

The Lords Return The Second Coming of Christ.



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Introduction:

As we approach a study of the Return of the Lord, let us realize that this is an important and vital truth for us, in the days in which we live. The Second Coming of the Lord is the most prominent doctrine in the Bible.

- ❖ In the N.T. alone there are more than 300 references to the Second Coming of the Lord.
- ❖ It is spoken of once in every 25 verses in the N.T.
- ❖ In the O.T. there are 20 times as many references to Christ's Second Coming as there are to His first coming.
- ❖ The Second Advent is mentioned twice as often as the atonement.

In the face of this strong testimony it is evident that the integrity of the entire Bible is inextricably woven into the promise of Christ's Return. If He does not come again the Word of God is made a lie, human destiny will lack fulfillment, the consummation of God's glory will be denied, and the very foundations of the universe will be uprooted! Mk. 13:31.

We will approach our subject under the following major headings:

- # The Signs of Christ's Return.**
- # Christ will be seen in the Air.**
- # Christ will stand on the Earth.**
- # Christ will reign on the Earth.**
- # Christ will Judge.**

1. THE SIGNS OF THE LORD'S RETURN.

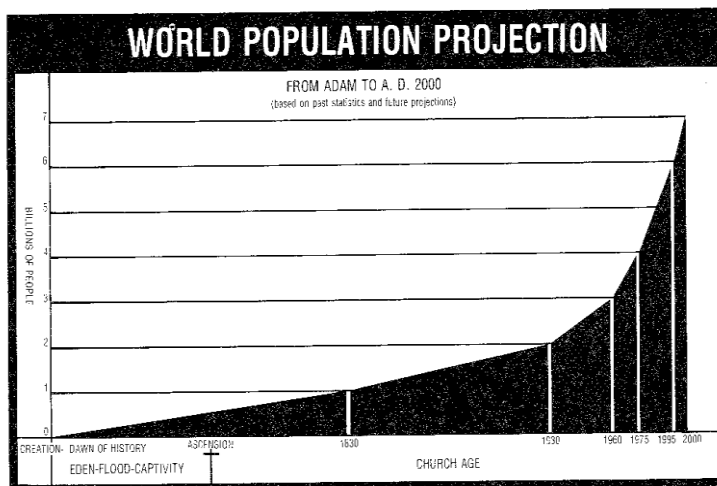
In 1 Thes. 5:1-6 we are told that although the Lord will come upon the world as a **“thief in the night”**, we as believers should know the “times and seasons” and not be in darkness about the matter.

In Noah's day the world was taken by surprise, when suddenly the rain came and the fountains of the earth opened up, but note, Noah and his family were not taken by surprise.

We know that the end of the age is very close upon us now, we see this in two areas:

1.1 NATURAL FACTS around us such as:

- ❖ The population explosion
- ❖ Food shortage
- ❖ Pollution of water, land and air.



1.2 BIBLE PROPHECY by which the Holy Spirit tells us that Christ is coming soon:

- ❖ The Sign of Increased Knowledge. Dan. 12:4
- ❖ The Sign of Modern Rapid Travel. Dan. 12:4
- ❖ The Sign of Great Famine. Lk. 21:11
- ❖ The Sign of the Pleasure Craze. 2 Tim. 3:4
- ❖ The Sign of Religious Formality. 2 Tim. 3:5
- ❖ The Sign of Lukewarm Orthodoxy. Rev. 3:14-21
- ❖ The Sign of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Joel 2:28-29
- ❖ The Sign of the Budding Fig tree. Mat. 24:32

This chart shows the growth of world population since the year zero and includes projections through 2050.

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Year	People
0	200 million
1000	275 million
1500	450 million
1750	700 million
1850	1.2 billion
1900	1.6 billion
1950	2.55 billion
1955	2.8 billion
1960	3 billion
1965	3.3 billion
1970	3.7 billion
1975	4 billion
1980	4.5 billion
1985	4.85 billion
1990	5.3 billion
1995	5.7 billion
1999	6 billion
2005	6.5 billion
2010	6.8 billion
2025	7.9 billion
2050	9.3 billion

1.3 WARNINGS CONCERNING THE SECOND ADVENT.

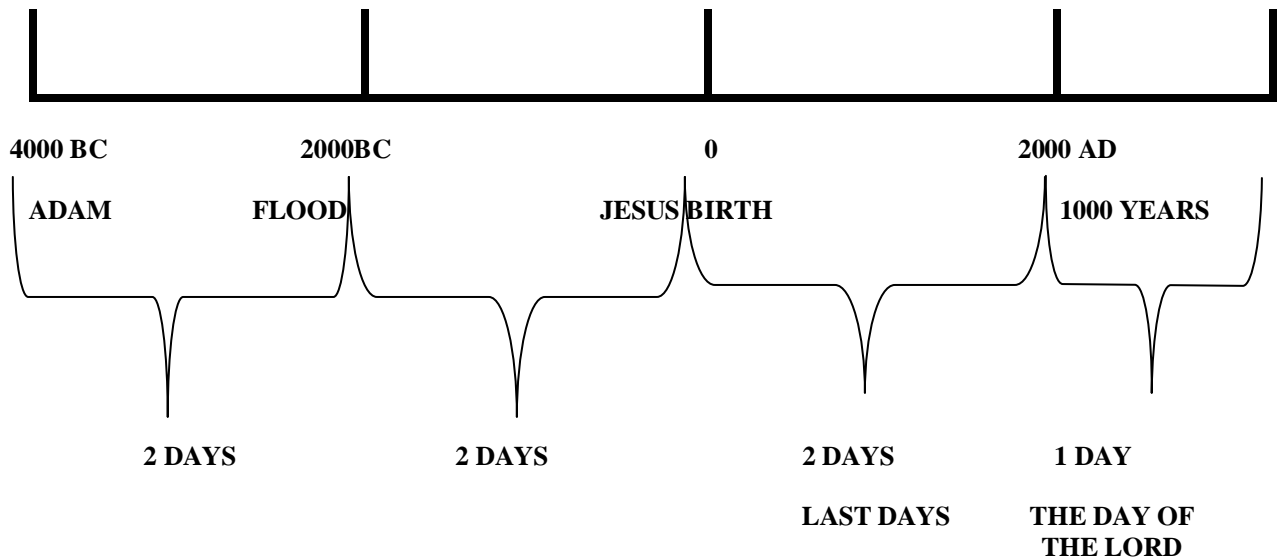
In Mark 13:34-37 we find a graphic little parable, told by the Lord for one reason and one reason only, and that is the one arresting word: "WATCH!" We see in the 13th chapter of Mark that there is a two-fold warning:

- ❖ To His disciples Jesus says, 'WATCH!' for the downfall of Jerusalem!
- ❖ To us Jesus says, "WATCH!" for the end of the age!

A comparison of Mat. 24, Mk. 13 and Lk. 21 will show this more clearly.

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GODS GREAT WEEK 2 PETER 3: 8



Joshua 3:2-4, 14-16

In Typology

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Verse 3 The Ark | - Speaks of Jesus |
| Verse 14 Jordan | - Speaks of Death/Resurrection |
| Verse 15 Harvest | - Final Harvest Jas. 5:7 |
| Verse 16 Place called Adam | - Person called Adam |

Note verse 4 "Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before."

Cubits speak of Years

Note!! - "about" 2000

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TEMPLE

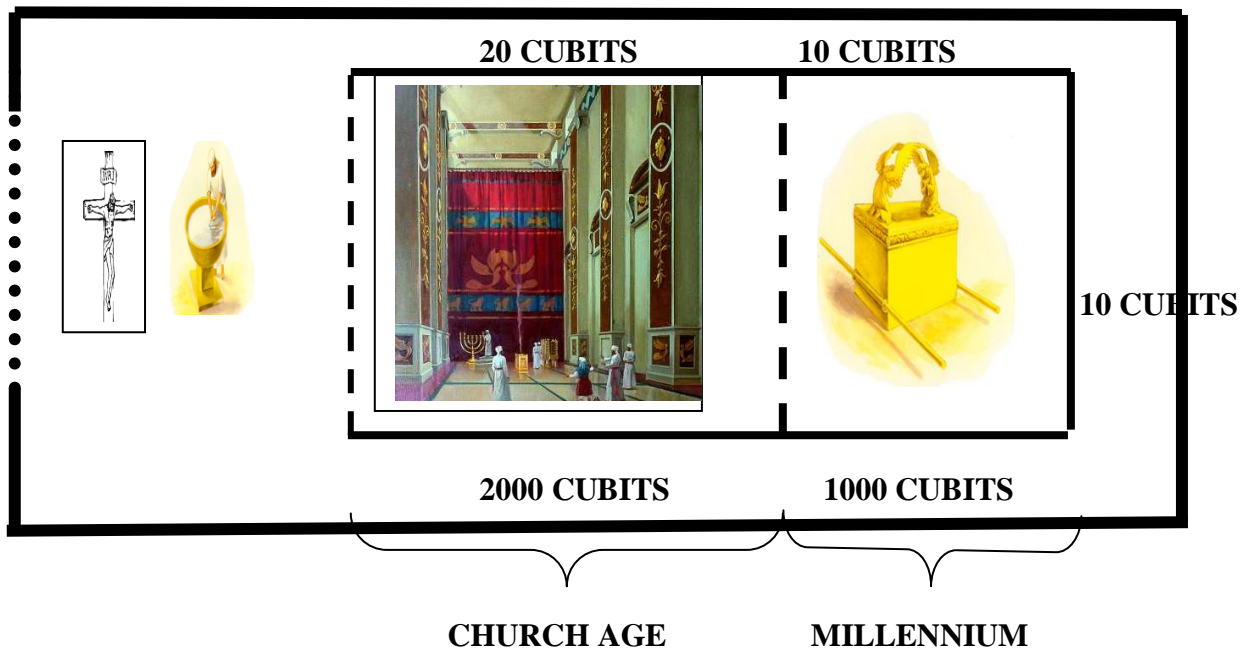
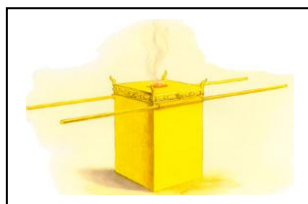


