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PREFACE

Welcome to the discipleship / leadership series. These little booklets were designed to give basic information concerning various topics about our Christian faith in Christ Jesus.

The purpose of this series is to stimulate thought and to foster a clearer understanding of discipleship and servant leadership. These booklets can be used as a discussion tool for personal study, family devotion, youth meetings or in cell groups. Our hope is that this information will stir the readers and encourage them to go deeper into personal research and study.

Our desire is that these booklets will be a blessing to the reader and a tool that can be shared with others as a gift of encouragement.

Please feel free to mail or e-mail us for more copies or to just write to us with any feedback concerning the content of these studies. We hope you enjoy this offering of knowledge and experience. We pray that Christ will draw you into an ever deeper personal relationship with Himself as you study.

Your servants in Christ,

Rev. Dr. James and Hkaw Win Humphries

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*“Little children, it is the **last time**: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the **last time**.”*

I John 2:18

INTRODUCTION

The prophecy of the Bible has set people on a journey that will one day climax – a new heaven and earth with Jesus Christ sitting on His throne as Savior, LORD and King. The timeline was set on the day that man and woman were created, recorded for us in the book of Genesis. The clock started to count down to a Day when time will be no more.

The Bible is not two separate books one belonging to the Hebrews and another to the Christians, they are one, deeply interconnected with each other. The foundations of the New Testament were established in the Old Testament. These principles are like threads that weave their way through all the books of the Bible concluding with the book of Revelation. There is a climax coming that will separate the sheep from the goats. It will cause the five virgins who were ready to go into the wedding feast and five others left standing outside having missed the coming of the Lord. Things will happen in a moment and people will be separated into at least two different groups.

The book of Revelation is revealing a God who is teaching us to make a decision for change. The disciple of Christ must draw closer to God in prayer and to the study of His word, if he/she hope to be able to pass through these coming days.

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There are two major threads weaving their way through the Bible, coming together as one in the last days. The first is the thread of people who have come to Christ during the age of grace. They are often known as Gentiles Christians, through whom the covenant given to Abraham was revealed. The second thread, runs parallel and greatly affects the first, is the people of Israel. Since the time God spoke to Moses to call the twelve tribes of Jacob out of Egypt, they have been under great stress as a people. Then after 70 AD these people saw the destruction of the temple and were then scattered throughout the whole earth. For thousands of years the Israelites underwent persecution and hardships, often being hunted down like animals and killed. In spite of this God kept a remnant that will rise up once again for His glory in the **End Times**.

The first steps began in May of 1948. In one day, the Jewish people were granted the ability to once again become a nation in Palestine, fulfilling many Hebrew prophecies. This event, called scattered people back home to the land God promised to them in a covenant, many thousands of years before. Each day people are being lead by the Holy Spirit to give up all they have and return to a little barren piece of land, today called Israel. To this day millions have taken the first step. The patch of land that they are returning to is about 65 miles wide and about 159 miles long and is mostly desert and rocks. These people are seeing life come back to the land that has been barren, bringing forth a nation that defied the greatest powers of the world. Each day they face neighbor who want to destroy them, desiring to wipe their presence off the map. These Nations of the World have not seen that there is

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One greater who holds these Jewish people in the palm of His hand.

There is an Old Testament account regarding Elijah and his servant being surrounded by many enemies. His servant feels the situation is hopeless but Elijah tells him to go out and look again. This time he sees the mighty armies of the Lord totally encircling them and protecting them (2 Kings 6:15-18).

The purpose of this booklet is to help remind the believers that God keeps His word and that the days of judgment are drawing close. Plus it is our hope that this booklet could be a witness to those who have not yet put their faith in Christ. We will look at some of the facts that can help them make a decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ, before it is too late. The clock is winding down and the hour of decision is at hand.

History, if studied, can be our greatest teacher for those desiring to see, hear and learn. So let us begin our journey by going back 6 to 7 thousand years to see what has been said about the times that we now face.

Covenants

Our first stop in dealing with the subject of the **End Times** is to take into consideration this whole area concerning covenants and promises of God. For thousands of years God has been making covenants and promises to mankind. The word covenant is used over 350 times throughout the Bible. Most of these covenants that have been made, both to the Jews and to the Gentiles, have

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attached to them the words “everlasting or eternal”. This means they have an effect on our present daily lives.

