

# Doctrinal Studies

## *Eschatology*



### DEFINITIONS

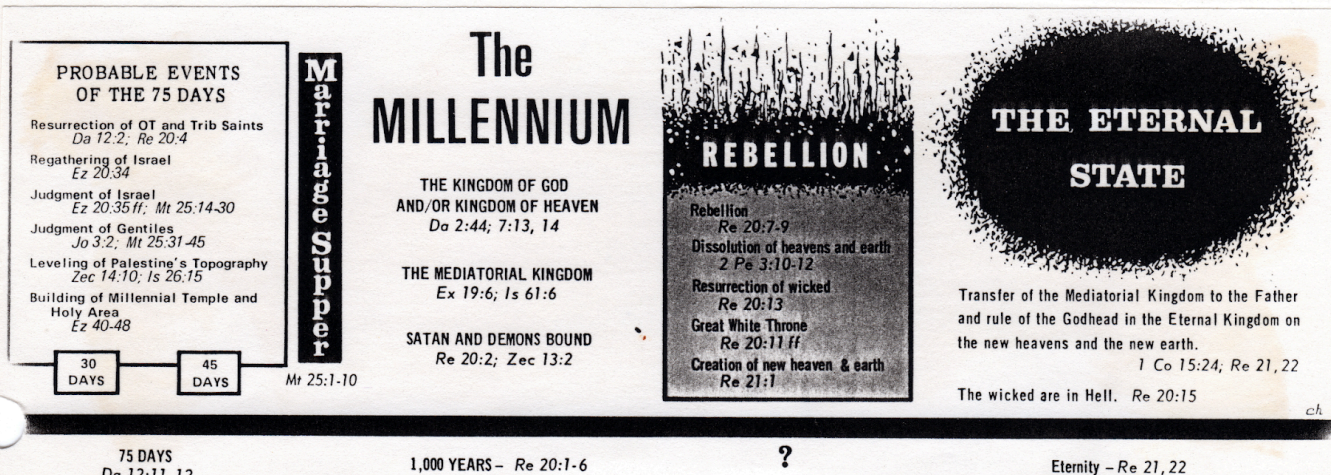
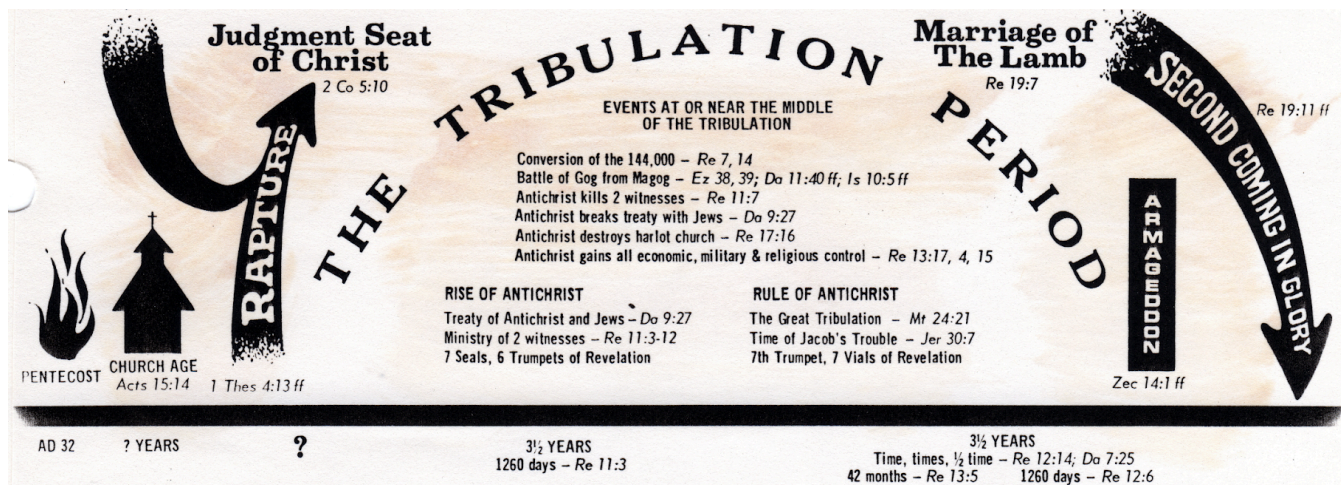
### I THESSALONIANS 4:13

