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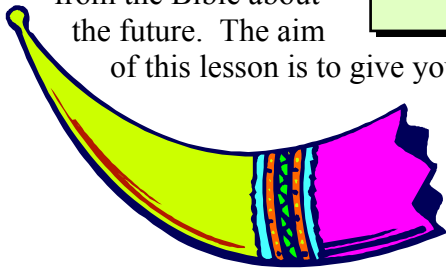
The Return of Jesus Christ

Study #20

One of the most interesting areas of Bible study is *prophecy*. God tells what He is going to do in the future. The Scriptures actually give us a detailed list of events, which can be fit together like pieces of a picture puzzle.

Bible Prophecy is such a large and complex subject that this particular study can only be of an introductory nature. As you grow in your Christian life, you will learn many things from the Bible about the future. The aim

of this lesson is to give you a basic framework upon which to build.



The Return of our Lord Jesus Christ is a fundamental teaching of the Word of God. For every

Lesson Overview

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Conversation –

Ask about his week.
Ask about answers to the prayer requests you have shared.

Discuss Last Week's Assignments –

1. Ask him to share his Scriptural insights, prayers, and applications from his Spiritual Journal.
2. Share one of your Quiet Times.
3. Exchange highlights of your sermon notes.
4. Ask him about his effort of handing out a gospel tract.

Read this page together.

believer, the coming of Christ is referred to in Titus 2:13 as the
B _____ H _____ .

Ask:

Why is the return of Christ referred to as the *Blessed Hope*?

Answer – Life can become difficult with health, financial, and relationship problems. The bleaker society gets, the brighter our confidence becomes that Jesus will someday right every wrong.

Paul Johnson, London statesman, after surveying the chaotic situation erupting around the world, concluded, “There are times when I feel that I would welcome an invasion from Mars.”

I. THE PROMISE OF CHRIST'S COMING

A. *Read John 14:1-4. What did Jesus promise His disciples in verse 3:*

“I W _____ C _____ A _____ .”

B. *Read Acts 1:11. The two angels said to the disciples:*

“This S _____ Jesus . . . shall so C _____ in L _____ manner.... “

C. *Read Hebrews 9:28. This promise states that Christ shall appear:*

“The S _____ T _____ .”

D. *Read 1 John 2:28 and 1 John 3:2. Both these verses say:*

“He (Christ) S _____ appear.”

E. *The last promise of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Bible is found in Revelation 22:12. He said:*

“Behold I C _____ Q _____ .”

Comment:

This subject is called the doctrine of Eschatology, which means the doctrine of “last things.”

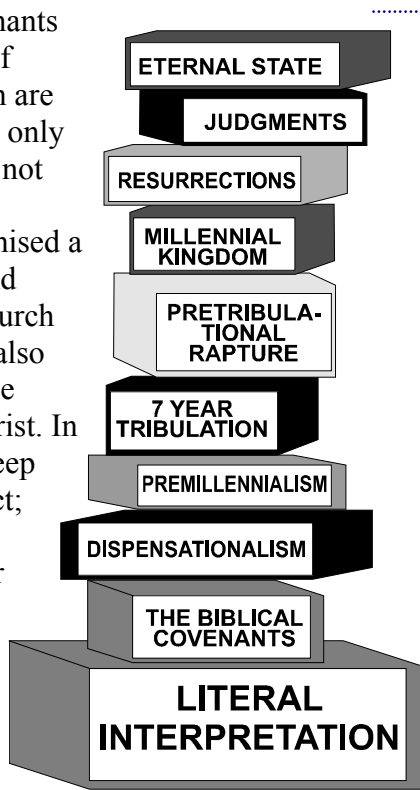
It is a source of peace, hope, and joy. It should also create a sense of urgency in a Christian's heart for these things will most assuredly come to pass.

II. THE BASIC FRAMEWORK OF BIBLE PROPHECY

Notice the *Building Blocks* diagram on the following page. In time you will understand it fully.

To understand Bible Prophecy you must interpret the Bible literally. As you read your Bible you will discover that the Old Testament deals mainly with Israel, and the New Testament deals with the Church. The Old Testament

records unconditional covenants God made with the nation of Israel; some aspects of them are yet to be fulfilled. They can only be fulfilled with Israel (and not with the Church of the New Testament). Israel was promised a land, an eternal kingdom and king, and salvation. The Church of the New Testament was also offered salvation through the vicarious death of Jesus Christ. In Bible prophecy you must keep Israel and the church distinct; God has separate programs for each. God’s program for Israel establishes a chart of future events. Within this chart also fits what He is going to do with the Church.