But before we go any further, let’s take a moment to define what covenant making means. The word covenant is defined as: *agreement, contract, treaty, promise or pledge*. It can be done between two or more parties or between groups of people or nations. Historically we see where covenants began in Genesis. We find in chapter 15 verse 12-21 a covenant being made to Abram. Because of Abram’s faith and obedience to God, God was now going to enter into an everlasting covenant with him. There needed to be preparation before the agreement could be committed. Animals would have to be slaughtered and arranged in such a way that both parties could walk between the parts. The idea was that one was making or cutting a covenant. Then at a certain time the two parties would walk between. The purpose was twofold – first, an animal had to be killed and their blood shed as a witness to the agreement. Second, the parties said to each other that if they did not keep the covenant they too would be cut into pieces.

Spiros Zodhiates in his Bible study notes say the following, *“It was a treaty, alliance of friendship, a pledge, or obligation between a monarch and his subject, a constitution. It was a contract which was accompanied by signs, sacrifices and a solemn oath which would seal the relationship with a promise of blessing for obedience and curse for the disobedient.”* Later we will look at the subject of communion and see these same elements being portrayed there.

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The covenant: with Noah (*not to destroy the world again by a flood*), Abraham (*out of Him would come many nations and would give them a land of their own, Genesis 15:1-21*), Isaac (*the covenant of Abraham flowing through Isaac, Genesis 26:2-5*), Jacob (*having a vision of heaven and his name being changed by God to Israel, Genesis 35:9-15*), Moses (*the people being called to God and a land, Deut. 5:1-4*), Joshua (*fulfilling the promise of God concerning a promise land*) and David (*from him an everlasting dynasty as Kings in Israel, Psalm 89:3-4*) are just some of many that are still in effect today and will have a great influence on the **End Time** events of our day and age. The idea of covenants is not popular today as we do not often like to enter into something so binding.

One place that we see the idea of covenant is in the marriage service. We do not often use the word “covenant” but the term “vow”. The couple would speak vows to each other in front of the pastor and audience and then move to the giving of rings to remind them of their commitment to each other. This covenant is to be binding until death.

Right from the beginning of creation God has been a God of love and desires a personal relationship with all mankind. We see this coming through in Deuteronomy 7:7-9 as a “Covenant of love”. This idea of giving flows throughout all of Scripture. God call us to join Him in a covenant of love. Those who choose not to will enter the fear and destruction that is about to come to the world at the **End Times**.

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Communion was also a time where Christ called the disciples to remember the covenant that had been made between Himself as God and them as His Disciple. The idea of communion was to be known as a love feast. Jesus, when He blesses and passes the cup to His disciples, tells that this cup now represents the "New Covenant" that He was about to enact with His body and blood, for them, on the cross (Matt. 26:26-30; 1 Cor. 11:23-34). Jesus told the disciples that He would not partake of this service again until He meets with us in paradise.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-10) is one of the final things to take place during the **End Times**. It brings together His Church as a bride to be presented to the Father as the one who was betrothed. The engagement period is over and the wedding will soon take place.

Many of the Hebrew covenants prophesied about the Jews and the Gentiles, are now being rapidly fulfilled in our present day. The Bible is a road map of what is going to happen in these last days. The covenants are another measuring stick showing how close the coming of Jesus Christ is. Most importantly, are we ready for the "trumpet sound" that will call the believers to Himself?

Prophets and Prophecy

Prophecy was an interesting part in the lives of the people who lived around Israel. There were both prophets sent by God as well as false prophets representing all kinds of other deities. One such example is the 400 prophets of Baal and how Elijah stood

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against them to demonstrate that there is only One true God that people are to worship.

God gave rules for the prophets to be governed by. The main rule was that if a prophet prophesied and it did not come to pass, he was to be taken out and stoned. Prophets were only to speak on behalf of God and not what they felt or how they may get blessed by what they said.

Many prophets spoke not knowing the times nor seasons when their words would be fulfilled. Their relationship with God was sure and steadfast, and they knew that God was showing them things that were to take place at a future time. Because of this they spoke with confidence and boldness, in spite of knowing that they might be persecuted or even be put to death.