1. **DAY OF THE LORD** (also called “that day, the day or the great day”) – Not a specific day, but a period of time beginning with the rapture, including the tribulation, Second coming of Christ, and the millennial kingdom on earth. Primarily the Second coming.
2. **THE LAST OR LATTER DAYS** – Refers to the end of the Church Age or Age of Grace just before the Rapture. Can also refer to the last days of Israel just before the Second Coming. The context determines which.
3. **RAPTURE** – This word is not found in the Bible. From a Latin word meaning “caught up”. It is the translation of all believers from this world to new bodies as they are caught up to meet the Lord in the air right before the Tribulation begins.
  - **PARTIAL RAPTURE** – Only saints who are worthy will be raptured. The rest will have to go through the Tribulation.
4. **TRIBULATION or THE GREAT TRIBULATION** – Seven years of God’s wrath and judgment on earth during the rule of the antichrist.
  - A. **PRE-TRIBULATIONIST** – The rapture of the church will take place before the 7 year period of Tribulation begins.
  - B. **MID-TRIBULATIONIST** – The rapture will occur after 3 ½ years of the tribulation have passed.
  - C. **POST-TRIBULATIONIST** – The rapture of the church will occur at the end of the tribulation period.
5. **JUDGMENT (BEMA) SEAT OF CHRIST** – The judgment of the believers works for reward or loss of reward based on their works, words, thoughts and motivations both good and bad.
6. **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** – Jesus Christ’s return to earth as a conquering King, leading a mighty army of believers at the end of the tribulation period.
7. **MILLENNIAL KINGDOM** – One thousand year rule of Christ here on the earth. Begins after the Second coming and ends at the final rebellion of Satan and Great White Throne Judgment. Faithful Christians will rule with Him during this time.
  - A. **PRE-MILLENNIALIST** – The rapture and tribulation and Second coming will occur before the millennium
  - B. **A-MILLENIALIST** – Does not believe in a literal, earthly millennium. Christians will bring in the Millennial Kingdom through our efforts and behavior.
  - C. **POST-MILLENNIALIST** – The second coming is after the millennium

8. **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** – Judgment of the unsaved and casting into the Lake of Fire. Eternity begins right after this time.

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### PROPHETIC BIBLE CHART

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#### EXPLANATION OF THE CHART

**CHURCH AGE** This is an unspecified, parenthetical time in God's program for Israel which is ended by the Rapture (1 Th 4:14ff). The Church is a unique group of believers composed of Jews and Gentiles on a plane of equality (Ep 2:15) and united to Christ as His Body by Spirit Baptism (1 Co 12:13; Ep 1:22, 23).

**RAPTURE** This event terminates the formation of the Church; it is for those "in Christ" (Church saints) (1 Th 4:16, 17). It is the imminent, any-moment coming of Christ in the air; there are no prophesied events that must intervene before the Lord comes (Ja 5:8, 9; Ti 2:13). That the Rapture precedes the Tribulation is seen from: (1) the 24 elders (who represent the Church) who are in heaven before any of the seals are broken (Re 4, 5); (2) the promises of Scripture (1 Th 1:10; 5:9; Re 3:10); (3) the removal of the Restrainer (the Holy Spirit in the Church) before Antichrist rises (2 Th 2:3, 7); (4) the doctrine of imminency; and (5) the place of the Bride of Christ (Church) in heaven in the Book of Revelation (Re 19:1, 7-8). Re 13:6, "His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven" (NASB), is another reference to the Church in heaven during the tribulation.

**JUDGMENT SEAT** This concerns the Church and occurs immediately after the Rapture (1 Co 4:5; 2 Ti 4:8; Re 22:12). The 24 elders, representing the Church, appear in heaven with their crowns (Re 4:1, 4) before the white horse (Antichrist) goes forth, showing that the Judgment precedes the Tribulation by a certain (minimal) amount of time.

**TWO WITNESSES** These are placed in the first half of the Tribulation because without them God would have no testimony on earth after the Rapture, and their preaching best explains the conversion of the early Tribulation martyrs (Re 6:9) and the 144,000 (Re 14:4). Thus the first half of the Tribulation is 1260 days and the 7th trumpet must be the mid-point of the seven years (Re 11:15).

**MID-TRIBULATION EVENTS** The 144,000 apparently are saved late in the first half of the Tribulation. The battle of Gog from Magog (King of the North) (Ez 38, 39; Da 11:40ff) occurs near the middle (Cf. Da 12:1 & Re 12:6, 7, 14) and catapults Antichrist to international power. It is then that he kills the two witnesses, destroys the harlot church (Re 17:16), breaks his treaty with Israel (Da 9:27), and initiates great tribulation against Israel (Mt 24:21).

**MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB** The actual marriage of Christ and the Church will occur in heaven some time after the judgment of the harlot church (Re 19:1, 2). From heaven the  
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marriage party moves to earth to end the Tribulation (Re 19:11ff; Zec 14:1ff) and to enjoy the marriage supper, being greeted by the remnant of saved Jews (Mt 25:1-10; Lk 12:35, 36; 22:16, 18; Re 19:9).