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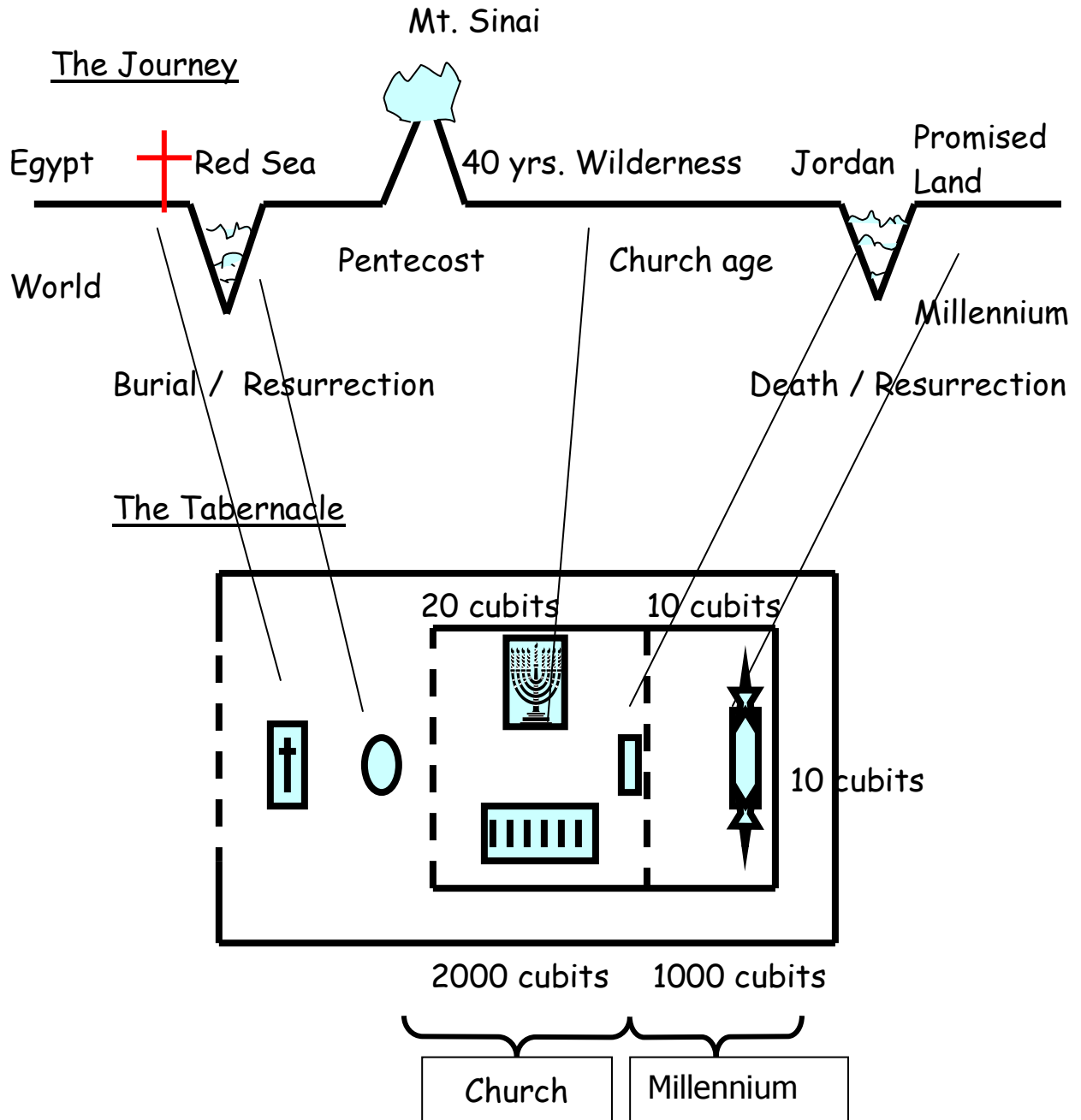


Altar of incense



Candle stick

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13



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The Fig tree puts forth Leaves
Mat. 24:32

Significant dates for the Jewish people:

1917 AD Jerusalem delivered from Turkish rule.

1948 AD Israel declared a Nation by the UN.

1967 AD ~ 6 Day War - Land regained.

~ Common Market officially formed under
the Treaty of Rome.

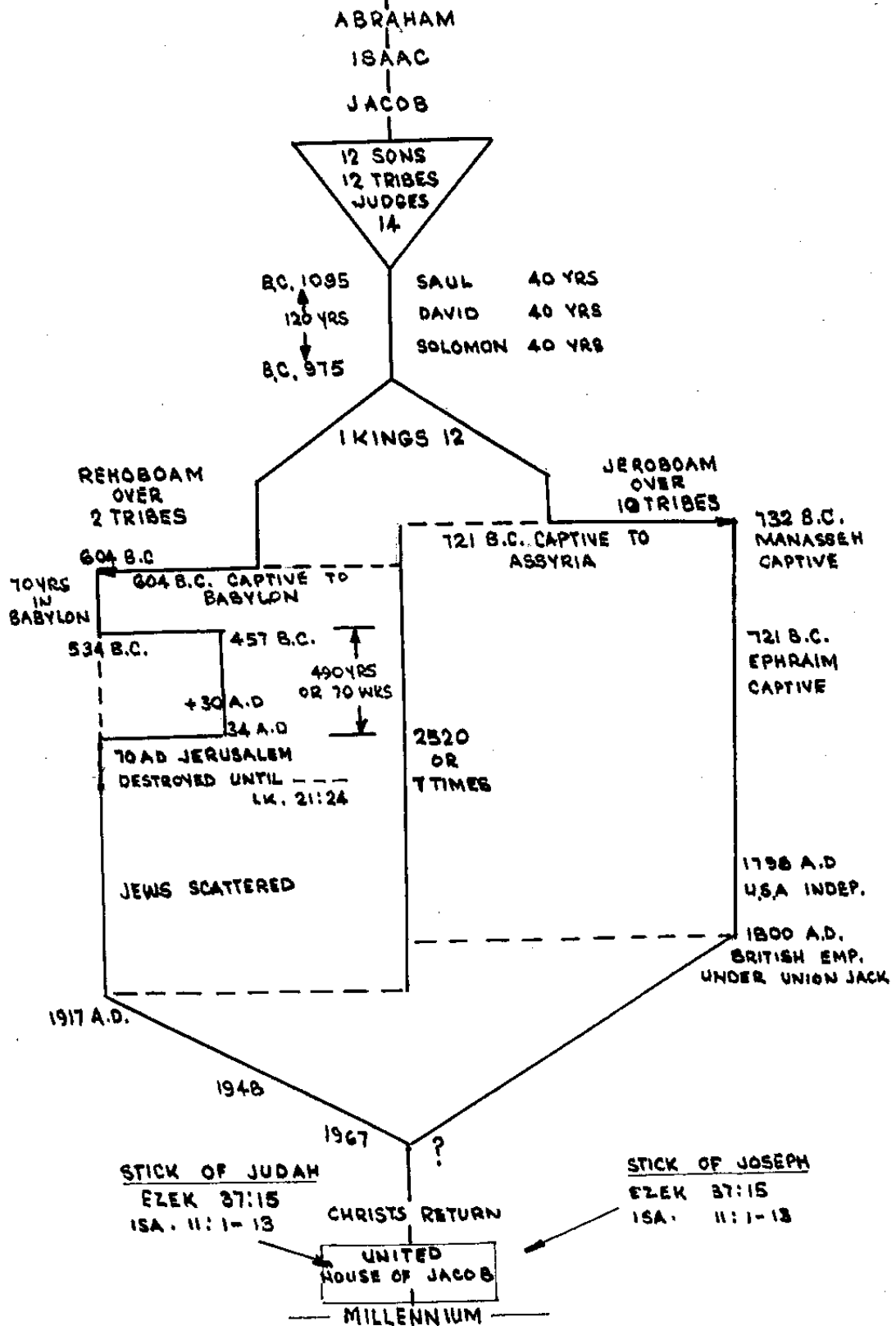
~ Charismatic Revival started.

Many believe 1967 AD to be the beginning of the
"Last Generation." Mat. 24:34

Applied to: ~ 30 - 70 AD Jerusalem destroyed
~ 1967 AD ?? Jesus Return

THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL

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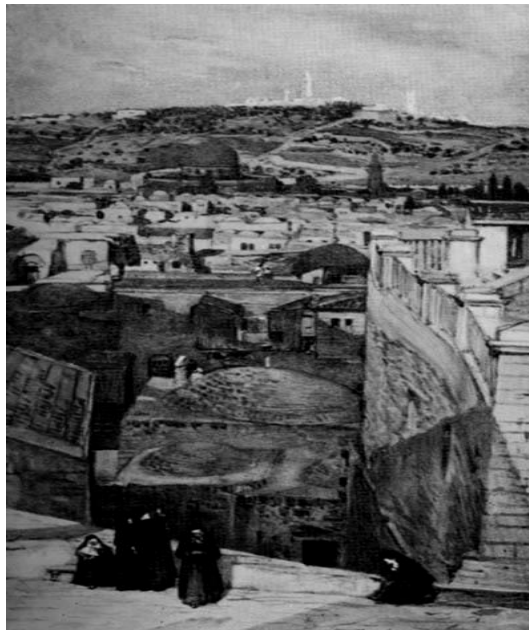
OLIVET DISCOURSE

	Mat. 24	Mark 13	Luke 21
Basis of Prophecy	verse 3-4	verse 4	verse 6-7
30 – 70 A.D. Acts	verse 4-8	verse 5-13	verse 8-11
Throughout age	verse 9-14	verse 5-13	verse 8-19
70 A.D. Jerusalem	verse 15-20	verse 14-19	verse 20-24a
Great Tribulation	verse 21-22	verse 20	verse 24b-26
70 A.D. to End.	” ”	” ”	” ”
Second Advent	verse 23-31	verse 21-27	verse 27

Note!

Mat. says “GREAT TRIBULATION”] 70 A.D.] to
Mark says “AFFLICTION”] Second] Advent.
Luke says “DISTRESS ON LAND – WRATH ON JEWS.]