Throughout the Bible there are at least four major kinds of prophecies given for the people as instruction of God's expectations. These words revealed what He was about to do both in their lives and in the lives of others in the future. They are as follow:

Prophecy about Israel

The prophecies concerning Israel are like a thread that weaves its way throughout the whole of the Bible. They spoke about the chosen people of God and the land that He has given to them. They show His plan of redemption for them. They also indicate that He will let other nation persecute them, because they have forsaken their first love. It is important to note that the more faithfully people walked with God and the more they did what He

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told them to do, the greater the blessing. But when the people's hearts became hard and far from God, they would undergo bondage and death. God is longsuffering and merciful, but when people chose to sin and forsake God they move out from under His protection.

Other related Scripture from Ezekiel: 8:3-4 shows that God will again dwell in Jerusalem, 9:9, the King is coming, 14:4, there will be a battle for Jerusalem, 14:9, God will be King over all.

Prophecy about the Messiah

These prophecies focus on a coming Messiah who would bring peace and establish a Kingdom of righteousness amongst His people. Much was foretold about where he would be born, what his name would be, how he would die and be raised from the dead. It was also foretold that He would come first as a suffering servant and would be a Lamb that would be sacrificed for the people. The Scriptures also speak about how He would come back a second time as King of Kings and Lord of Lords (see appendix 1).

Prophecy about the shepherd leaders of God's people

These prophecies were both positive and negative. There are leaders who walked in faith. They often had prophecy given to them about blessing. Those who turned their backs at God and his people had words that spoke of doom and punishment for many generations. Shepherds and teachers will be subject to a greater

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judgment as God holds the leaders responsible for what they say and do (James 3:1).

Prophecy about the Gentiles (Nations of the World)

These prophecies were given to the people who were not of the people of Israel, often known as the Gentiles. God wanted to show that He had a chosen people, but He also cared for all of His creation. From Abraham, to the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ, by the first Jewish missionaries, the Gentiles have also been on God's heart. Even now the Gentiles live in what was known as the age of Grace. Soon though, this time will come to a close and once again all mankind will be judged for what they have done while living here on earth.

Hebrew Old Testament Books of

Isaiah:

The name Isaiah means, "The Lord Saves". His ministry started in 740 BC the year that King Uzziah died. He was married and had two children. It was during his time that the Northern Tribes of Israel were captured (722-721 BC). Legend says that he was martyred by being sawn in half in 681 BC.

This book's theme is about God's judgment and salvation. The phrase "the Day of the Lord" is used very often throughout the book. It also titles God as the "Holy One of Israel" (12 times in chapters 1-39 and 14 times in chapters 40-66).

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Chapters 1-39 deal mostly with events during Isaiah's life-time. Chapters 40-66 deal with the Messiah and future events.

Other details of the book are:

1. The Nations will bring Israel home (5:26)
2. Birth of the Messiah (7:14)
3. Kings will descend from the line of David (9:6-7, 32:1)
4. Highway for the exiles to return on (11:16, 40:3)
5. Messiah Chief Corner Stone (28:16)
6. Messiah as Redeemer (41:14)
7. Light that will come to the Gentiles (42:6)
8. Gentiles become servants of the Lord (54:17)
9. Messiah's suffering and death (53)
10. Rebirth of Israel (66:8)

In summary, the book of Isaiah prophesies about the Lord's Kingdom on earth – with its righteous Ruler and His righteous subjects following in faith after Him. The beauty of the **End Time** teaching is that there will be a restored earth as well as a restored people.

Again remember that this book reveals to us that the Messiah would first come as the suffering servant who would become the Sacrificial Lamb and then in the final days He would come back as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. What a day of excitement that will be!

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Jeremiah

Jeremiah's prophetic ministry started around 626 BC till about 586. He was also a priest and was commanded by God not to marry or have children. He was known as the weeping prophet, yet was fearless in his service to God.