**ARMAGEDDON** This battle closes off the Tribulation and is a relatively short campaign

1335 days (the one who attains to it is "blessed"), the 45 days being used to ready the earth for the divine rule.

**KINGDOM** The Millennium is a theocratic (God-ruled) kingdom with the Church enthroned with Christ (Re 3:21), beneath which are O.T. saints (Da 7:22, 27), and surviving Jews and Gentiles from the Tribulation in that order (Is 60, 61). It is followed by a

## I. Introduction

- A. *Definition: Eschatos = **last** or **latter**; logos = Word, study*
- B. *Our knowledge of the specific details is **limited** Acts 1:6-7 Cannot know identity of antichrist, dates, USA in prophecy, specific details – Nothing has to happen before starts!*
- C. *Importance of the study of Eschatology*
1. It is one of the **dominant** themes of the Bible. [More about 2<sup>nd</sup> coming than 1st](#)
  2. It brings **salvation** Acts 3:19-21
  3. It brings **comfort** to Christians. I Th. 4:13-14,18, Jn 14:1-4
  4. It brings **strength** during testing. II Co. 4:14-18
  5. It brings **rebuke** to the lazy, unfruitful Christian. II Co. 5:9-10
  6. It brings **stability** to the Christian. I Co. 15:58
  7. It brings **correction** to the worldly Christian. II Pt. 3:10-12, I Jn 3:2,3; Tit. 2:11-13
  8. It brings **reproof** for the Christian who becomes doctrinally careless. II Th. 2:5, II Pt. 1:19
  9. It brings **cleansing** to the Christian with unconfessed sin. I Jn 3:2-3
  10. It brings a desire to be **soul winners** Rom. 13:11, 12; II Co. 5:10-11
  11. It encourages **faithfulness** I Jn. 2:28, Mt. 25
- D. *Why has God waited so long? Rev. 22:7, 12 & 20 [Paul thought it would happen in his lifetime](#)*
1. God is not limited by **time** II Pet. 3:8
  2. To give men the opportunity to be **saved** II Pet. 3:9, 15

II. The **Day** of the Lord - Not a specific day, but a period of **time** (I Th. 5:1, II Pet. 3:8) beginning with the Rapture and ending with the creation of the new Heavens and earth. Mal. 4:5, Acts 2:20, I Th. 5:2, II Pet. 3:10

- A. *Also called that day, the day or the great day, which occur more than **75** times in the O.T.*
- B. *The primary emphasis of these passages is on the **judgments** of God in the end times. Zeph. 1:14-18*
- C. *The “Day of the Lord” encompasses the:*
1. **Tribulation** Zech. 14:1-4
  2. The **Second Coming** Matt. 24:29,30
  3. The **millennial** age. Rev. 20:6-10

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4. The Great **White** Throne Judgment. Rev. 20:11-15
5. The New Heaven and Earth. Rev. 21:1, II Pet. 3:10-13
- D. *The “Day of **Christ**” is related to, but different than the “Day of the Lord”. cp. Isa. 2:12 and Rev. 19:11-21 to II Th. 2:2*
  1. The *Day of Christ* is used in reference to the **church** and the rewards and blessing of His coming. I Co. 1:8, 5:5; II Co. 1:14; Phil. 1:6,10, 2:16
  2. The *Day of the Lord* is used in reference primarily to **judgements** I Th. 5:1-4
- III. The “*Last or Latter **days** or Times*” II Tim. 3:1, I Tim. 4:1, II Pet. 3:3
  - A. *We are presently in the **church** Age or the Age of **grace*** I Tim. 3:15, Eph. 3:2
  - B. *Distinction should be made between the last days for the **church** (ending at the Rapture) II Tim. 3:1, I Jn 2:18, and the last days for **Israel** (at the 2nd Coming) Isa. 2:1-2, Dan. 10:14, Micah 4:1*
    1. Scriptures relating to the last days of the **church** deal with the church and God’s people. I Tim. 4:1-3, II Tim. 3:1-5; 4:3-4
    2. Scriptures relating to the last days of **Israel** deal with political or world conditions.
  - C. *In the last days there will be a:*
    1. Denial of **God** Luke 17:26, II Tim. 3:4-5
    2. Denial of **Christ** I Jn 2:18, I Jn 4:3, II Pet. 2:6
    3. Denial of Christ’s **return** II Pet. 3:3-4
    4. Denial of the **faith** I Tim. 4:1-2, Jude 3
    5. Denial of sound **doctrine** II Tim. 4:3-4
    6. Denial of the **seperated** life. II Tim. 3:1-7
    7. Denial of Christian **liberty** I Tim. 4:3-4
    8. Denial of **morals** II Tim. 3:1-8, 13, Jude 18
    9. Denial of **authority** II Tim. 3:4
- IV. The **Rapture** - The **translation** of all believers from this world to new bodies as they are caught up in the air to meet the Lord. I Th. 4:16-17.