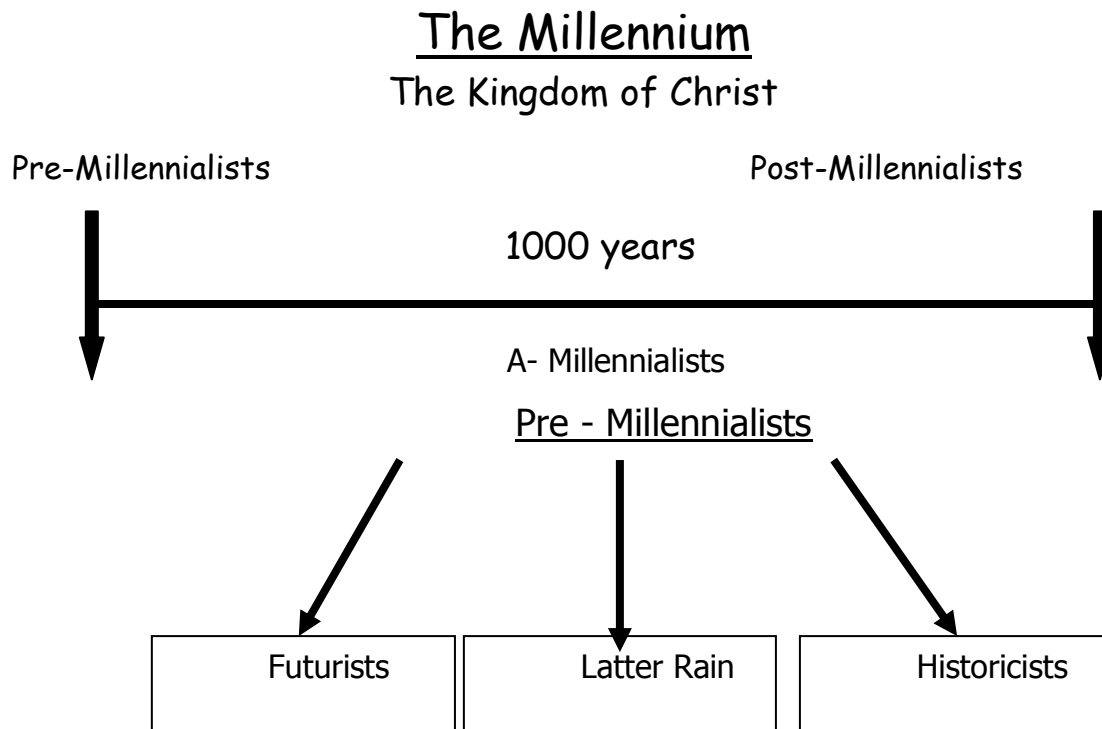
As only the believers escaped out of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., so only the believers will escape the Wrath of God at the Return of Christ.



The Mount of Olives
From a house-top on Mt. Zion

1.4 A GREAT VARIETY OF VIEWS.

There are many different views as to “when”, and “how”, the Lord will return. Whilst **all** views under discussion agree that Jesus is coming again in Power and Glory, yet they greatly vary in the manner and timing of Christ’s return. We have two sets of notes to cover this area briefly:



- a) “Controversial Questions Answered”. This makes simple and brief statements concerning some of the controversial questions, with references to available books for more detail.
- b) ”Prophetic Views Compared”. This takes us through a brief study of the various views, and presents a comparison and recommendation.

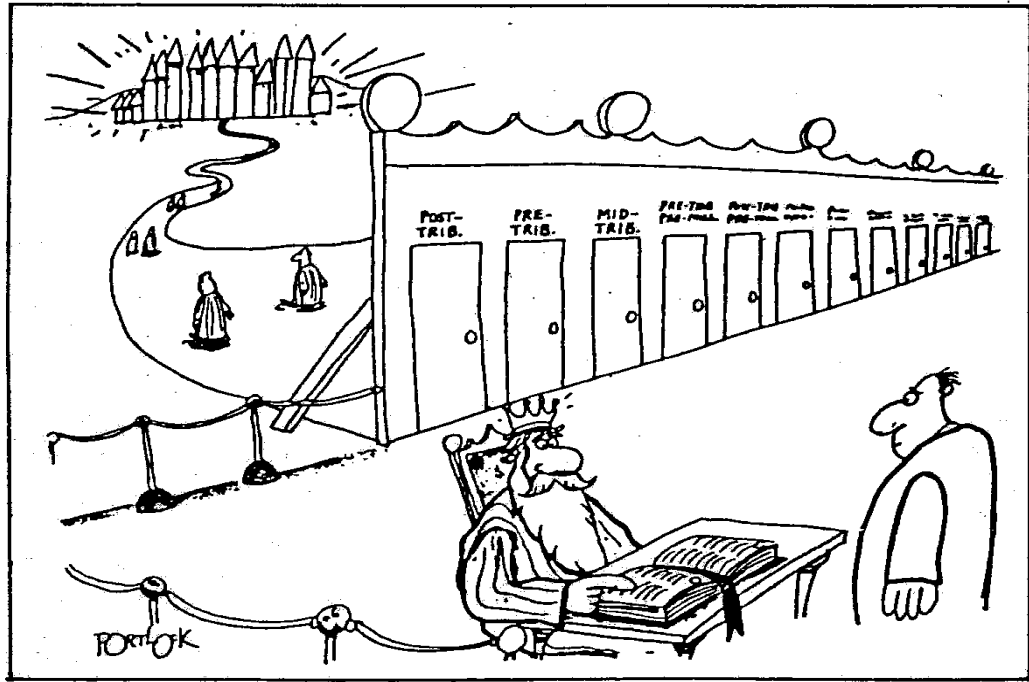
It is important however to realize, that,

Firstly, we must be ready NOW to meet the Lord. None of us know if we will be here tomorrow.

Secondly, any prophetic view we may hold, we should hold loosely because “*we now see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face*”. 1 Cor. 13:12.

Let us be open and compare scripture with scripture so that our faith may grow. 1 Thes. 2:13 ; Rev. 1:3.

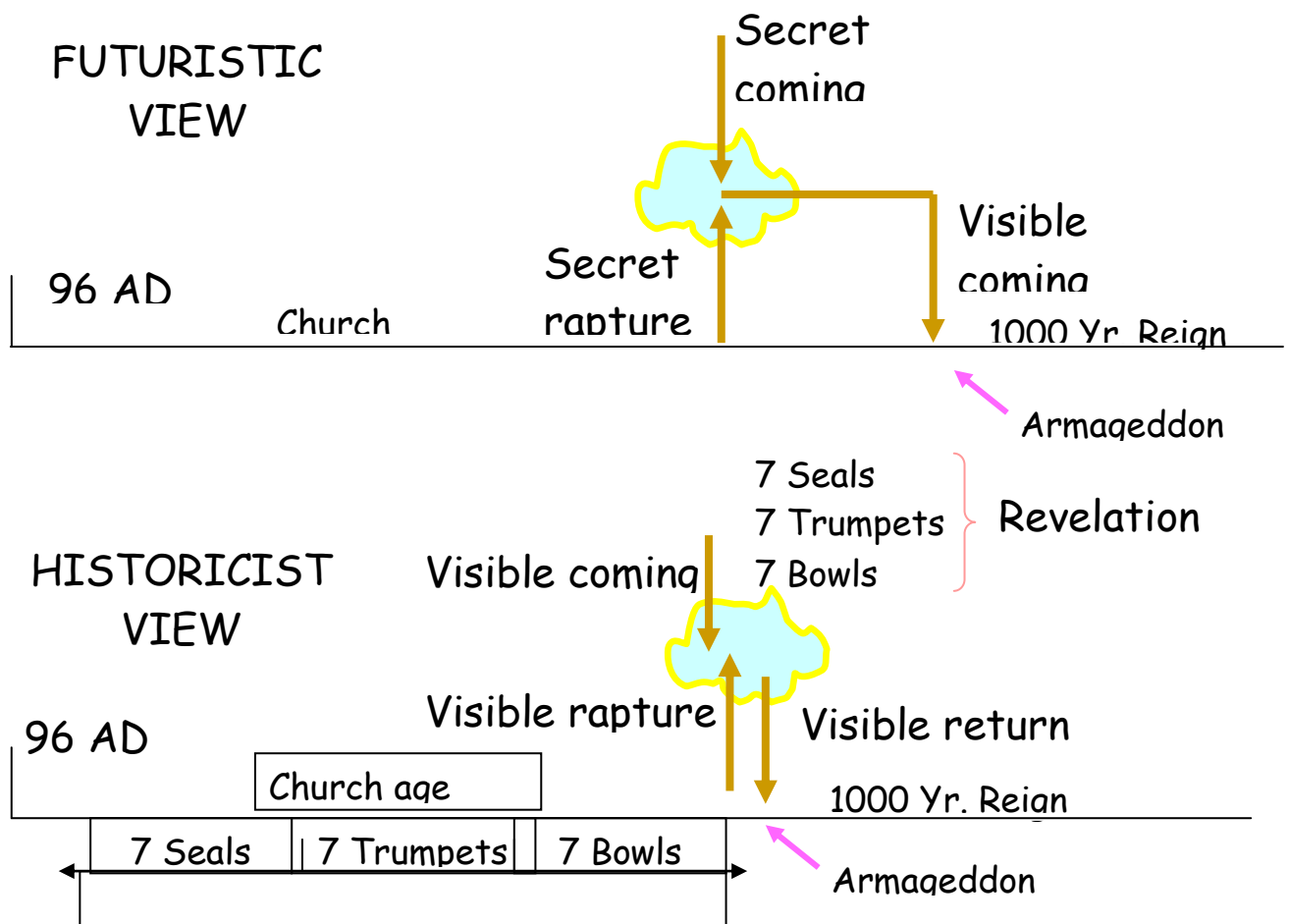
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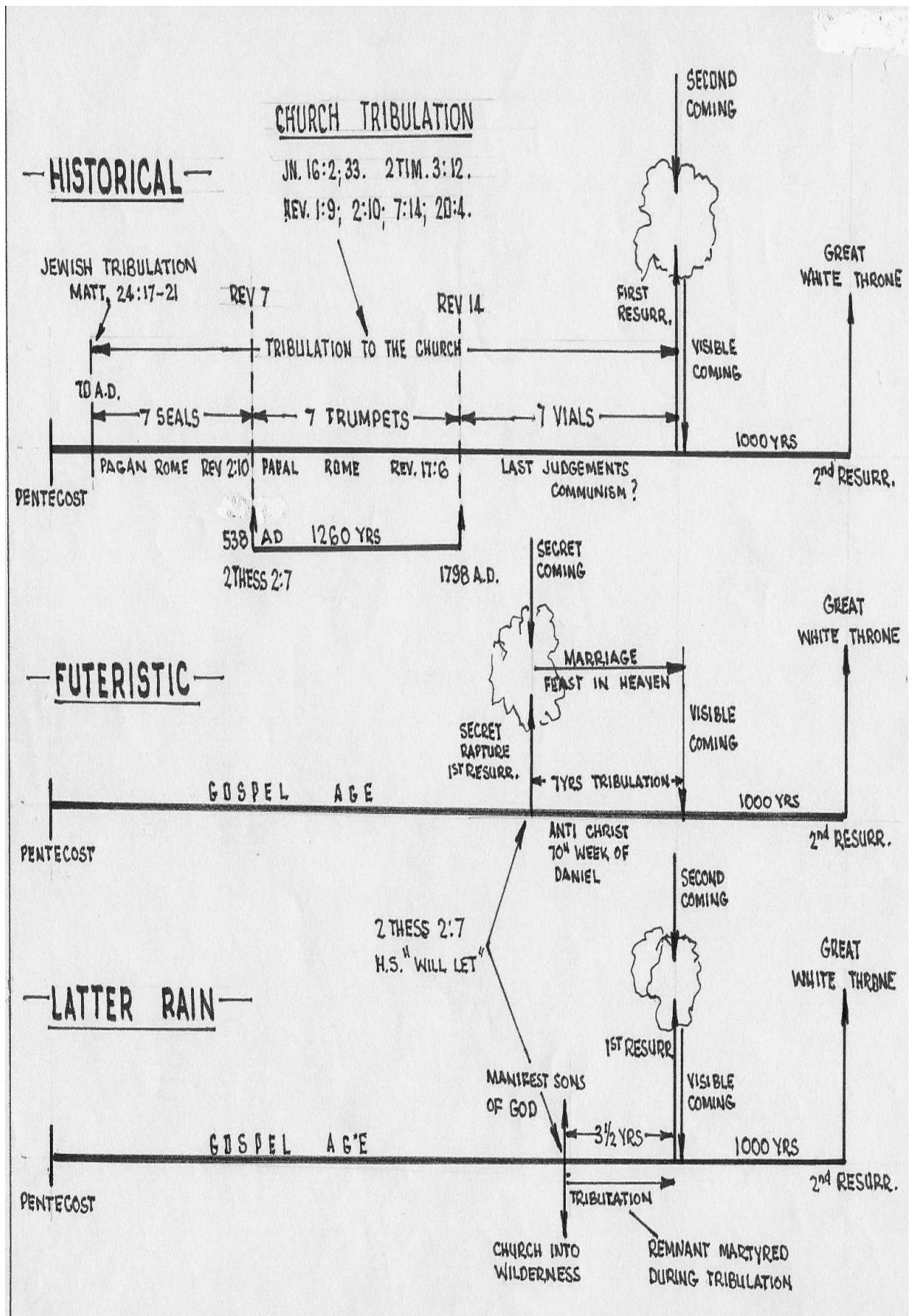