Explain Literal Interpretation. This method gives to every word the same meaning it would have in normal usage, whether employed in writing, speaking, or thinking. The meaning of each word is determined by grammatical and historical considerations. It does not rule out figures of speech. Symbols, figures of speech, and types are all interpreted plainly in this method, and are in no way contrary to literal interpretation.

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21 and explain it to your Timothy.

III. THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

The first coming of Jesus Christ to earth (sometimes called the “first advent”) is now a fact of history. Yet, *before* His coming into the world, His birth, life, and death were all prophesied. These prophecies are wonderful and numerous. There were hundreds of Old Testament prophecies relating to the first coming of Jesus, each one was fulfilled exactly to the letter! There are EVEN MORE prophecies relating to His Second Coming, and they will also be fulfilled literally.

Below are listed some of the major prophecies concerning the first coming of Christ – and their actual historical

Explain this logic – God promised the first coming of Jesus Christ and it happened just as He said.

God has promised a second coming of Jesus Christ, and it *will* happen just as He says.

fulfillment. Read these, then write out what the prophecy was.

BIBLE PROPHECIES AND FULFILLMENTS		
Old Testament Prophecy	The Prophecy was... (write your answers below)	New Testament Fulfillment
Isaiah 7:14		Matthew 1:23
Genesis 49:10		Hebrews 7:14
Micah 5:2		Luke 2:11,15
Zechariah 9:9		Matthew 21:4,5
Psalms 41:9		John 13:18
Zechariah 11:12,13		Matthew 26:15; 27:9,10
Psalms 22:16		John 19:36,37; 20:20,25
Psalms 69:21		Matthew 27:34
Psalms 22:1		Matthew 27:46
Isaiah 53:12		Matthew 27:38,44
Psalms 16:8-11		Acts 2:27
Psalms 22:18		Matthew 27:35

Ask:
Do these prophecies build your faith?

Fulfilled prophecy is useful in witnessing to the skeptical unbeliever. You may want to write some of these in the front of your Bible for handy reference.

IV. THE TWO PHASES OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

In a sense, the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ was in two phases:

The coming of Jesus as a babe to Bethlehem was a private event, unnoticed by the world at large. Few people were able to share the joy of the moment – primarily



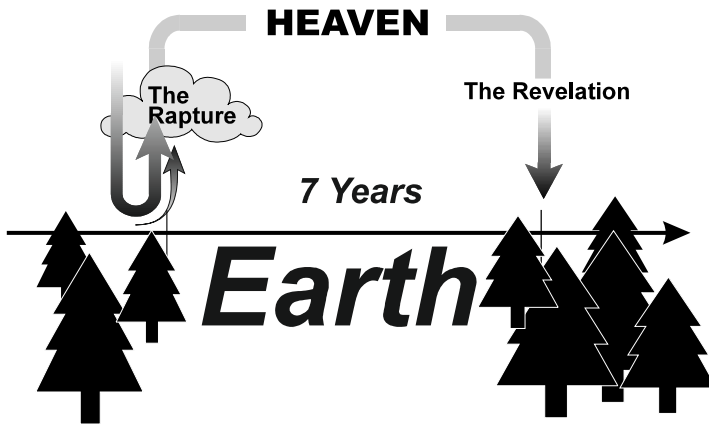
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those who were looking and waiting for his coming. (See: Luke 2:25, 36-38; Matthew 2:1,2)

But when our Lord hung upon Calvary's cross, it was a public display – in view of all.

Likewise, the second coming of Christ will be in *two* distinct stages. We use two words to distinguish these phases: The Rapture and The Revelation.



*In the Rapture
Christ is coming
for His Saints.*

*In the Revelation
Christ is coming
with His Saints.*

Explain the difference between Jesus coming for His saints and with His saints.

V. THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

This is the next event on God's prophetic calendar.

A. The term “Rapture” is not found in the Bible, but its meaning, “caught up”, most certainly is.

B. Read the following key Scriptures about the Rapture:

- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- 1 Corinthians 15:51,52
- Philippians 3:20,21

Now, answer the following by checking True or False.

The term *rapture* comes from the Latin word *rapturo*. This is the Latin translation of the Greek verb “caught up,” which is found in 1 Thess. 4:17.