- A. The rapture (***snatching away***) should not be confused with the revelation (***second coming***) Tit. 2:13, II Tim. 4:1, II Th. 2:1

**RAPTURE****REVELATION****Before** tribulation**After** tribulation**Blessing** for the church**judgement** on enemiesChrist comes **for** His saintsChrist comes **with** His saintsHe meets us in the **air**He **descends** to the earthBeginning of the **tribulation**Beginning of the **millenium**It is **imminent**Proceeded by **signs**

- A. The rapture is the next event in Biblical prophecy and is **imminent** I Th. 1:10, Jas. 5:8-9
1. The rapture was a **mystery** in the O.T. I Co. 15:51-53
  2. The first reference to the rapture is in **John 14:1-3**
  3. The rapture of the church was foreshadowed in the O.T.:
    - a. **Enoch** Gen. 5:24, Heb. 11:5
    - b. **Noah** Gen. 7:16 **took out before the judgement**
    - c. **Lot** and his family Gen. 19:22-24 **took out before the judgement**
    - d. **Elijah** II Kings 2:11-12 **taken up in a whirlwind**
    - e. **Christ** Acts 1:9, Mk. 16:19, Rev. 12:5 **“take up”, “caught up”, “received up”**
    - f. **Paul** II Co. 12:2-4
  4. The rapture is pictured in the Jewish **marriage** customs. Matt. 25:10
- B. Biblical description of the rapture. I Th. 4:13-18; I Co. 15:51-58
1. Christ will come in the **air** I Th. 4:16
    - a. Shout of **joy** or **command**
    - b. Voice of the Archangel **Michael**
    - c. **Trump** of God to gather or go forward.
  2. There will be a **resurrection** I Th. 4:16
    - a. Of the **dead** first.
    - b. Of all **believers** (in Christ).
  3. There will be a **translation** I Co. 15:51
  4. There will be a **reunion** I Th. 4:17
- C. Wrong theories of the Rapture

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1. **Partial** Rapture Theory
    - a. Definition: Only those who are **watching** and **waiting** and are faithful will be taken in the Rapture. Lk 21:36, Ph. 3:20, Tit. 2:13, II Ti. 4:8, Heb. 9:28
    - b. Arguments against a Partial Rapture
      - 1) We are ready for the Rapture by being **saved**
      - 2) The unity or **oneness** of the body (church) I Co. 12:12-13, Eph. 4:3-6; 5:30
      - 3) The use of the words **all** and **us** in passages on the Rapture. I Co. 15:51-52; I Th. 4:14-17
      - 4) Confusion of **2<sup>nd</sup> coming** with the Rapture. II Tim. 4:8, I Co. 13:12-15
      - 5) Confusion of the church and **Israel** Luke 21:36, Matt. 24:41-42
  2. **Post**-tribulation Rapture Theory
    - a. Definition: The church will be raptured to meet the Lord in the air, as He **returns** to earth for the second advent. Jer. 30:7
    - b. Arguments against a Post-tribulation Rapture.
      - 1) The doctrine of **imminency** Tit. 2:13, I Th. 1:9-10, Jas. 5:8-9
      - 2) Confusion of the church and **Israel** Luke 23:27-31, Matt. 24:9-11
      - 3) The church is not "**appointed to wrath**" I Th. 1:10; 5:9, Rev. 3:10
      - 4) We have **comfort** because we will miss the tribulation. I Th. 4:18
  3. **Mid**-tribulation Rapture Theory (**Pre-wrath**)
    - a. Definition: The church will be raptured at the end of the first **3 1/2** years of the tribulation period.
    - b. Arguments against a Mid-tribulation Rapture:
      - 1) Basically the same as for **Post-tribulation**
      - 2) It is an argument based on compromise.
- D. **Pre**-tribulation View of the Rapture
1. Definition: The church (**believers**) is raptured or taken away before the tribulation.
  2. Support for a Pre-tribulation Rapture
    - a. It is based on a **literal** interpretation of the Bible.