One of the main themes of Jeremiah was the judgment that God would pour out on His people and to all Nations. The people had left serving God in order to serve themselves and other false gods. They refused to repent – resulting in Jerusalem's and the Temple's destruction. They had become hard in their hearts and God allowed much hardship to come upon His people. There is nothing more challenging for a man of God as when he speaks and pleads with the people to change and they do not heed.

An interesting point on Jeremiah was that much of his prophetic ministry came through using different kinds of object lessons and personal examples. Through Jeremiah, God wanted to show the people a life of truth. Later, a band of Jews were exiled and forced Jeremiah to live in Egypt and it was there that he died.

The book of Jeremiah shows that there would be a day when mercy and covenant faithfulness would triumph over the bondage and wrath of Satan. The time would come for judgment to end and restoration to take place. Also, the nation that tried to crush Israel would be defeated and the Old Covenants would be honored. The house of David would once again rule over Israel. God was bringing them toward a time where the law would be

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written upon their hearts and there would be a New Covenant (31:31-34).

Ezekiel

Ezekiel's early years was spent as part of a group of people who were taken captive to Babylon in 597 BC. It was there where he spent the rest of his life, prophesying about things to come. He was in Babylon when the city of Jerusalem and the temple was destroyed in 586 BC. The time had come for God to punish His people because of His hatred of idolatry and sin, yet He never ceased to love them.

Ezekiel was of a priestly family and married. He also used much Divine symbolism to proclaim God's truth to the people. Chapters 1-24 prophecy that the city would fall and the temple of God destroyed. There was a pronouncement of a series of judgments on seven nations.

Most material from the book of Ezekiel either is quoted or alluded to in the book of Revelation with the exception of one chapter. He prophesied that a day was coming that God would build a new city (chapter 40-48) and that He would restore the land and the temple.

He preached often on God's sovereignty over all creation, people, nations and history. There are at least 65 occurrences of the clause, "then they will know, I am the Lord". This book gives us deep insights into the Last Days of the World and its people.

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Daniel

Daniel went to Babylon during the first deportation in 606 BC. He gained a reputation as one who could interpret dreams and riddles. The book of Daniel is mainly known for two stories. One is Daniel and the lion's den (6:16-24) and the second is about the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego 3:19-30).

The theme of the book is "The Most High God". Daniel, through his prayer life and supreme dedication to God is given a vision into the things to come. He even meets with the archangel Michael who tells that he took over 21 days to get to Daniel, because of great battles he fought (10:10-14). There are great wars going on in the spirit realm all around us.

If we take an overview of the book we can see that it breaks down into the following outline.

The destiny of the nations of the world (Ch. 2-7)

The destiny of the nation of Israel (Ch. 8-12)

1. Vision of Ram and a Goat (Ch. 8)
2. Vision of the 70 weeks (Ch 9)
3. Vision of Israel's future (Ch 10-12)
 - a. Revelation of things to come (10:1-3)
 - b. Revelation from the angelic messenger (10:4 – 11:1)
 - c. Prophecies concerning Persia and Greece (11:1-4)
 - d. Prophecies concerning Egypt and Syria (11:5-35)
 - e. Prophecies concerning antichrist (11:36-45)

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- f. Distress and deliverance (12:1)
- g. Two resurrections (12:4)

Daniel's heart was pure, focusing on God Most High. He had a burden for the people of Israel and God opened the windows of the spirit realm so that he could see both the present and the future. Many of Daniel's prophecies have been already fulfilled so we can trust that those which are connected to the End Times will soon also be fulfilled.

Jesus Christ

Jesus (who came as God / man) also prophesied what would happen in the last days. The Disciples of Christ need not be afraid but stand strong in faith in order to overcome. He would not give the exact date when the End Times would occur, but did give us many clues, telling us to be faithfully watching the times and the seasons.

In the book of Matthew "The Kingdom of Heaven" is the theme. Jesus wants the people to know that they need to prepare themselves for those things which are about to come. Our battles are not with flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in the spirit realm. The trumpet will soon sound and at anytime we must be ready for His soon coming return.

Much of Jesus' teaching about the End Times came through parables. A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. For us to understand we must ask the Holy Spirit to teach us, so that we may have understanding about how these teachings affect us today.