What I learned...	True	False
1. The Rapture is an instantaneous event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The Rapture concerns only deceased Christians, that is, only those who “sleep” in Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. At the Rapture, the Lord sends His angels to gather the saints and bring them to Heaven.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. At the Rapture, believers (saints) will be caught up into the air to meet Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. According to 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, the Rapture will be announced to give us time to get ready.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. At the Rapture, all Christians, living and dead, will receive a glorified resurrection body.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. According to 2 Peter 3:3-9, a major reason the Rapture has not yet taken place is that the Lord wants to save sinners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Check your Timothy's answers.

The Rapture is instantaneous, actually, “*in the twinkling of an eye.*” General Electric once stated that the “twinkling of an eye” was the time it took light to reflect off the retina, or the speed of light (186,000 miles per second).

C. The Participants of the Rapture

An individual and two groups are included in the Rapture:

1. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, “*the L_____ H_____ shall descend....*”

Read 2 Peter 3:3-9 and explain it to your Timothy.

2. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:16, “*the D _____ in C _____ shall rise first....*” Deceased Christians will be resurrected and meet Christ in the air.
3. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:17, “*then we which are A _____ and remain...*” will also be caught up; these are the living Christians at the time the Rapture occurs.

D. The Results of the Rapture

1. God’s great promise to return is FULFILLED! God will have kept His word! In John 14:3, what does God say He will do when He comes again?
“*I will come again, and R _____ you unto myself.*”
2. Our salvation will be complete! Though our redemption price is paid-in-full, we are eagerly awaiting the redemption of the body when sin will no longer be manifest therein. We will be liberated from the presence and effects of sin (Romans 8:23), and we will be made like the Lord (1 John 3:2).
3. We will be united with all believers. This is a consolation to those who have been separated by death from loved ones.
(1 Thessalonians 4:18) “*Wherefore C _____ - _____ one another with these words.*”

E. The Timing of the Rapture

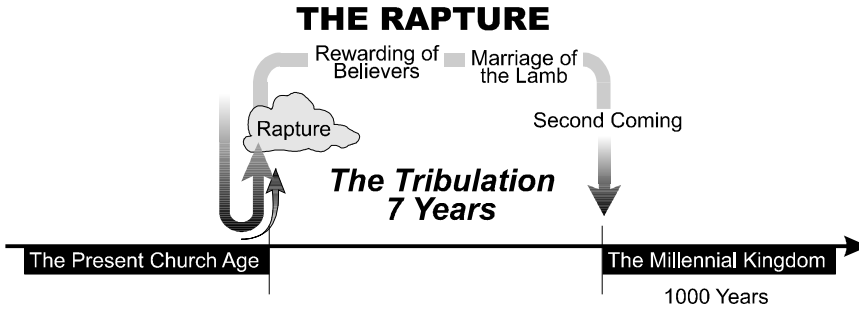
When will the Rapture occur? Are there any signs pinpointing this event? The following diagram identifies the placement of the Rapture in the sequence of God’s prophetic events.

Comment:

When the Rapture occurs our salvation will be complete. Here’s how it happens:

1. When you received Christ you were **justified**. Justification is the act of “declaring righteous.” At this point you were separated from the penalty of sin.
2. On a daily basis you are being **sanctified**, that is, being set apart from the power of sin. This is a process of spiritual growth.
3. At the Rapture (or death) you will be **glorified**, that is, set apart from the presence of sin.

Discuss 1 Thess. 4:18 and the comfort the Rapture brings.



The specific date of the Rapture is undeterminable. Regarding this God said in 1 Thessalonians 5:2, “For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a T_____ in the night.”

Comment:

The Rapture is imminent; it can happen at any time. There are no signs pinpointing the exact time of the Rapture.

Ask:

Why do you think God didn't give us a date for the Rapture?

A couple of answers would be: Knowing the sinful nature of man...

1. The unsaved would wait to the last minute to get saved.
2. Many Christians would wait to the last minute to confess their sins and get right with God.

VI. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

This is the *second phase* of the return of Jesus Christ.

A. Read Revelation 19:11-16. Here the Lord Jesus is called:

- F_____ and T_____ (verse 11).
- The W_____ of G_____ (verse 13).
- The K_____ of K_____ and L_____ of L_____.

B. According to Revelation 19:14 and Jude 14,15, the Lord Jesus Christ will return with: _____

C. Read Zechariah 14:1-4.

1. When Jesus Christ returns, He will set his feet down on the M_____ of O_____.

2. According to 1 Thessalonians 4:17, where does Jesus return to at the Rapture?
“in the C_____, to meet the Lord in the _____.”

D. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ will be a time of
V_____ and
D_____.

VII. THE TIME BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE REVELATION

The Old Testament prophecy of Daniel reveals there will be a seven-year period between the two phases of Christ’s Second Coming. Daniel 9:24 speaks of a time period of seventy weeks that God will use to accomplish His program with Israel. Daniel 9:25 shows that these “weeks” are in fact “heptads” or seven-year periods, that is, there will be seventy seven-year periods or 490 years. When did this 490 years begin?

Daniel 9:25 identifies the starting point as “*the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem.*” This took place on March 14, 445 BC when Artaxerxes issued the command. From the going forth of this command to the Messiah (Christ) being “cut off” was sixty-nine weeks. From 445 BC to 30 AD equals 69 x 7, or 483 Jewish years. Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem to be crucified exactly 483 years (to the day!) from the decree of Artaxerxes to rebuild the city. This part has been fulfilled.

Daniel 9:27 speaks of the seventieth week yet to begin. The present “*day of grace*” stopped God’s prophetic clock at the end of the sixty-ninth week when Messiah was cut off, i.e., crucified.

Read this entire section and explain this sequence of events.

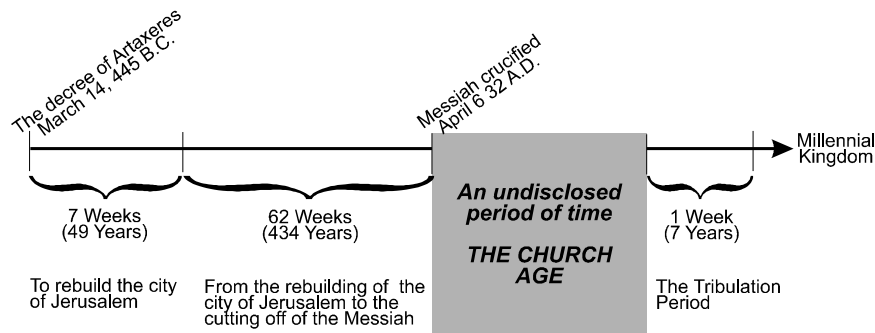
Mark your Bible so you can explain Daniel 9:20-27. Make notes in the margin by these verses. Look at the last page of this lesson for an explanation of Daniel 9.

The following chart and diagram shows the main events that will occur during this time period.

DANIEL'S SEVENTY WEEKS OF YEARS			
# of weeks	Week = 7 years	Total Years	Description
70 weeks	x 7 years	= 490 years	God's timetable to accomplish His will with Israel
7 weeks	x 7 years	= 49 years	To rebuild the city of Jerusalem
62 weeks	x 7 years	= 434 years	From the rebuilding of the city to the coming of the Messiah
1 week	x 7 years	= 7 years	Future Tribulation Period

We are currently living in *The Church Age*. This is an undisclosed period of time between the crucifixion of Christ and the Rapture of the saints.

Daniel's Seventy Weeks



The final seven years (or seventieth week) of Daniel's prophecy will begin with the Rapture. Christians will be caught up and will not be involved in any of the events that

will transpire on the earth during this period. This period is referred to as Daniel's 70th Week and as The Tribulation Period. Count your blessing that as a Christian you will not be there. Where will you be? In heaven at the Judgment Seat of Christ and Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Emphasize our absence from the Tribulation Period.

We will be in heaven at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

VIII. THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

This event takes place after the Rapture, in heaven, and in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Explain that the Judgment Seat of Christ is for Christians. The Greek word for *judgment seat* is "bema" and refers to the raised platform where an umpire, judge, or referee sat as he made his decision regarding the winner of the athletic events. At the Olympic and Isthmian games the judge would crown the winner with an olive wreath. The bema seat was a place of rewards.

The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a reward time for Christians.

Ask: (rhetorically)
Will you be rewarded?
What are you doing for Christ?

- A. *According to Romans 14:10, who will take part in this Judgment?* _____
- B. *According to Romans 14:12, what will we do in this Judgment?* _____
- C. *According to 2 Corinthians 5:10, what aspect of our lives will come under scrutiny at this Judgment?* _____
- D. *Read 1 Corinthians 3:9-15.*
- In verse 9, the church at Corinth is called God's B _____, the foundation of which is J _____ C _____ (verse 11).
 - The Lord is interested in how we B _____ upon this foundation (vs. 12).
 - According to verse 12, these works are likened to:
G _____, S _____, Precious S _____; W _____, H _____, S _____.
 - The fire of this judgment will try the W _____ of the Christian (verse 13).