- b. It is built on a **dispensational** view of Scripture.
- c. The **tribulation** period is always dealt with in relation to Israel and the world, not the church.
- d. The doctrine of **imminency** I Th. 5:6, Tit. 2:13, Rev. 3:3
  - Look for the **Lord** not for **signs!** I Co. 16:22 (Rev. 22:20)
- e. The taking away of the **restrainer (Holy Spirit)** II Th. 2:6-8
- f. The **Bride** of Christ is in Heaven. Rev. 19:1, 7-8

## II. The **Judgement** Seat of Christ

### A. From the Greek "*Bema*" - A raised **platform**

1. Platform from which **reward** is given I Co. 3:13-15
  2. Platform from which **judgement** is pronounced. II Co. 5:10-11
- ### B. Christ will be our **judge** at the Bema Seat. I Co. 4:5, II Co. 5:10 (Jn 5:22)
1. We must judge **ourselves** or be judged. I Co. 11:31 (I Jn 1:9, Heb. 10:17)
  2. All Christians will **bow** to Him. Rom. 14:10-12, Phil. 2:10-11
- ### C. The Bema will come after the **Rapture** (I Co. 4:5, Rev. 22:12) and before the Second Coming. Rev. 19:8
- ### D. All believers must appear (be made **manifest** I Co. 3:13, II Co. 5:10) at the Bema to give account: (**narrative**) Rom. 14:10-12, Heb. 4:13
1. Of our **works** II Co. 5:10, I Co. 3:8 *good or bad – not moral by value*
  2. Of our **words** Matt. 12:36
  3. Of our **thoughts** I Co. 4:5
  4. Of our **motivation** Phil. 1:10, Phil. 2:16
- ### E. The **rewards** at the Bema I Co. 3:8, 14, Heb. 11:6, II Jn. 8, Rev. 22:12, Mt. 25:14-30
1. **Prayer** Matt. 6:6
  2. Acts of **words** Matt. 10:42
  3. Faithful at **thoughts** Eph. 6:8-9, Col. 3:24-25
  4. Crowns I Co. 9:25 (Rev. 4:10)
    - a. **Soul** winners crown. I Thess. 2:19
    - b. Crown of **life** Jas. 1:12
    - c. Crown of **righteousness** II Tim. 4:8
    - d. **Shepherds** crown. I Pet. 5:4
  5. **Rulership** with Christ. II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 2:26-27

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- F. The **judgements** at the Bema. II Co. 5:10-11, Heb. 10:30
1. **Manifestation** I Co. 3:13
  2. **Loss** I Co. 3:15, Matt. 6:19-21, II Jn 8
  3. Rewards taken **away** Rev. 3:11
  4. Castaway ( **disapproved** ) I Co. 9:27
    - There will be **degrees** of reward or loss at the Bema. Matt. 25:21, 23
- III. The **Marriage** of the Lamb Eph. 5:32, Rev. 19:7-8
- A. The **time** of the marriage.
1. Before the **second** coming. Rev. 19:7 cp. Rev. 19:9-16
  2. After the **Bema** of Christ. Rev. 19:8
- B. The **participants** in the marriage
1. **Jesus** - the Bridegroom Jn 3:29
  2. The **church** - the Bride. II Cor. 11:2
- C. The O.T. saints will be the "**guests**" at the marriage supper.
- IV. The **Great** Tribulation Matt. 24:21-22
- *The seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy which will come after the Rapture.*
- A. Scripture describes the Tribulation as a time of:
1. **Wrath** Zeph. 1:15, 18; I Th. 1:10; 5:9; Rev. 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10, 19; 16:1, 19
  2. **Judgement** Rev. 14:7; 15:4; 16:5,7; 19:2
  3. Indignation Isa. 26:20-21; 34:1-3
  4. **Trial** Rev. 3:10
  5. **Trouble** Jer. 30:7; Zeph. 1:14-15; Dan. 12:1
  6. Destruction Joel 1:15; I Thess. 5:3
  7. Darkness Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:14-18
  8. **Desolation** Dan. 9:27; Zeph. 1:14-15
  9. Overturning Isa. 24:1-4, 19-21
  10. **Punishment** Isa. 24:20-21 **Not Satans – He is the instrument**
- B. The tribulation is the time of **God's** wrath and judgment upon the earth. Rev. 6:16-17; 14:7

