

- 2 “I will set Egyptians against Egyptians; Everyone will fight against his brother, And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom.
- 3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.
- 4 And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king will rule over them,” Says the LORD, the LORD of hosts.

### 2. Jesus is sitting on the right hand of God and coming in a figurative sense to carry out what He said He would do ! He said He would destroy Jerusalem (Mt. 24).

a. Just like Isa. 19:1-ff says, “the Lord rides on a swift cloud” in reference to His judgment against Egypt carried out by another nation. cf. Isa. 10:5-12

### 3. John tells the 7 churches:

1:1, “things which must shortly take place”

1:3, “the time is near”

22:6, “must shortly take place”

22:7, “Behold, I am coming quickly”

:10, “Do not seal the words of the prophesy of this book, for the time is at hand”

:20, “...Surely I am coming quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus!” (soon or 400 yrs. Later?)

compare  
Psa. 104:3

Did every eye see him? Did those who pierced Him see Him? Did the tribes (12) mourn because of Him? Did they see the great power of God executed by KING Jesus through the Roman armies as they destroyed Jerusalem/temple? (Mk. 13:29) Or, did they see these things happen WHEN the Roman Empire fell some 400 years later?



**REIGN WITH CHRIST FOR ONE THOUSAND YEARS**

Rev. 20:1-10

The following is taken from the commentary on Revelation, "The Avenging of the Apostle and the Prophets" by Arthur M. Ogden, pages 359, 360.

**"The premillennial view.** The majority of those who speculate upon these verses hold to the doctrine of premillennialism. They teach that the first resurrection is the resurrection of the dead saints at the advent of Christ. They believe the first resurrection preceeds a 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth from Jerusalem. Needless to say, no doctrine of man was ever more void of proof. This text says nothing about a bodily resurrection of anyone. It does not mention the second coming of Christ, the reign of saints on the earth or the reign of Christ upon earth. The fact is, the scriptures no where indicate that Christ will ever set foot upon this earth again. The doctrines of premillennialism are highly materialistic and bear a close resemblance to the doctrines of the Jews who rejected Christ as the Messiah, crucified Him, and then persecuted His followers. It is not the purpose of this study to deal with the various theories of premillennialism, or the arguments which show them to be fallacious. Other works adequately expose these errors. Our purpose is to elicit the truth of the passage, and the truth will not support the doctrines of premillennialism."

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Rev. 20:1-10

The following is taken from **“Revelation. An Introduction and Commentary”**  
by Homer Hailey, pages 389, 390.

### THE THOUSAND YEARS

vv. 1-10

This section is composed of seven parts, each beginning with, “And I saw” (19:11, 17, 19; 20:1, 4, 11; 21:1). In the battle of Har-Magedon the beast and the false prophet were cast into the lake of fire that burns with brimstone (19:19-21). With the defeat of these two and the destruction of the harlot, Satan has lost his allies. What becomes of him and the victory of the saints is the chief subject of 20:1-10, rather than the “thousand years,” which usually receives the emphasis.

From the early centuries of Christianity this passage has been used as the basis for various theories of a thousand year reign of Christ on earth. For a brief but excellent summary of the history of millenarianism and four specific theories based on the passage, see Albertus Pieters (pp. 278-311). The general theory, with variations among different schools, is briefly this: Christ will come in the first phase of his return to earth (called “the rapture”), and at this time the righteous dead will be raised, the living saints will be changed and both will be caught up in the air to meet the Lord. Then will come the marriage feast of the Lamb, during which there will be great tribulation on earth. After the wedding He and the bride, the church, will then complete the return to earth (called “the revelation,”) where Christ will set up His kingdom, sit on David’s throne and reign from Jerusalem for a literal thousand years—the millennium. According to some, the Jews will be converted and return to Palestine, Old Testament worship will be restored (with modifications) and there will be on earth an idealistic life which will continue for the definite period of one thousand years. At the end of this millenium Satan will be loosed for a short time and make a last furious effort to destroy the Lord’s people and work. This will be followed by the resurrection of the wicked dead (for the righteous dead will have been raised at the beginning of the thousand years). The judgment will occur and the eternal destinies of heaven or hell will be meted.

The theory must read into the passage (vv. 1-10) all that it claims to draw from it, for the following are not mentioned in the text: (1) the second coming of Christ, (2) a bodily resurrection, (3) a reign of Christ on earth, (4) the literal throne of David, (5) Jerusalem of Palestine, (6) conversion of the Jews, or (7) the church on earth. A theory that rests on a passage of Scripture in which not one of its peculiar tenets of doctrine is found cannot be true! ”

MATTHEW 24:30 IS PERFECTLY PARALLEL TO REVELATION 1:7 AS PER CHART:

Taken from Larry Haverstock's Notes on Rev.

<b>MATTHEW 24:30</b>	<b>REVELATION 1:7</b>
SON OF MAN	SON OF MAN (1:13, 17f)
COMING ON CLOUDS	COMING WITH CLOUDS
TRIBES OF THE EARTH MOURN (EARTH = LAND; JOHN 3:22, MT. 4:15)	TRIBES OF THE EARTH MOURN (EARTH = LAND; JOHN 3:22, MT. 4:15)
THEY WILL SEE HIM	EVERY EYE WILL SEE HIM, EVEN THOSE WHO PIERCED HIM
("THEY" IN CONTEXT = TRIBES)	
THIS GENERATION (MT. 24:34)	SHORTLY & NEAR (REV. 1:1, 3)

Mat. 24:30

30 <sup>a</sup>“Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, <sup>b</sup>and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Rev. 1:7

7 Behold, He is coming with <sup>a</sup>clouds, and every eye will see Him, and <sup>b</sup>they also who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

This judgment is the kind often spoken of in the O. T. where God was pictured coming upon clouds.

cf. Isa. 19:1; Jer. 4:5, 8, 13-14; Joel 2:1-2; Zeph. 1:14-15;  
Ezek. 30:1-4, 18 (29:19; 30:10) 34:11-13

see Mt. 26. & Psa. 104:3

## The Last Days

This Day of Wrath on the Jewish Nation would "come to pass in the last days..." (the very LAST DAYS OF THE JEWISH NATION) and Peter (quoting the Prophet Joel) said God "would show wonders in heaven above and signs in earth beneath, blood and fire and vapor and smoke, and the sun would be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AWESOME DAY of the Lord." Acts 2:17 - 21.

THIS "day of the Lord" (day of one of His great judgments) came on Jerusalem and the nation in AD 70. By the way, the 40 year period or "generation" between AD 30 - 70 is the very time period of -

the beginning of the Lord's Church, (the New Jerusalem; the New Israel),  
the performing of miracles to confirm the Word,  
and the ending of the Old Israel, the Old Jerusalem,  
and the ceasing of miracles!!!

The very generation that had *rejected the Landlord's Son* (see Matthew 21:33-45) would soon be screaming for the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of God! The crucified and resurrected Lord *was coming* to destroy the apostates. This was to be the Great Day of the outpoured wrath of the Lamb - whom they had slain!

"Who can stand before God's indignation?" No one! "Who can endure the fierceness of His anger?" No one! Nahum 1:6.

The Biblical expression "LAST DAYS" properly refers to the period from the Advent of Christ until the destruction of the Jewish system and nation in AD 70. *The "last days" of Israel during the transition period (AD 30 to 70) from the OLD Covenant to the NEW Covenant - those days are the "last days."*

"Revelation Revealed" by Don Givens, pp. 40, 41

see Isa. 2:2-3 (Mic. 4:1); Dan. 2:28; 12:9  
Joel 2:28-32 (Acts 2:17-21); Heb. 1:1-2