5. According to verse 15, can a Christian who has never acceptably served the Lord now be lost and cast into Hell? _____
6. According to verse 14, what will the Christian who has acceptably served the Lord receive? _____

Review all of sections E. and F. They tell what will be judged and what will be the result of this judgment.

E. *What will be the basis for evaluation and rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ?*

We are not judged for sins. Our sin was judged at the cross of Christ. We are judged for our works. Specifically, our motives (1 Corinthians 4:5), our conduct (2 Corinthians 5:10); how we have lived according to the Word of God (1 Corinthians 9:25-27; 1 Peter 5:2-4); how we have treated other believers (Hebrews 6:10); how we exercise authority over others (Hebrews 13:17; James 3:1); how we react to temptation (Revelation 2:10); have we been faithful stewards (1 Corinthians 4:2; Luke 19:11-27)?

F. *What will be the result of the Judgment Seat of Christ?*

1. Negatively – there will be a loss of reward and a sense of shame (1 John 2:28; 1 Corinthians 3:15).
2. Positively – God gives rewards to His children. These rewards include: greater opportunities to serve our Savior in His future kingdom (Matthew 25:19-23; Luke 19:16-19); special fellowship and joy (Matthew 25:21,23; 1 Peter 4:12-13); receiving divine commendation (Matthew 25:21); and obtaining a variety of crowns.

G. *The Bible speaks of these rewards as “crowns.” There are five crowns we can receive as a reward for our life as a Christian:*

1. The Crown of R_____ (1 Thessalonians 2:19) also called *The Soul Winner's Crown* for those who win souls to Christ.
2. The Crown of L_____ (James 1:12) for those who endure temptation.
3. The Crown of R_____ - _____ (2 Timothy 4:8) for those who love (live and look for) the Lord's return.
4. The I_____ Crown (1 Corinthians 9:25) for those who faithfully run the Christian race.
5. The Crown of G_____ (1 Peter 5:4) for faithful pastors.

Ask:

What will we do with all these crowns?

Answer – we will cast them at the feet of Jesus and worship Him.

Read:

(Revelation 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."

(Revelation 4:10) "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...."

These 24 elders are representative of the host of Christians in heaven.

IX. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB

- A. *According to Ephesians 5:22-32, the relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ and His churches is likened to that between:*
H_____ and W_____.
- B. *According to 2 Corinthians 11:2, the church at Corinth was:*
E_____ (engaged) to one Husband – Christ.
- C. *From John 3:29 and Revelation 22:17, one of the metaphors used of New Testament churches is "The B_____ of Christ."*
- D. *The union of Bride and Bridegroom occurs at the Rapture and the wedding celebration is called in Revelation 19:7-9 the:*
M_____ of the _____.

Christ has given His life for the church. Believers are united with Christ forever. Christ comes for His bride and takes her to heaven with Him for the festivities of the marriage feast.

X. DANIEL'S SEVENTIETH WEEK

While the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb are taking place in Heaven, an entirely different scene will unfold on earth.

A. *The book of The Revelation gives the details of the events of this seven-year period prophesied by Daniel – chapters 6 through 18 in particular.*

It is a horrifying record of war, rebellion, catastrophe, and desolation. It is called by several names, including:

1. The Day of the LORD (Isaiah 2:12-22)
2. Tribulation (Revelation 7:14)
3. The Great Day of Wrath (Revelation 6:17)

- ⊗ It is a time of outpouring of God's wrath (1 Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:19; 15:1; 16:1,19).
- ⊗ It is a time of punishment (Isaiah 24:20-21).
- ⊗ It is a time of trouble (Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1).
- ⊗ It is a time of great destruction (Joel 1:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:3).
- ⊗ It is a time of desolation (Zephaniah 1:14-15).
- ⊗ It is a time of judgment (Revelation 14:7; 16:5; 19:2).

B. *What is the purpose of the Tribulation?*

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This section, **X. DANIEL'S SEVENTIETH WEEK** deals with the Tribulation Period that the unbeliever will experience while we are in heaven.

Emphasize that during this time on earth sin will be allowed to run rampant and the awfulness of sin comes into full bloom! It also demonstrates God's intense hatred for sin.

Application:
God is showing us how much He hates sin. Do we hate sin in our own lives? Do we hate it enough to do something about it?