The Historical View Held by Scholars such as:

Wycliff
Luther
Calvin
Latimer
Knox
Sir Isaac Newton
Bunyan
Bishop J.C. Ryle
Bishop Wordsworth
John Wesley
Dr. Hudson Taylor
Finney
Moody
Spurgeon
Dinsdale Young
Dr. F.B. Meyer
Bishop Birks (Cambridge)

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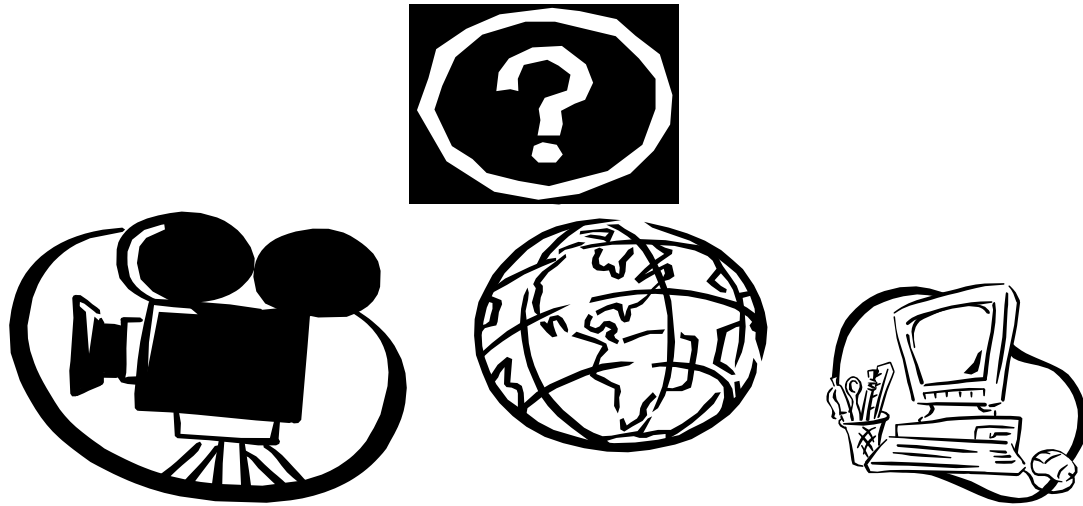


2. CHRIST WILL BE SEEN IN THE AIR.

This has reference to the Church. So now let us look at what the scriptures have to say:

2.1 THE MANNER OF CHRIST'S RETURN.

- a) His coming will be Visible. "every eye will see Him" Rev. 1:7 ; Mk. 13:26



- b) His coming will be Personal. "the Lord Himself" 1 Thes. 4:16



- c) His coming will be with a Shout, with the Voice of the Archangel and the Trump of God. 1 Thes. 4:16
- d) His coming will be with a Host. "with His mighty angels" 2 Thes. 1:7
- e) His coming will be with Clouds. "in the clouds of heaven" Mat. 24:30
- f) His coming will be Physical. "in like manner" Acts 1:9-11 ; Lk. 24:36-43

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g) His coming will be with Power and Glory. Rev. 19:11-16

This then is the manner of Christ's return. It will be an event of incredible splendor. The glorious consummation of the age-old purpose of God, an utterly transcendent demonstration of the Lord's immense power and brilliant sovereignty.

Little wonder the Apostle says: "Whatever we have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own." (Romans 8:18-25 Philips)

How can we other than "love His appearing". 2 Tim. 4:8, "waiting for, and hastening the coming Day of the Lord". 2 Pet. 3:12

2.2 THE FIRST RESURRECTION.

There is a definite FUTURE ASPECT of salvation which constitutes the great hope of the Christian. And this hope will not, and cannot be realized, until we hear the TRUMPET SOUND and see the Lord RETURN IN GLORY. The resurrection of the dead is an essential part of our Christian faith.

THERE WILL BE TWO RESURRECTIONS.

- ❖ The First Resurrection at the return of the Lord, which will be the resurrection of all believers.
- ❖ The Second Resurrection, which will take place 1000 years later and will be the resurrection of all unbelievers. See John 5:28,29 ; Rev. 20:5,6 ; Dan. 12:2

Here are some facts about the First Resurrection, which will take place when Christ appears in the clouds of heaven:

- a) The dead in Christ will be resurrected. 1 Thes. 4:15-16
- b) Living believers will be changed. 1 Cor. 15:51-53 ; 35-49

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- c) All will be caught to meet the Lord in the air. 1 Thes. 4:17
- d) Our appearance will be as He is. 1 John 3:2

1st Resurrection

The Resurrection to life?

ALL who believe in Him Dead and Living
REV 20:4 before His RETURN



Saints of the Old Testament
Acts 24:14,15

1st

100 years Jesus and the Church Reign Rev 20:4

2nd

5

The Day of the Lord

2.3 THE BELIEVERS JUDGEMENT.

THERE WILL BE THREE JUDGEMENTS.

- ❖ The first being the judgement of all believers at the coming of the Lord.



- ❖ The second being the judgement of the nations at the beginning of the 1000 year reign of the Lord.



- ❖ The third being the judgement of all the unbelievers at the end of the millennium.



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We will look at some facts about the First Judgement when all the believers will stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ. 2 Cor. 5:9-10



Our judgement will be:

- a) A Personal Judgement. Rom 14:12
- b) A Judgement of our Relationships. Rom. 14:10, 13, 15.
Unforgiveness and wrong attitudes will be judged.
- c) A Judgement of our Conversation. Mat.12:36-37 ; Eph. 4:29, 31-32
- d) A Judgement of our Faithfulness. Mat. 25:19 onwards
- e) A Judgement of our Inner Motives. 2 Cor. 5:10 Appear =
Revealed
- f) A Judgement of our Spiritual Condition. Heb. 4:11
- g) A Judgement of our Works. 2 Cor.5:10 Kakos = Worthless 1 Cor.
3:11-15
- h) A Judgement of the Shepherds. Heb. 13:17 ; 1 Pet. 5:4 ; Jas. 3:1

Those Christians who have lacked commitment in their life, will still gain eternal life, if they continue to believe, but will suffer the loss of reward, loss of privilege, loss of authority and loss of joy. Col. 1:23 ; 1 Cor. 3:9-15

2.3 REWARDS OR REGRETS.

The scriptures speak of Five Crowns, which may be gained by our service to the Lord:



- a) **The Crown of Life.** Jas. 1:12 For those who overcome temptation. 1 Cor. 10:13



- b) **The Imperishable Crown.** 1 Cor. 9:24-27 For those who practice discipline and self control. Mk. 8:34-35



- c) **The Crown of Rejoicing.** 1 Thes. 2:19,20 For those who shepherd the flock faithfully. Ps. 126:6



- d) **The Crown of Righteousness.** 2 Tim. 4:7,8 For persistence and stickability in God's work. Lk. 9:62



- e) **The Crown of Glory.** 1 Pet. 5:1-4 For those with a servant heart, who serve the Lord in humility of spirit. Lk. 22:26 ; Mk. 9:33-35

Seeing then that these things are set before us, let us then as the Apostle Paul encouraged us to do, "Press toward the mark for the Prize". Phil. 3:13,14

3. CHRIST WILL STAND ON THE EARTH.

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So far in our study we have seen, that Christ, with His angels and heavenly hosts, will first be seen in the clouded skies, and we the church will be caught up to meet Him there.