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Parables concerning End Times

Tares

Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

In this parable, the field is the world, the grain is the people of God and the tares are the people. They are all allowed to grow side by side until harvest time, when the reapers gather the tares and burn them. The wheat is collected and gathered into the storehouse. The question is for us is – which kind are we, the one that is harvested or the one that is burned?

Wedding feast

Matt 22:2-14

This parable is about a wedding where all the people are asked to come. Again there are two kinds of people. Over and over again the King sent out people to invite others to come to his son's wedding, but they do not come. Therefore, he sent forth his armies and destroyed their cities and the people who lived in them. And so a call goes forth a second time, telling the people of the highways and byways to come. This time some people come, but some did not have on a wedding garment. These then were taken out from the wedding and thrown into outer darkness. The analogy is asking – are you one who has on a wedding garment and will be blessed to remain at the wedding or are you the one who will be cast into outer darkness forever?

Fig tree

Matt 24:32-35

This parable foreshadowed the second coming of Christ. We will not know the day when He will come, but we can know the seasons when it is close. We need to look for signs that are

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taking place around us, being always ready for His appearance. We need to keep an eye on world events (especially Israel) and compare them to the teaching of the Bible.

Ten Virgins

Matt 25:1-13

This parable is about five foolish and five prepared virgins. The bridegroom came for those who had prepared (the wise virgins) and they entered into the wedding celebration. The key in this parable is to be ready. Although we do not know the exact time, if we have prepared we will spend eternity with Him. Those who are foolish will be cast away from His presence for all eternity. We are challenged to make a choice in these **End Times**. It is up to us to be wise or foolish.

The Talents

Matt. 25:14-30

Here Jesus teaches about three men were entrusted with a certain amount of money. The master went away and they did not know the time of His return. When He did come back, He took an account of all that they had done. Two were wise; they invested the Lord's money. The third was foolish and hid his. The master rewarded the two for how they had invested but with the third He condemned him, took away what he had and cast him out into outer darkness. The key here is that God gives us gifts, talents and possessions to use. All we have, He has given to us and it is important that we be wise stewards. The truth that is being taught here is that during the **End Times** Christ will judge us for what He entrusted us with. If we show no fruit we too will be cast out for all

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eternity from the presence of the Lord. We have a choice, invest our lives for Christ or hide our beliefs.

Sheep and the Goats

Matt 25:31-46

In the last days there will be a time of Judgment for all people, both the disciple of Christ and the people of the world. The parable says that there are two kinds of people – one being sheep and the other goats. On the “Day of Judgment” we will be brought before the Lord and will be separated into two groups. The sheep will enter the Kingdom of God and the other will be cast out into the place of eternal fire.

Both groups knew about Christ, but one had received Him into their lives as Lord and Savior, while the other had more of a religion than faith. They believed they did all kinds of things for Christ but as they are judged Jesus said, “I know you not.” Again we have a choice to confess our sin, die to self and become a true follower of Christ or choose to live on this earth fulfilling our own earthly desires.

These parables show that there are two kinds of people but only one that will spend an eternity with Christ in heaven. We must be ready because in the **End Times** we will not have that time to make a commitment of faith to Jesus Christ. We should not wait for another hour or day because when you least expect the trumpet will sound and time will be no more (1 Corinthians 15:50-57) . We must be like Daniel and King David, coming to God and confessing our sins. As Romans 10:9-10 says we must confess, believe and invite Christ into our hearts as our Lord and Savior.

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The **End Times** are near, do not wait (See Appendix 2, salvation prayer).

Christ gave many more teachings concerning the End Times.

Take time to study these passages and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand the truths that they teach concerning the **End Times**.

Signs of Christ's Return	Matthew 24:1-14
Perilous Times	Matthew 24:15-28
Be ready for His Coming	Matthew 24:42-51
Heaven	John 14:1-6

Apostles, Peter, John, Jude and Paul

These books shed light about what will take place in the End Times. The disciple of Christ should take some time to look up these references and see what they say to us. We must take time to understand the Word of God so we can be ready for His return. The choice is up to us.