There is a two-fold purpose for the Tribulation:

1. To judge wicked, unbelieving people and nations – the unrighteous have willfully and arrogantly refused to live in obedience to the Creator. God will hold them accountable for violating His laws (Matthew 8:11; Zechariah 12:10; 13:9).
2. To prepare Israel for her Messiah – through tribulation God will bring Israel to the point where she will respond in a positive way to God’s gracious offer of salvation. He is going to save her according to the conditions of the New Covenant He made with her.

Emphasize that even in the midst of judgment and hatred for sin God shows mercy and grace. How?

1. Saving people during the Tribulation. Read Revelation 7:13-14.
2. God primarily uses the Tribulation to bring Israel to Himself. This is pure grace!

C. *Christians will not participate in this period. How do we know this?*

1. According to Jeremiah 30:7, it will be a time of J_____’_____ T_____; i.e., it has specifically to do with the Jews and the Nation of Israel. (See also: Daniel 9:24 – “thy people,” “thy holy city”)
2. The Lord's promise to His faithful church at Philadelphia was that He would K_____ them from the hour of temptation which shall come upon the world (Revelation 3:10).
3. Our salvation through Jesus Christ assures us that we are not A_____ unto wrath (1 Thessalonians 5:9).
4. According to Luke 21:34-36, Christians are to be ready at all times, for the Rapture is (and always has been) imminent – that is, it could happen at any moment.
5. According to 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 the church is “D_____ from the W_____ to come.”

- 6. The Church is not found in the Tribulation passages of the Bible.
- 7. We are given Bible examples of God’s children being removed before divine judgment fell (Noah and his family, Rahab and her family, Lot and his family).

D. *According to 2 Thessalonians 2:3,8 there will be the revealing of the M___ of S___ at the commencement of this seven-year period.*

This person is most commonly referred to as The Antichrist. He is the possessed by the devil. See 1 John 2:18.

E. *According to Revelation 12:9,12, S_____ will be cast down to the earth at the mid-point of this period.*

F. *According to Daniel 12:1, then will come a time “such as N_____ W_____ since there was a nation.”*

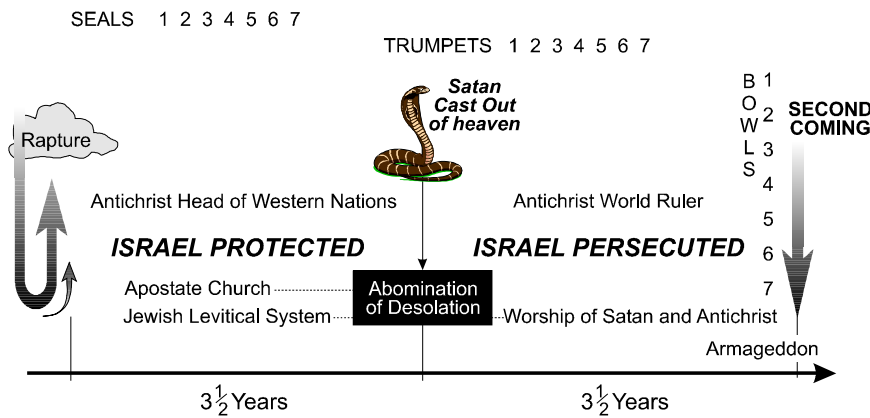
G. *A diagram of the Tribulation Period*

Read Matthew 24:21 and discuss how chilling this verse is.

“such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time” – The horror of the Tribulation surpasses Noah’s flood! Meditate on this!

“no, nor ever shall be” – The horror of the Tribulation surpasses the holocaust, the World Wars.... Can you imagine how bad it will be?

THE TRIBULATION PERIOD



- H.** *According to Matthew 24:15-24, this awful time is called the G_____ Tribulation.*
- I.** *According to Matthew 24:29,30, the Second Coming of Christ to the earth occurs at the:*
- Beginning,
 - End,
 - Mid-Way Point...
of The Great Tribulation

XI. THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Mankind has always longed for and talked about a utopia – an age in which righteousness and peace would prevail and war and corruption would cease. Poets write about it, folk singers sing about it, politicians promise it, prophets forecast it, the world cries for it – but nobody ever brings it. That is until Jesus Christ the King descends with His Messianic Kingdom! In the Bible this kingdom is referred to as:

- The R_____ (Matthew 19:28)
- The T_____ of R_____ (Acts 3:19)
- The T_____ of R_____ (Acts 3:21)
- The D_____ of J_____ C_____ (Philippians 1:6)
- The D_____ of the fullness of times (Ephesians 1:10)

Comment:

Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation. The unsaved are cast to hell and those saved during the Tribulation move into the Millennial Kingdom. This will be a wonderful "Time of Refreshing."