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1. Primarily a time of purifying and preparation of **Israel** Dt. 4:30, Jer. 30:7, Ezk 20:37, Dan. 12:1, Zech. 13:8-9, Matt. 24
  2. Many Jews and Gentiles will be **saved** and brought into the kingdom. Rev. 7:1-9
  3. God will **judge** the unbelieving world. Isa. 26:21, **I Thess. 2:12**
- C. The time of the tribulation. Dan. 9:27
1. It starts at the **rapture** and ends at the **second** coming.
  2. It lasts for **seven** years divided into two **3 1/2** year periods.
- D. The events of the Tribulation
1. The federation of nations which will combine to make up the old **Roman** empire. Dan. 2,7
  2. The rise of the political ruler of the revived Roman empire, the ruler who will make a covenant with the people of Israel back in their own land. Dan. 9:27; Rev. 13:1-10
  3. The formulation of the false **religious** system under the leadership of the beast who is a member of the Satanic trinity. Rev. 13:11-18
  4. The pouring out of the judgments under the **seals** Rev. 6
  5. The separation of the 144,000 Jewish missionaries who will preach the Gospel of the kingdom to every creature on earth who has not heard the it. Rev. 7
  6. The **trumpet** judgments outlined in Rev. 8 - 11.
  7. The time when God's two witnesses will testify in Jerusalem . Rev. 11
  8. The persecution of the nation **Israel** Rev. 12
  9. The pouring out of the judgments in Rev. 16.
  10. The overthrowing of the false "professing" **church** the church of Antichrist, symbolized by the harlot. Rev. 17 & 18
  11. The momentous events of the battle of Armageddon. Ezek. 38 & 39; Rev. 16; 19:17-21
  12. The time when the Gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed to every tribe, nation, and kindred. Matt. 24:14
- E. The sufferings of the tribulation
1. The 7 broken **seals** Rev. 5:1-8:1 (6:1-17), Dan. 12:4, 8,9
  2. The 7 **trumpets** Rev. 8-9, 11:15-19
  3. The 7 poured out **vials** Rev. 16
    - *Note the similarities of the vials and the **plagues** of Egypt.*
- V. The Antichrist
- A. The Antichrist will appear **after** the Rapture. II Thess. 2:6-8

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B. He shall appear with “**signs** and lying **wonders**” II Thess. 2:9

C. He shall offer the world **peace** for 3 1/2 years. II Thess. 5:3

D. The names of the Antichrist. I Jn 2:18

1. Little **horn** Dan. 7:8, 23-28
2. **Beast** Rev. 13:11-18
3. The man of **sin** II Thess. 2:3
4. The **son** of Perdition. II Thess. 2:3
5. That **wicked** . II Thess. 2:8

E. The Christ

Vs

The Antichrist

“came down from heaven” John 6:38

came in His “Father’s name” John 5:43

“humbled himself” Phil. 2:8

despised & rejected of men Isa. 53:3, Lk 23:18

came to do His Father’s will John 6:38

came to seek and to save Luke 19:10

“the Good Shepherd” giveth life John 10:11

the true vine John 15:1

the Truth John 14:6, 8:32

the Holy One of God Mark 1:24

the sinless One Heb. 4:15

virgin-born, only begotten Son Lk 1:35

mystery of godliness I Tim. 3:16

has been exalted Phil. 2:9-11

“out of the bottomless pit” Rev. 11:7

“come in his own name” John 5:43

will exalt himself II Thess. 2:4

admired, wondered after, worshipped Rev. 14

will do his OWN will Dan. 11:36

come to destroy Dan. 8:24

the idol shepherd that leaves the flock Zec 11:16-7

vine of the earth Rev. 14:18, 19

the Lie II Thess. 2:11

that Wicked II Thess. 2:8

the man of sin II Thess. 2:3

the son of perdition II Thess. 2:3

the mystery of iniquity II Thess. 2:7

be brought down to hell Isa. 14:15

F. The Chronology of the Career of the Antichrist

1. **Revelation** to the world after rapture. II Thess. 2:7-8
2. Negotiations with **Israel** Dan. 9:27
3. World leader through Jewish and **ten power** confederacy. Rev. 13:5,7
4. After **3 1/2** years breaks covenant with Jews. Dan. 9:27

5. Sets up self **worship** Dan. 9:27, Rev. 13:14-17
6. **Persucutes** Jews for second 3 1/2 years. Rev. 12
7. Destroys the apostate **church** Rev. 17
8. Has **life** or **death** power over the world. Rev. 13:4, 8,17
9. Judged by Christ **in two phases**
  - a. 5th vial - sores on antichrists. Dan. 7:25, 26 Rev. 16:10-11
  - b. Battle of Armageddon - cast into lake of fire

#### Religion in the tribulation

A. The **apostate** church. Rev. 17

##### 1. **Ecumenical**

2. Controlled by the **antichrist**

B. The tribulation **saints**

1. 144,000 Jews. Rev. 7:1-8

2. Multitude of Jews and Gentiles. Rev. 7:9-17

C. Key questions concerning the tribulation saints.

1. If the true church is taken out at the rapture, how will anyone hear the Gospel? [Bibles, tracts, recorded messages, 2 witnesses, 144,000, Angel?](#) Rev. 14:6

2. If the Holy Spirit is “taken out of the way” how will anyone be regenerated? [Holy spirit is still active \(like in OT\), but not the same as today](#)

3. How will so many people be saved in the midst of such wickedness and judgmental wrath? [Impact of the rapture, in persecution believers grow stronger](#)

4. If you hear the Gospel today, will you be able to believe during the tribulation? II Th. 2:10-11 [Similar to unpardonable sin Matthew 12:31-32](#)