Romans	14:10	Judgment Seat
1 Corinthians	3:10-15	Judgment Seat
1 Corinthians	12:1-4	Paradise
1 Corinthians	15:51-53	Twinkling of an eye
2 Corinthians	5:10	Judgment Seat
Ephesians	4:8-10	Paradise
Colossians	3:4	Revealed with Him
1 Thessalonians	4:16-17	Rapture

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2 Thessalonians	2:3-8	The man of sin, son of Perdition, the wicked one
1 Timothy	4:1-3	Seducing spirits
2 Timothy	2:8-13	Living in Christ
Hebrews	1:2	Last Days
Hebrews	11:14-16	Priesthood of the King
2 Peter	1:20-21	Prophecy and Scripture
2 Peter	2:1-2	False teachers
2 Peter	3:7-13	New heaven & earth
1 John	2:18	Anti-Christ
Jude	1:5-16	False teachers and shepherds

Book of Revelation

The book of Revelation was written around 95 AD. It was penned by John who was an apostle and the son of Zebedee (Matt. 10:2). During the time of writing, John had been exiled to the island of Patmos for his activities as a Christian missionary.

The purpose of John's writing was to encourage the faithful to keep trusting and moving forward through hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. He wanted to show the believers that the final battle between God and Satan was soon to come and they must stand fast even unto death. Soon Christ would return for His church and would establish His Kingdom on earth and in heaven.

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One of the distinctive features of the book is the use of the number seven. It is used 52 times. In Hebrew, the number seven stands for completeness. Here is a brief overview of how the number is used.

- ❖ seven beatitudes
- ❖ seven churches
- ❖ seven spirits
- ❖ seven golden lampstands
- ❖ seven stars
- ❖ seven seals
- ❖ seven horns and eyes
- ❖ seven trumpets
- ❖ seven thunders
- ❖ seven signs
- ❖ seven crowns
- ❖ seven plagues
- ❖ seven golden bowls
- ❖ seven hills
- ❖ seven kings

These are just some examples. There are many more throughout the book of Revelation.

Another distinction is the title ‘LAMB’ that is used to represent Jesus (written 24 times). It is a reminder to the reader that Jesus was sacrificed for the atonement of many. He did this for each of us on the cross of Calvary, outside the city of Jerusalem.

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One other key thought that weaves its way through the book is the question of whom you will worship. From the beginning of time Satan has been trying to get mankind to bow down and worship him. Paul tells the disciples that we are in a battle, not of flesh and blood, but spiritual (Ephesians 6:12-13). We can either worship the Creator in whose image we were made or worship Satan (another created being), who is full of lies, destruction and death. We all face eternity – we need to choose with whom we will spend it.

Nation of Israel today and in the future:

- Jewish people persecuted around the world since AD 70 when the temple was destroyed and the people were scattered.
- Population 1919, 100,000 people
- 1939—1945 6 million Jews killed in Germany, Poland and other countries
- Israel becomes a nation, May 14, 1948
- Population 1948, 780,000 people
- 6 Day War 1967
 - Jerusalem becomes one united city
- 1995 Rabin assassinated
- Valley of dry bones, people begin to return (Ez. 37:1-14)
- European Union created

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- Population in 2008, 2,018,000 people
- Great Tribulation
- New Temple to be Built (4) on the Temple Mount
- Anti-Christ comes
- 144 thousand Jews, preach Christ (Rev. 7:1-8)
- Armageddon
 - Bear, Russia
 - China, 200 million soldiers
- Second coming of Christ
- Judgment of Jews
- Millennium, 1000 year reign
 - throne of David restored
 - 12 tribes, head of the nations
- New Heaven and Earth

Coming last days 2010 and Beyond

When one looks at this topic of the **End Time**, it is important both to study, pray and be aware of what going on in the world around us. There will be more prophecies to be fulfilled in these Last Days concerning the Jews and the Gentiles.

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- There will be more wars.
- There will be more natural destruction like floods, storms and earthquakes.
- There will be call for peace at all cost.
- There will be a desire to have a one world government with one kind of currency.
- There will be a push to mark all people in order to buy or sell (the mark of the beast, 666).
- There will arise all kinds of false teachers and religions.
- There will be all kinds of people claiming that they are the Christ (Antichrists).
- There will be people who will want to divide the Land of Israel.
- There will be preparation and building of the new temple in Jerusalem.
- Many people will start dying worldwide from starvation, plagues and diseases.
- Most of the world will desire peace over anything else.