- A.** *Why is there going to be a Millennial Kingdom?*
- God's great purpose in establishing His kingdom on this earth is to fulfill His many promises given in

the Scriptures and to clearly demonstrate to all of creation that He alone is the sovereign God. God made great promises to Israel in the Abrahamic, Palestinian, Davidic, and New Covenants. All of those promises have not been fulfilled. God keeps His promises; He will establish a kingdom on earth and fulfill each promise to the minutest detail.

B. *When will this Millennial Kingdom be established?*

1. Jesus will return at the Second Coming – not as the gentle Jesus, but as the conquering Christ! According to Revelation 19:11 “*in righteousness he doth J_____ and make W_____.*”
2. Jesus arrives to earth and ends the Tribulation in a great holocaust described in Revelation 19:17-21.
3. Following the return of Christ in glory, He will judge the N_____ (Matthew 25:31,32).
4. According to Joel 3:14, this judgment will take place in the Valley of D_____.
5. According to Revelation 20:2,3, Satan will be bound for _____ years.
6. According to Revelation 20:4, Christ will reign on the earth for _____ years.

C. *What will the Millennial Kingdom be like?*

We will consider three aspects of the kingdom – its political, spiritual, and physical conditions.

Political Conditions

- Jesus will reign as King – a righteous dictator under whom the entire world is united.
- According to Isaiah 11:3-4, “*with*

Read briefly these political, spiritual, and physical conditions of the Millennial Kingdom.

R _____ shall he
J _____.”

- Israel will enjoy a special relationship with Him. The Apostles have a special place of authority (Matthew 19:28). King David will have unique authority as an undershepherd to Jesus Christ (Ezekiel 34:23-24). Others of us who were faithful stewards will reign with Him (Luke 19:12-27; 1 Corinthians 6:2; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 5:10; 20:4).
- Jesus’ rule will be absolute and universal; He will not tolerate any rebellion (Psalms 72:9-11; Psalms 2:6-9; Revelation 12:5; 19:15).

Spiritual Conditions

The Millennial Kingdom will be a wonderfully spiritual time – for several reasons:

- Jesus Christ is there! His presence will make the kingdom sweet.
- Satan is NOT there! He is bound in the abyss for this 1000 years.
- Jesus’ reign will be righteous. Oppression and injustice are gone.
- Because of the domination of righteousness in the kingdom the following will be true:
 1. No W____ (Isaiah 2:4; 32:18)
 2. J____ (Isaiah 9:3-4)
 3. All shall K_____ the Lord (Jeremiah 31:34)
 4. God’s people will be filled with the S_____ (Joel 2:28-32)
- There will be universal worship of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Temple will be built again and it will be magnificent (Ezekiel 40-43)!

Physical Conditions

- The curse of sin is removed! This curse is found in Genesis 3:17-19.
 1. Peace comes to the animal kingdom (Isaiah 11:6-9; 35:9; 65:25).
 2. The ground becomes amazingly productive (Isaiah 32:13-15).
 3. There is an abundance of fresh water and the desert will blossom as a rose (Isaiah 35:1-7).
- There will be an absence of sickness and disease (Isaiah 33:24; 35:5-6; Ezekiel 34:16). Man will live longer, perhaps rivaling the ages of men prior to the flood (Isaiah 65:20).

XII. THE ETERNAL STATE

The Millennial Kingdom is followed by the final rebellion and judgment of Satan. Then comes the Great White Throne Judgment where all unbelievers will be judged according to their works and sentenced to eternity in the Lake of Fire. The old heavens and earth are judged (2 Peter 3:10), and now the eternal phase of the kingdom of God begins. The end of the millennial phase signals the beginning of the eternal phase. This eternal state is characterized by:

A. *The Removal of Adversity*

Sin has brought terrible and far-reaching results in human experience, such as: separation from God, sickness, pain, and sorrow. Mankind has been affected spiritually, emotionally, and physically. This is all he has ever known. God removes it all!

According to Revelation 21:4 what does God wipe away and remove?

What is eternity like? We know a little about it.
Review this section. This will be a great encouragement!