Now we will study the further stages of Christ's return, and see that He will descend upon the Mount of Olives, claim Jerusalem as His world capital, and that from there, He will spread His dominion across the whole earth. Isa. 2:1-4

a. CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH.

This has reference to the Nations. Whereas His return to the air, had reference to the Church. Prior to the return of Christ, the world will experience a time of great upheaval, which will increase in ferocity, right until the trumpet sounds. But the shout of the Archangel and the appearing of Christ will bring a dramatic and cataclysmic transformation. The whole world will be shaken, rejuvenated, reformed. The character and construction of every nation will be utterly overthrown.

- a) The coming of Christ, with all the holy angels and with His saints, will cause an immense upheaval that will reshape the earth and reconstruct the nations. It will be "Armageddon", a third world war, starting with conflict between the Arabs and Jews with East and West getting involved.

Armageddon. Rev. 16:12-16 ; 6:12-17 (explain) Isa. 2:12,17-19,21

The Cause. Ezek. 38:1-3 ; 16-23 ; 39:1-4,8,11-19 and effect.
Isa. 54:15

Compare Ezek. 39:8 with Rev. 16:17 "*It is done.*" Ezek. 39:17-19 with Rev. 19:17-19 ; Lk. 17:37 "*Vultures invited*"

- b) Every foe of God will be abased and brought into subjection to His might. The unbelievers, 2 Thess. 1:7-10, Satan, Rev. 20:1-3, the armies, Rev. 19:19-21, and the man of sin, 2 Thes. 2:8

3.2 CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

This has reference to the Jews. The Jews will see Christ and recognize Him as their Messiah, when He descends and stands on the Mount of Olives.

- a) As the Lord ascended from the Mount of Olives, so He will descend upon the Mount of Olives. Acts 1:9-11 ; Zech. 14:1-9

- b) It will be a time of repentance for the Jews as was prophesied.
Zech. 12:9-14 Zech. 2:10-13 ; 13:6 ; Mat. 23:39 ; 24:30

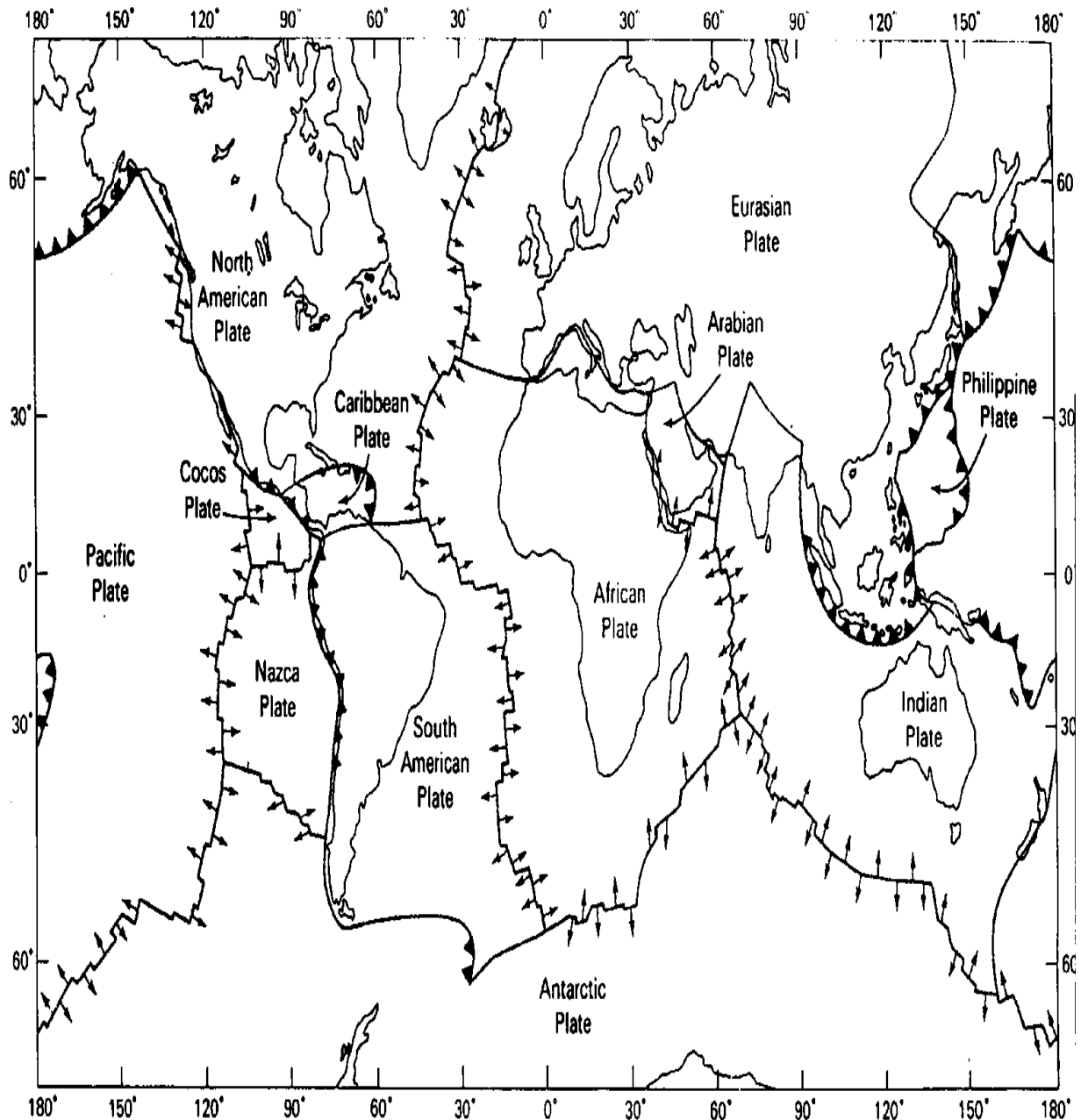
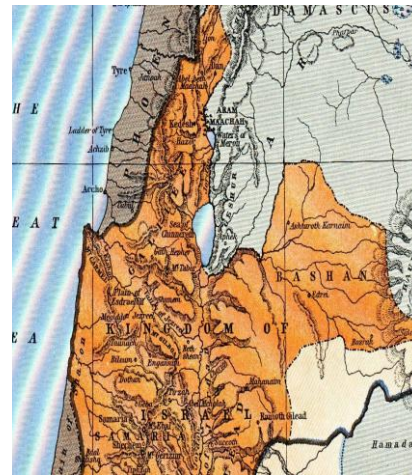
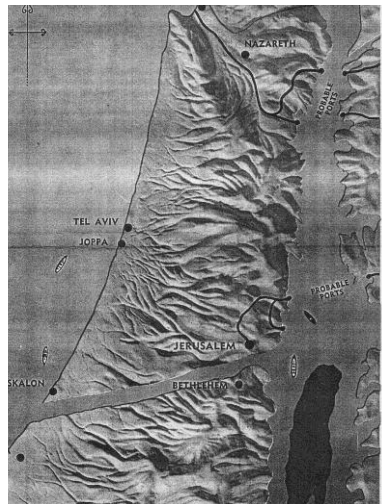
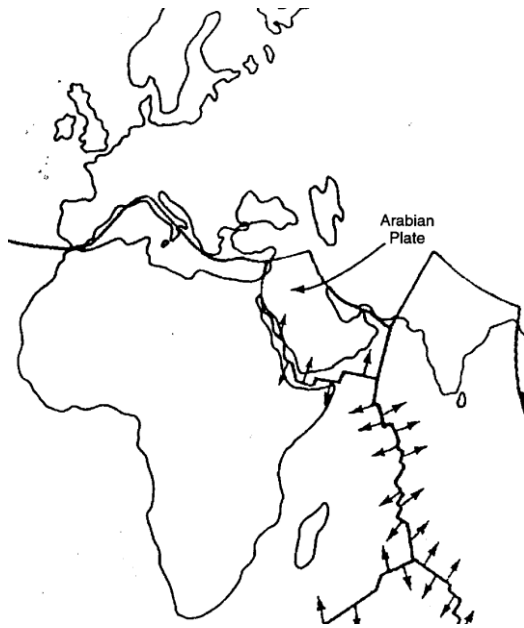


FIGURE 6-6

Twelve plates and their motions. Triangles along boundaries indicate direction of underthrusting where a downgoing slab can be identified the occurrence of intermediate or deep focus earthquakes. Small arrows on ridge boundaries indicate approximate direction of relative motion [After D. Forsyth and S. Uyeda, "On the Relative Importance of the Driving Forces of Plate Motion." *Geophys. J.* 43, p. 163, 1975.]

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3.3 CHRIST WILL RETURN TO JERUSALEM.

This has reference to Israel.