#### X. The Second Coming Of Christ

A. Christ will come in **power** Psa. 2

1. He will return to defeat the **armies** at Armageddon. Zech. 14:1-5

2. He will come immediately **after** the tribulation. Matt. 24:27-31

3. He will come with His **armies** Rev. 19:11-16

4. He will **defeat** the Antichrist and the Beast. Rev. 19:17-21

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5. **Satan** will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit. Rev. 20:1-3

B. Preparation for the kingdom.

1. Rebellious Jews will be **judged** Ezk. 20:33-39

2. **Israel** will be saved. Rom. 11:26

3. **Gentiles** will be judged. Matt. 25:31-46

4. Resurrection of OT and tribulation **saints** Rev. 20:4-6

XI. The Millennial Kingdom

A. The kingdom may be broadly defined as the rule of God over His **creation** I Co. 15:27-28

B. God has always and will always be **king** (Psa. 145:13; 29:10)

1. Jesus presently rules in our **hearts** Rom. 12:1-2

2. Jesus will be **acknowledged** as king by all. Phil. 2:9-11, Eph. 1:10

C. Jesus will rule on earth for **1000** years. Rev. 20:4-6, Zech. 14:9

1. Kingdom of **Heaven** Matt. 3:2; 7:21; 6:10 [32x only in Matthew](#)

2. Kingdom of **God** Luke 19:11; 17:20-21 [68x – 32x in Luke](#)

3. Kingdom of **Christ** Rev. 11:15 5x

4. The **Regeneration** Matt. 19:28

5. Times of **refreshing** or restitution. Acts 3:19, 21

6. **World** to come. Heb. 2:5

D. The Millennium is a **literal**, not just a spiritual kingdom (amillennial)

E. The government of the kingdom

1. Christ will **rule** Rev. 19:6

**2. Christians** will rule with Him. I Co. 6:2-3

a. According to our **suffering** Matt. 19:28-29, II Tim. 2:12, Rev. 20:4-6

b. According to our **faithfulness** Matt. 25:21, 23

3. It will be a time of **peace**, equity, **justice** & prosperity.

4. Jerusalem will be the **capital** Isa. 2:3

5. We shall serve as **priests** of God & worship Him. Rev. 20:6

F. The end of the kingdom

1. Satan will be **released** from the pit. Rev. 20:7-9

- a. He shall **deceive** the nations.
- b. A **multitude** will follow him.
- c. God will destroy them.

2. Judgments will be pronounced

- a. On Satan. Rev. 20:10
- b. On the unsaved. Rev. 20:11-15

XII. The Resurrections John 5:29; Acts 24:15

A. The bodily resurrection is taught in all the Scriptures

1. **Old** Testament Job 19:26, Psa. 16:10-11, Isa. 26:19-20, Dan. 12:1-2
2. **Gospels** John 5:28-29
3. Pictured in the **Miracles** of Christ. Lk. 7:12-14; 8:41-56, Jn. 11:41-44 (23-26)
4. Demonstrated by **Christ's** resurrection. I Co. 15:20; I Jn 3:2

B. The **order** of the resurrection. I Co. 15:20-24

*Order is a **military** term, meaning to line up by rank or company.*

1. Christ is the first **fruits** I Co. 15:23

- a. First to **physically** be raised to Eternal Life. Rom. 6:9; Rev. 1:18
- b. "First born" carries the significance of priority of **position** or authority as well as time. Col. 1:18, Rev. 1:5
- c. Christ is the **guarantee** of our resurrection. Jn. 14:19

2. Those who are His

a. Names

1. Resurrection of the **just** Lk. 14:14
2. Resurrection of **life** Jn 5:29
3. A **better** resurrection. Heb. 11:35
4. The **first** resurrection. Rev. 20:6

b. In three groups

1. The **church** at the Rapture. I Th. 4:13-18
2. The **tribulation** saints at the end of the tribulation. Rev. 7:14; 20:4
3. The OT **saints** Dan. 12:1-2, Isa. 26:19

c. Results

1. No more **corruption** I Co. 15:54

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2. The **second** death has no power. Rev. 20:6, 14
3. Those who are not His
  - a. All the **unsaved** will stand before God. Rev. 20:11
  - b. They will be judged according to their **works** Rev. 20:12-13
    1. What are the books? Jn 12:48, Lk 12:2-3. [Bible](#), [Book of Works](#), [Book of Life](#)
    2. Why is "hell" cast into hell?
  - c. They will be cast into the *lake of fire* Rev. 20:14-15
    1. It is an **everlasting** fire. Matt. 25:41, 18:8
    2. It is an **unquenchable** fire Mk. 9:43-44, 46, 48 Lk 3:17
    3. It is a place of **torment** Lk 16:28
    4. It is called *Gehenna* Matt. 5:22, 29-30, 10:28, Jas. 3:6. [Valley of Hinnon](#), [burning rubbish & sacrifice](#)
    5. It is where the **worm** dieth not Mk 9:44
    6. It is a place of fire & **brimstone** Rev. 21:8. [Sulfer](#)
    7. It is a bottomless **pit** Rev. 9:2
    8. There is **outer** darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth. Matt 8:12
    9. It is a **furnace** of fire. Matt. 13:46
    10. There is blackness of **darkness** Jude 1:13