All T _____, D _____, S _____,
C _____, P _____

B. The Re-Creation of All Things

1. According to Revelation 21:1, God makes a new H _____ and a new E _____.
2. This will be our dwelling place with God. We will have full and unhindered fellowship with God. This will be reminiscent of God’s relationship with Adam and Eve before the fall.
3. *(Revelation 21:3) “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will D _____ with them, and they shall be H _____ P _____, and God himself shall be W _____ T _____, and be their God.”*
4. Man will see God in His glory and know the Lord as never before! **WHAT A FUTURE!**

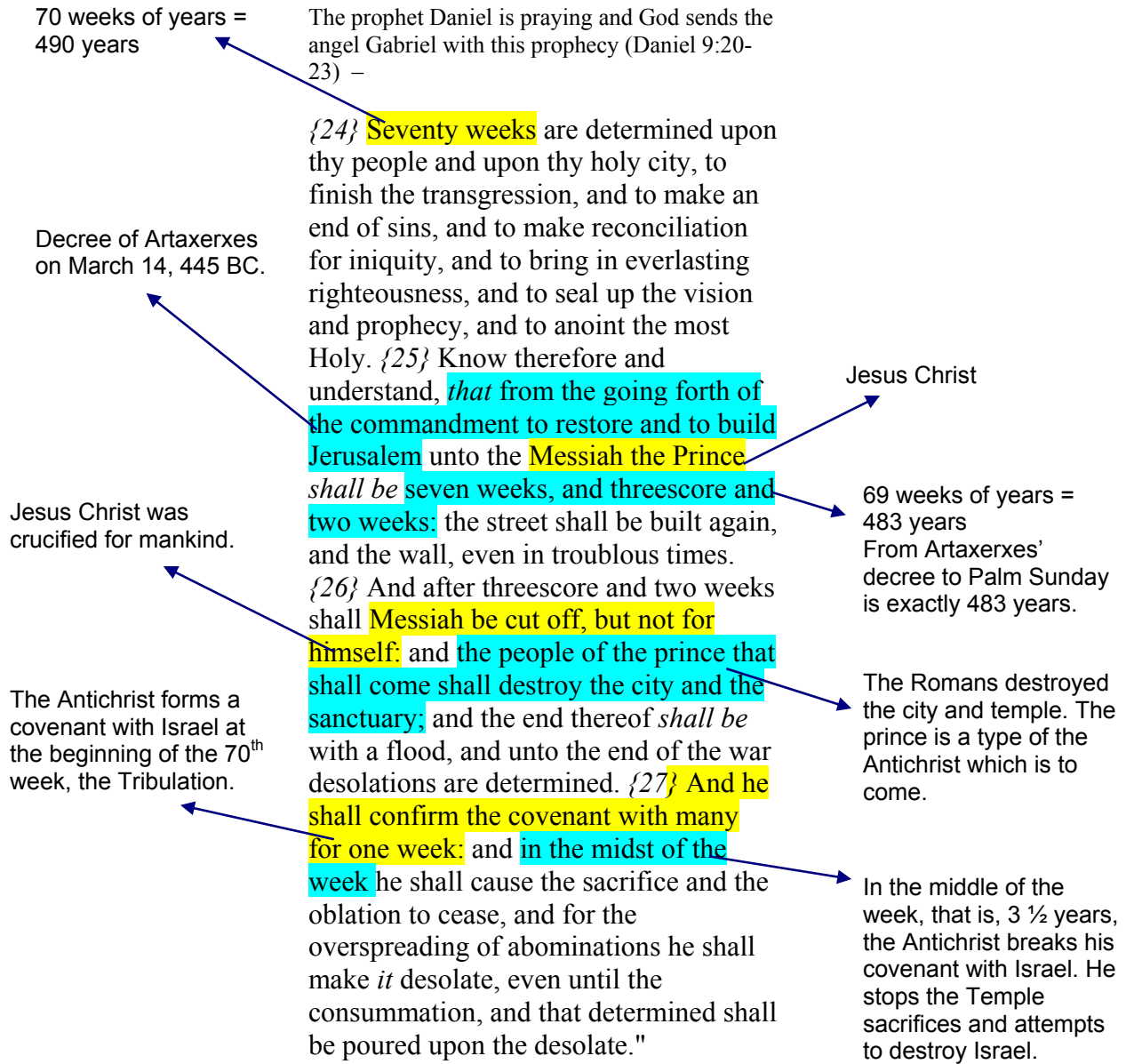
You will spend eternity
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- Take sermon notes using your *Spiritual Journal*.
- Give out copies *The Amazing Story Behind Amazing Grace*.
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