- a) The uniting of Israel and Judah into one nation again. Acts 1:6 ; Ezek. 37:15-24 ; Jer. 3:6-20
- b) The world wide kingdom of Christ will be established with Jerusalem as its capital. Isa. 2:2-4 ; Zech. 14:8-11, 16-19 ; Isa. 33:20-22 ; Jer. 23:5-8 ; Jer. 33:15-17

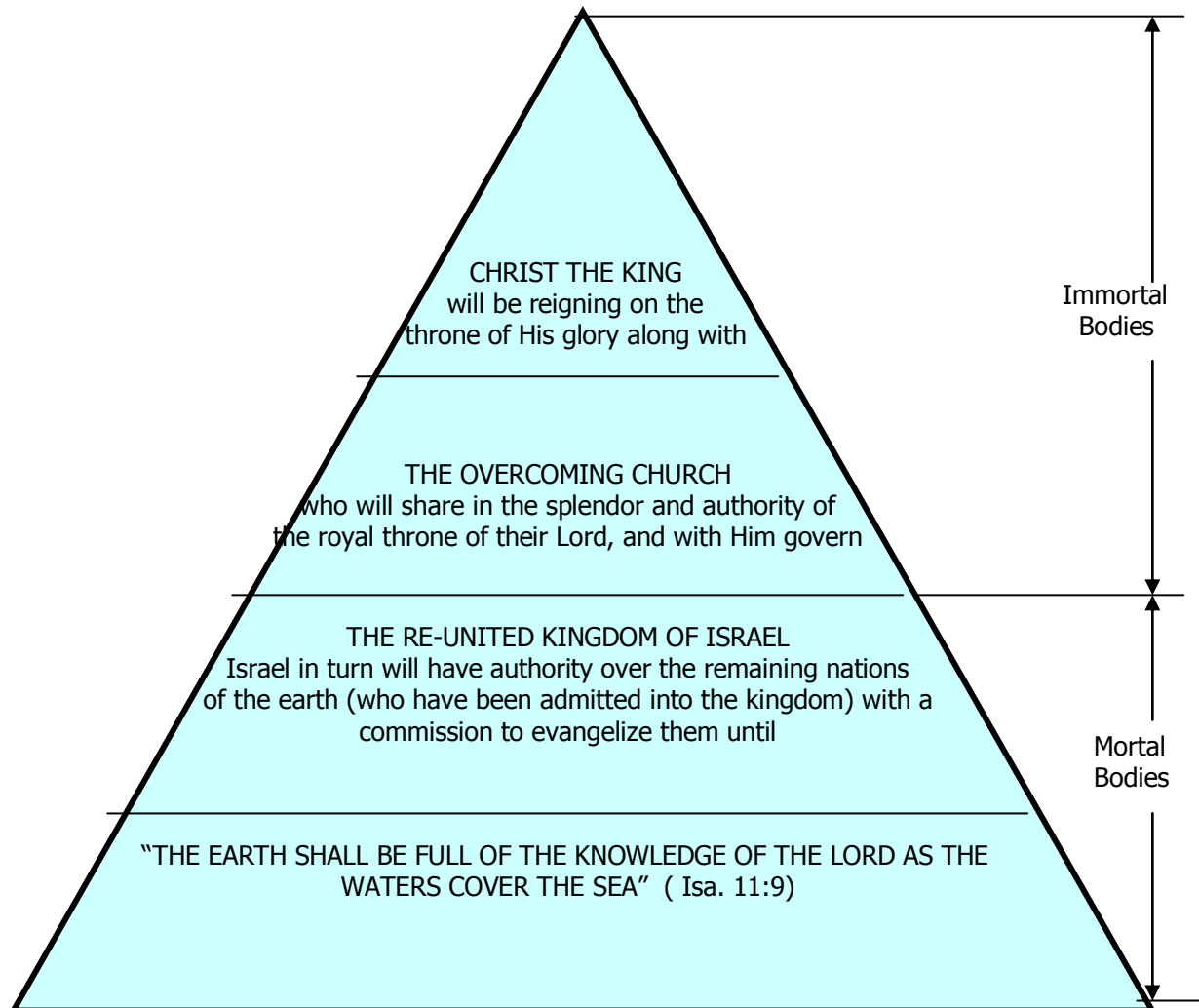
3.4 THE JUDGEMENT OF THE NATIONS.

The Lord spoke of the day immediately after His return when He, as King of kings, would judge the living nations of the earth. It will not be a judgement of individuals who have been raised from the dead, but rather an international judgement based on the state of affairs prevailing at the time of Christ's return. Christ will sit on "The Throne of His Glory" which will be situated in the "Valley of Jehoshaphat," and all the nations of the earth will be compelled to stand before Him, acknowledge His sovereignty and receive His judgement.

It is here that Christ will take to Himself the total authority of earthly government. Here His kingdom rule will begin; and the first act of the great King will be to utterly obliterate all the present national boundaries, to disband every present earthly government and to unseat every existing royalty.

- a) It will be a day of international judgement. Joel 3:1-2 ; 11-16 ; Ezek. 34:11-15
- b) Christ will sit upon the Throne of David. Isa. 9:7 ; Rev. 3:21 ; Ps. 89:30-37 1 Chron. 17:12-14
- c) The basis of reward or judgement will be how the nations have treated the brethren of Christ. Some take "the brethren" to refer to Christians ; others take it to mean the Jews. Mat. 25:31-46 (Note v32)
- d) The sheep will find entrance into the visible kingdom of God. The goat nations will be excluded from the kingdom and remain under the wrath of God awaiting the final day of judgement.

3.5 THE MILLENNIAL ORDER.



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The first seven verses of Revelation 20 refer six times to the kingdom of Christ lasting “one thousand” years. This kingdom period is often labeled “the Millennium”, a term derived from the Latin words MILLE (one thousand) and ANNUM (year).

One Bible commentator says “as each seventh year was Israel’s year of remission, so of the world’s seven thousands (since the creation of Adam), the seventh shall be its sabbatism”. Also “ten, the world number, raised to the third power, the divine number, expresses the world pervaded by God”.

a. THE PURPOSE OF THE MILLENNIUM.

One may well ask, what the Purpose of the Millennium is, seeing there is a final destruction of all things at the end of it. Here are a few reasons:

- a) It is necessary that where Satan reigned so viciously, Christ should reign in victory. 2 Cor. 4:4 ; 1 Cor. 15:25
- b) It is only right that Christ, who has been scorned and hated on earth for so many centuries, should have the opportunity to govern with rigid might, those same peoples. Jn. 18:36 ; Rev. 2:27 ; 11:15
- c) It is just that the saints, who were persecuted and despised on earth, should be glorified and admired on earth. 2 Thes. 1:7-10
- d) It is necessary that Christ, who was born in poverty and humility, should now appear amongst men in wealth and majesty. 2 Cor. 8:9
- e) It will give man an opportunity to live in peace and prosperity under ideal conditions, with every thing ordered to his advantage. Yet the rebellion at the end of this Golden Age will prove that man’s sin was the cause of his suffering and not his suffering the cause of his sin. Jer. 17:9
- f) As this age is the age of the Holy Spirit, (Jn. 16:7-15), so the coming age will be that of the Son, (1 Cor. 15:25), which will finally merge into the eternal, all pervading kingdom of the Father. 1 Cor. 15:28.

b. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM.

a) THE CHURCH:

The church will be in heaven with Christ. (Jn. 14:1-3 ; Phil. 3:20 ;

1 Thes. 4:17 ; Heb. 11: 10, 13-16). Though the saints are citizens of heaven and have their home in the heavenly city of God, they shall exercise dominion upon the earth. Their dominion will be two-fold :

Firstly, over the angels. 1 Cor. 6:2

Secondly, over the nations of the earth. Rev. 2: 26-27

The scene of their authority and the outreach of their government will extend across the whole earth. Mat. 5:5 ; Rev. 20:6

b) ISRAEL:

As Christ now shares His Father's Throne in heaven, (Rev. 3:21), so at His

Second Advent He will take the Throne of David, (Lk. 1:32-33). This throne or lineage must be in existence now! 2 Sam. 7:12-17 ; Ps. 89:20-37.

The overcoming saints will be privileged to reign with Him. He will reign primarily over the house of Jacob, that is, the re-united twelve tribes of Israel.

So the Millennium will be a time of restoration of Israel, as a kingdom of twelve tribes, inhabiting the earth under the sovereignty of Christ.

Isa. 9:6-7 ;

Isa. 11:11-16 ; 33:20-24 ; Jer. 3:17-19 ; 50:17-20 ; Ezek. 36:21-28 ; 37:12-28.

c) THE NATIONS:

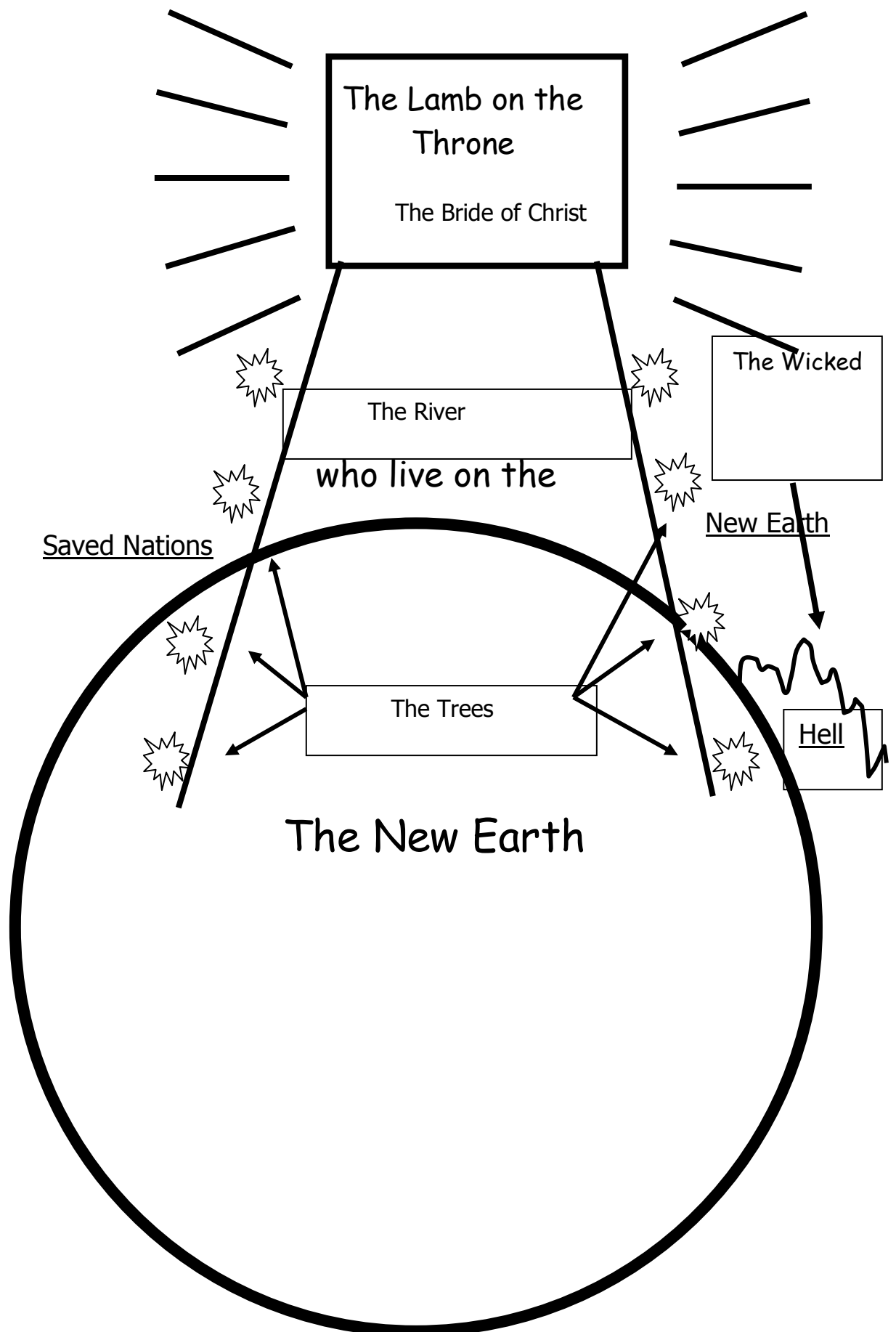
- There will be no more war, and all the nations will be compelled to disarm. Isa. 2:4 ; Mic. 4:3 ; Ps. 46:9.
- The Lords saints will instantly and ruthlessly crush any outbreak of rebellion and disobedience. Rev. 2:27.
- And all nations will be compelled to worship God and live righteously before Him otherwise they will be visited with immediate and drastic punishment. Isa. 60:11-12 ; Zech. 14:16-19.