### *C. Sheol/Hades*

1. The **temporary** place in which the dead await resurrection.
2. *Sheol* is used **65** times in the O.T.
  - a. **Hell** (31 times) Deut. 32:22; Psa. 9:17; 18:5; Isa. 14:9
  - b. **Grave** (31 times) I Sam. 2:6; Job 7:9; 14:13
  - c. **Pit** (3 times) Num. 16:30;33; Job 17:16
3. *Hades* is always translated **hell** except for I Co. 15:55.
4. **Paradise** or Abraham's Bosom Luke 16:22; 23:43
  - a. The waiting place of the O.T. **saints**
  - b. A place of **comfort** Luke 16:24

- c. Separated from “hell” by a great **gulf** Lk 16:26
- 5. Where is Paradise now?
  - a. **Jesus** spent 3 days in Sheol/Hades Acts 2:27, 31; Eph. 4:9-10
  - b. While there He **preached** to the saints I Pet. 3:19
  - c. He then “led captivity captive” Eph. 4:8
    - 1. Some dead appeared alive. Matt. 27:52-53
    - 2. Jesus had to ascend to the Father. Jn 20:17 cp. Vs 27
  - d. To be **absent** from the body is to be **present** with the Lord. Lk 23:43, II Co. 5:8, Phil. 1:23
    - 1. We will be like **Christ** Phil. 3:21, I Jn. 3:2, I Co. 15:49
    - 2. We will have a **spiritual** body that is **incorruptible** and **glorious** I Co. 15:42-44

### XIII. The Judgments Jn. 12:48

- A. The essential purpose of the final judgments is to **revel** man’s work. I Co. 3:13, Rev. 20:12-13
  - 1. Each will receive their **wages** or reward. Rom. 6:23, I Co. 3:14-15, Rev. 22:12
  - 2. The judgment has already been **pronounced** Jn. 3:18, 36
- B. The Judge
  - 1. **God** is the judge of all. II Tim. 4:8, Heb. 12:23
  - 2. **Jesus** will sit in judgment. Jn 5:22, 13:3
  - 3. **Saints** will stand in judgment with Him. I Co. 6:2-3, Rev. 20:4
- C. The final judgments
  - 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ II Co. 5:10
  - 2. Tribulation on the **earth** Rev. 16:7
  - 3. Tribulation **saints** Rev. 20:4-6
  - 4. **Old Testament** saints. Dan. 12:1-2, Mal. 3:16-17
  - 5. Israel & the Gentile nations. Rev. 19:11-12, Matt. 25:31-46
  - 6. **Satan** and his **angels** Rev. 20:10, Matt. 25:41
  - 7. The wicked dead. Rev. 20:11-15

### XIV. The Eternal State

- A. The eternal state of the **wicked**
  - 1. It is not annihilation
  - 2. It is not restoration
  - 3. It is an **everlasting** punishment

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- a. **Eternal** Matt. 18:8; 25:41,46; II Th. 1:9; Jude 13; Rev. 14:11; 19:3; 20:10
  - b. Unquenchable **fire** Mark 9:44, 46, 48
  - c. Place of outer **darkness** Matt. 25:30; II Pet. 2:17; II Th. 1:9
  - d. Undying **worm** Mark 9:44, 46, 48
  - e. **Degrees** of punishment. Lk. 12:47, 48; Matt. 11:29-24; Rom. 2:5,6
- B. The eternal state of the **redeemed**
1. There will be a new **Heaven** and **earth** Rev. 21:1, II Pet. 3:6-12
    - a. No more **sin** Rev. 21:1
    - b. No more **curse** Rev. 22:3
    - c. No more **night** Rev. 21:23, 25, 22:5
  2. God will rule from **Jerusalem** Rev. 21:10-27, 22:3
  3. Inhabited by God, the angels, and redeemed mankind. Rev. 21:24,27
  4. No more **tears** death, sorrow, or **pain** Rev. 21:4
  5. We shall **serve** (Rev. 22:3) and **worship** (Rev. 21:22) Him
  6. We shall be Christ's **bride** (Rev. 21:2, 9; 22:17) and God's **sons** (Rev. 21:7)