d) THE CURSE:

In Rom. 8:19-23 we read that the whole creation groans under the curse.

This will lift as the Lord gains complete dominion of the earth and its nations.

- Peace will be established between man and beast. Isa. 11:6-9.
- Man's labor will receive proper payment, and none will be deprived of what is rightfully his. Isa. 65:21-23.
- Removal of stress will make longevity an outstanding feature of the millennium. Isa. 65:20.
- Sickness and suffering will be removed. Isa. 35:5-6.
- The earth will yield a full crop again and the wilderness will be turned into a fruitful place. Ezek. 34:26-31 ; 36:34-35.



c. THE CLIMAX OF THE MILLENNIUM.

In spite of all its matchless splendor, the visible kingdom of God comes to a convulsive end. Satan is loosed, and immediately goes out to deceive the nations; the godless powers of Gog and Magog are revived; and vast hordes of people from the four quarters of the earth join them in rebellion against God and His saints. (Rev. 20:7-9). This will be mankind's and the devils last war against righteousness.

What is the purpose of God allowing Satan to be loosed again? Simply to test the results of the millennium.

After so many centuries of compulsory obedience, the nations are given the opportunity to decide of their own free will their final allegiance. None will be hindered from joining the Satanic host, none will be compelled to join the heavenly host.

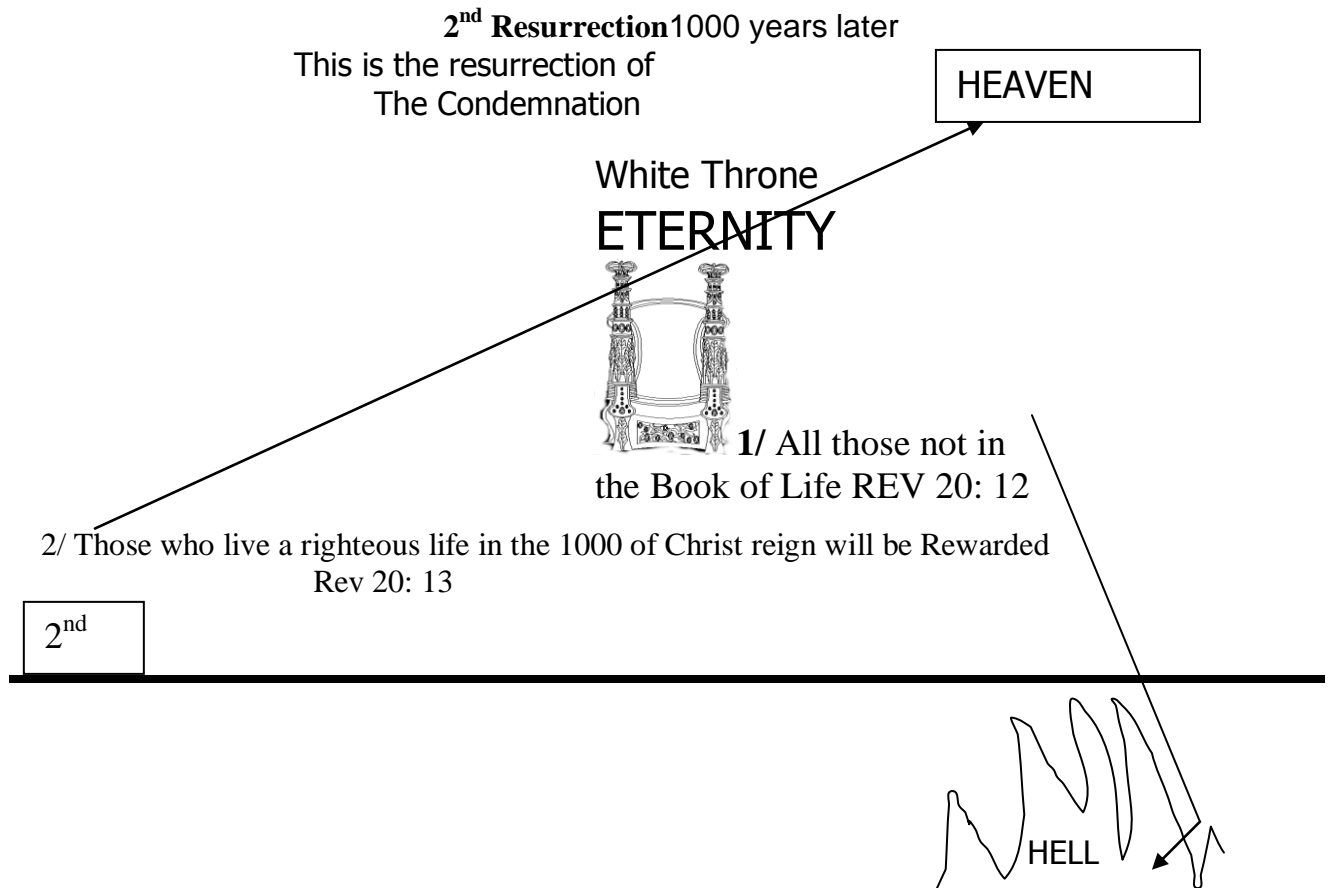
This clearly reveals that man's own sin was the cause of his suffering, and not his suffering the cause of his sin. It will be seen that sin did not arise from outward circumstances, but from inner corruption. (Isa. 1:13-15). Thus every tongue will be silenced, and God's perfect justice and righteous judgement plainly demonstrated.

So the Millennium will climax with a furious outpouring of judgement. Fire will come down from heaven and destroy God's enemies. As the world was once destroyed by water, so this time it will be destroyed by fire. The devil will be cast into the lake of fire and there will be a complete dissolving of all things, as we know them now. Rev. 20:10-15 ; 2 Pet. 3:7-13.

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a. THE SECOND RESURRECTION.



This resurrection includes:

- a) **All those not raised at the first resurrection**, that is, all unbelievers and all ungodly of all time, from the beginning of creation to the Second Advent of Christ.
- b) **All those who lived and died during the Millennium**, both believers and unbelievers. These people will be raised from the dead at the termination of the Millennium, and will be made to stand before the Great White Throne on which Christ, the eternal judge will be seated.

This resurrection is termed “the second resurrection”, to distinguish it from the first resurrection of the saints at the Second Advent of Christ. Rev. 20:4-6 Various expressions are used in the Bible to describe the resurrection of the unjust:

- A resurrection unto “shame and everlasting contempt” Dan. 12:2
- “The resurrection of damnation” Jn. 5:29

- “The resurrection of the unjust” Acts 24:15

This quite plainly is a resurrection of the body, for we find that Jesus said, “And fear them not which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.”

Mat. 10:28 ; Jn. 5:26-29

b. THE GREAT WHITE THRONE.

This then will be the place of the final judgement. The throne is **Great** because of its majesty, and **White** because of its holiness. Christ will be the Judge because He is so closely related to the human family. Acts 10:40-42 ; Jn. 5:22,26,27.

On the Great White Throne Christ will judge all those who were raised in the second resurrection, (Rev. 20-12), and also the fallen angels. 2 Pet. 2:4 ; 1 Cor. 6:2,3.

Who are these, whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life? (Rev. 20:15) They cannot be the saints who were raised at Christ's coming. The redeemed who have already been dwelling with Christ for one thousand years. They will not be required to give any further account of themselves at the Great White Throne! We can only conclude that this new group of people, who are written in the “Book of Life”, and who will enter the bliss of eternal life, must be:

- a) Those who gladly acknowledged the sovereignty of Christ during the Millennium, who cheerfully obeyed all His laws, and in true love and praise worshipped Him in His temple, (Zech. 14:16-21), and remained faithful during the Great Testing at the end of the Millennium. Rev. 20:7-9.
- b) Perhaps also many others from the centuries before the Millennium began, people who sought out and worshipped the true God, without actually knowing Him, who are now judged according to their conscience. Rom. 1:18-20 ; Rom. 2:11-16.

However this is a matter which is veiled in obscurity. There is no clear record in the Bible as to how God will deal with those who have never had the opportunity to hear the gospel, yet have endeavored to worship the true God and live a holy life.

Those, whose names are not written in the book of life, will be judged according to their works, and the standard of judgement will be the Word of God. Jn. 12:48 ; Rom. 12:2.

The whole of every man's life will be made manifest from the **Books**, in which is recorded every deed and every word of every man. Mat. 12:36,37 ; Rev. 20:12.

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The condemned will have no answer against their condemnation. The supposed "goodness" of each man, will be revealed in its true color.
Job 9:3 ; Isa. 64:6

The judgement is not for the purpose of ascertaining every person's character that is already fully known to God, but to reveal every person's character to the onlooking host of heaven and so to vindicate the justice of God's action in casting the wicked into the Lake of Fire.
Rom. 2:5,6.

This final state, once entered upon will be unchanging in it's nature, and will be endless in duration. (Rev. 3:12 ; 22:5). This final state of the wicked is described in the following terms:

▪ Eternal Fire	~~~	Mat. 25:41
▪ Eternal Punishment	~~~	Mat. 25:46
▪ Wailing and gnashing of teeth	~~~	Mat. 13:37-42
▪ The Wrath of God	~~~	Rom. 2:5
▪ Eternal Destruction	~~~	2 Thes. 1:9
▪ Unending Fear	~~~	Heb. 10:31
▪ Torment	~~~	Rev. 14:10-11
▪ Second Death	~~~	Rev. 21:8

How much is literally involved in these dreadful descriptions is impossible to know with any certainty. But whatever is meant by "fire" and the other torments of the wicked, we gain a fearful impression of deep misery, and that is what it will be in that day.

c. ALL THINGS NEW.

The Bible does not speak much of what lies beyond the Millennium. The plainest description of what lies beyond is given in the book of Revelation. It is summed up in one word, "He that sat upon the Throne said,

Behold I make ALL THINGS NEW." Rev. 21:5

Seven things new.

The New Heaven	~~~	21:1
The New Earth	~~~	21:1
The New People	~~~	21:3-8
The New Jerusalem	~~~	21:9-21
The New Temple	~~~	21:22
The New Light	~~~	21:23-27 ; Isa. 60:19,20
The New Paradise	~~~	22:1-7 ; Ez. 47:1,12

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Seven “no mores”

No more Sea	~~~	21:1
No more Death	~~~	21:4
No more Sorrow	~~~	21:4
No more Crying	~~~	21:4
No more Pain	~~~	21:4
No more Curse	~~~	22:3
No more Night	~~~	22:5

Knowing all these things to be so, we join the whole creation in earnestly straining for the day of Christ’s coming. (Rom. 8:18-25). We hear Him say, **“Surely I come quickly!”** and with all the longing and love in our hearts we respond –

“Even So, Come Lord Jesus!”

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6. Examination Paper

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- This is an open book exam therefore you are encouraged to **use your Bible and notes**
- Each question is worth one mark, giving a total of 100.
- Please place your Name, Address and Phone Number at the top of your paper.
- Your paper must be handed in within two weeks of the time of issue. It will then be marked and returned to you.
- Please mark your answer square with a.

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Select; A, B, C, D or E
A for true or B for false.

The most important thing achieved by the Millennium will be

1. To see Christ in all His glory and to believe on him (True/False)
2. The whole earth will be brought into His eternal Kingdom (True/False)
3. To give man an opportunity to live in peace and prosperity under ideal conditions, with everything ordered to his advantage (True/False)
4. To give saints who were persecuted to be honoured and glorified (True/False)
5. To compel everyone to love one another (True/False)

What will happen to the Mount of Olives?

6. It will start producing bigger and better olives (True/False)
7. It will become part of the Kingdom of Jordan (True/False)
8. It will be split in two by an earthquake (True/False)
9. It will be burned up (True/False)
10. It will be leveled out then become a valley (True/False)

What is meant by the “Day of the Lord” in 2 Peter 3:10?

11. It is the day when the saints will be judged (True/False)
12. It is the day when Christ returns (True/False)
13. It is a thousand year day, not a literal day (True/False)
14. It is a day when all unbelievers will be judged (True/False)
15. It is the end of the world (True/False)

Who will be the first to meet the Lord in the air?

- 16. Those who are on the earth and are most faithful (True/False)
- 17. The dead in Christ (True/False)
- 18. All living believers; the rest are already in heaven (True/False)
- 19. The Jews who have become Christians (True/False)
- 20. Those who have been Christians the longest (True/False)

Where will the nations be judged?

- 21. At the United Nations Headquarters in New York (True/False)
- 22. In the Valley of Jehosophat (True/False)
- 23. Before the Great White Throne in heaven (True/False)
- 24. In Jerusalem (True/False)
- 25. In Bethlehem (True/False)

Who will take part in the second resurrection?

- 26. The dead in Christ (True/False)
- 27. Everyone – the first and second resurrection occur simultaneously (True/False)
- 28. All unbelievers of all time, and those who became believers during the Millennium (True/False)
- 29. The dead in Christ (True/False)
- 30. Everyone except those who were already judged by the Flood of Noah (True/False)

What will happen to the Church during the Millennium?

- 31. We will be in heaven watching events on earth while we play harps (True/False)
- 32. We will be in our graves awaiting the second resurrection (True/False)
- 33. We will be ruling with Christ from Jerusalem (True/False)
- 34. We will rule and reign with Christ for a thousand years. Our home will be in heaven whilst we reign on earth (True/False)
- 35. We will carry on with our lives as normal but under perfect conditions (True/False)

What will be judged when we meet the Lord?

- 36. Our sins which we committed after coming to Christ (True/False)
- 37. Our works (True/False)
- 38. The things we have not repented of (True/False)

- 39. Our whole life and lifestyle (True/False)
- 40. Our treatment of believers and unbelievers (True/False)

Give a scripture that describes the Lord's resurrected body

- 41. Rev 1:13-17 (True/False)
- 42. Luke chapter 24 (True/False)
- 43. Luke 2:11-12 (True/False)
- 44. Mark 20:8-10 (True/False)
- 45. John 21:1-12 (True/False)

From which throne will Jesus reign?

- 46. From the Throne of David (True/False)
- 47. From God's throne in heaven (True/False)
- 48. It is not a literal throne. He will reign everywhere (True/False)
- 49. From Beijing (True/False)
- 50. From the royal Throne of Britain in London (True/False)

What is the purpose of the last judgment?

- 51. So that God may ascertain every person's character. (True/False)
- 52. To reveal every person's character to the host of heaven and so vindicate God's action in casting them into the Lake of Fire (True/False)
- 53. To show each person his shortcomings so he has no excuse (True/False)
- 54. To rid the universe of all evil (True/False)
- 55. To purge each person of sin so that he may enter heaven (True/False)

What will be the advantage of being in the Overcoming Church rather than being a member of the nation of Israel?

- 56. There will be no discernable difference. God has no favourites (True/False)
- 57. The Church's home will be in heaven, but the nation of Israel will be on earth (True/False)
- 58. The Church will form the Government of Israel. She will be the ruling class (True/False)
- 59. Israel will rule herself, whereas the Church will rule the world (True/False)

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60. The Church will rule on earth, but Israel will rule from heaven
(True/False)

What are the two ways, which Joel says the return of the Lord will affect the earth?

61. It will be great and terrible; great for the Church, terrible for the unbelievers (True/False)

62. It will be mighty and glorious for everyone (True/False)

63. There will be widespread destruction and desolation on the earth
(True/False)

64. All human empires will crumble, but good people will survive
(True/False)

65. Thorns and briars will be destroyed and the earth will bring forth good things as in the Garden of Eden (True/False)

In which scripture were the disciples told about the Lord's return by the angel?

66. Luke 1:26-33 (True/False)

67. 2 Tim 4:8 (True/False)

68. Luke 24:1-7 (True/False)

69. Acts 1:9-11 (True/False)

70. John 14:3 (True/False)

What is meant by the resurrection of damnation in John 5:29?

71. The Day of the Lord (True/False)

72. The judgment of believers (True/False)

73. The second resurrection of believers (True/False)

74. The second resurrection (True/False)

75. The final judgment of everyone (True/False)

What will be the effect of the Lord's return upon nature?

76. All nature will be burned up (True/False)

77. The curse will be lifted (True/False)

78. The earth will be restored to the state of the Garden of Eden
(True/False)

79. No effect. Everything will continue as it always has. (True/False)

80. There will be peace between man and beast, and the earth will bring forth enough food for everyone. (True/False)

What would you say is the most outstanding sign of his return?

81. Population explosion (True/False)

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- 82. The budding fig tree – Israel restored to her own land (True/False)
- 83. Increase of knowledge in the earth (True/False)
- 84. The rise of militant Islam (True/False)
- 85. Pollution of the present earth (True/False)

Can you state the Millennial order?

- 86. Christ the Head, reigning over the Jews, under the Jews, the Church and under the church the nations (True/False)
- 87. Christ as King; under Christ the overcoming Church in immortal bodies; under the Church the nations. (True/False)
- 88. The Church will reign with Christ over the whole earth (True/False)
- 89. The millennium will be in heaven, not on the earth. Everyone will be equal. (True/False)
- 90. Christ will be King, reigning with the Church in immortal bodies, over the re-united Kingdom of Israel and the rest of the nations who will be in mortal bodies, until the earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord. (True/False)

What will happen to Satan during the Millennium?

- 91. The earth will be desolate and empty. Satan will roam alone in the desolate earth while the Church is in heaven, and unbelievers annihilated. (True/False)
- 92. Satan will be bound in the bottomless pit (True/False)
- 93. Satan will be redeemed alongside everyone else (True/False)
- 94. Satan will be bound on the earth where everyone can see him (True/False)
- 95. Satan will acknowledge Jesus as Lord and will repent of his sin (True/False)

Will the second resurrection be a bodily resurrection?

- 96. No one really knows. The Bible is not clear on this point (True/False)
- 97. No. It will be a spiritual resurrection (True/False)
- 98. Yes. Jesus said, "Fear not those who can destroy the body ... but fear Him who can destroy body and soul in hell" (True/False)
- 99. It is only the souls who will be in the second resurrection (True/False)
- 100. The second resurrection is not literal. Everyone is judged when they die (True/False)

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