These are just a few things that Bible calls “signs” that we must be aware of. As we begin to see these things happen we need to be prepared because the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is very soon. We are now standing at the door of the End Times.

Conclusion

In studying the subject of the **End Times** there are at least two key things that one should keep in mind. The first is the events that are taking place in the land of Israel. Begin to understand things like land negotiations, what other countries are proposing to

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do to Israel and what are other countries are preparing to do concerning economies.

The second thing, one should do is begin to get a better understanding of the Bible and what it teaches concerning the End Times. Do not rely on what others say but search the Scriptures and pray that God will reveal the truths that will help you to prepare.

The key is to walk a life of faith in Jesus Christ. To prepare your heart and daily ask Christ to fill you with His Holy Spirit who will comfort and teach you in all things. A believer does not need to fear because our hope is not in the things of this world but are built on the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

My prayer is that you will make John 14:6 your motto for each day of your life. Make Jesus the way you walk, the truth you follow and live a life that brings honor to Chris Jesus.

Jesus said unto him, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me." John 14:6

Remember

Your name must be found written in "Book of Life."

Revelation 20:12,15

"And saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according

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to their deeds ... And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life he was thrown into the lake of fire".

Appendix 1: Prophecy Chart

"The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him." Romans 15:12, Isaiah 11. Old and New Testament are tied together. The Old Testament is the foundation to the New.

A. GENERAL PROPHECIES CONCERNING JESUS

Prophecies	Fulfillment
1. Gen. 3:15 Would be the "Offspring of a Woman" ...	Gal. 4:4
2. Gen. 18:18 Promised Offspring of Abraham ...	Acts 3:25
3. Gen. 17:19 Promised Offspring of Isaac ...	Matt. 1:2
4. Num. 24:17 Promised Offspring of Jacob ...	Luke 3:34
5. Gen. 49:10 Will descend from the tribe of Judah ...	Luke 3:33
6. Is. 9:7 The heir to the throne of David ...	Matt. 1:1
7. Micah 5:2 Place of birth ...	Matt. 2:1
8. Dan. 9:25 Time of birth ...	Luke 2:1-2
9. Is. 7:14 Born of a virgin ...	Matt. 1:18
10. Jer. 31:15 Slaughter of infants ...	Matt. 2:16

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11. Hos. 11:1 Escape into Egypt ...	Matt. 2:14
12. Is. 9:1-2 Ministry in Galilee ...	Matt. 4:12-16
13. Deut. 18:15 As a Prophet ...	John 6:14
14. Ps. 110:4 As a Priest, like Melchizedek ...	Heb. 6:20
15. Is. 53:3 His rejection by Jews ...	John 1:1 1
16. Is. 11:2 Some of His characteristics ...	Luke 2:52
17. Zech. 9:9 His triumphal entry ...	John 12:13-14
18. Ps. 41:9 Betrayed by a friend ...	Mark 14:10
19. Zec. 11:12 Sold for thirty pieces of silver ...	Matt. 26:15
20. Zec. 11:13 Money to be returned for a potter's field	Matt. 27:6
21. Ps. 109:7-8 Judas's position, taken by another ..	Acts 1:18-20
22. Ps. 27:12 False witnesses accuse Him ...	Matt. 26:60-23
23. Is. 53:7 Silenced when accused ...	Matt. 26:62-63
24. Is. 50:6 Struck and spit on ...	Mark 14:65
25. Ps. 69:4 Hated without cause ...	John 15:23-25
26. Is. 53:4-5 Suffered vicariously ...	Matt. 8:16-17
27. Is. 53:12 Crucified with sinners ...	Matt. 27:38
28. Ps. 22:16 Hands and feet pierced ...	John 20:27

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| 29. Ps. 22:6-8 Mocked and insulted ... | Matt.27:39-40 |
| 30. Ps. 69:21 Given gall and vinegar ... | John 19:29 |
| 31. Ps. 22:8 Prophetic words repeated in mockery | Matt. 27:43 |
| 32. Ps. 109:4 He prays for His enemies ... | Luke 23:34 |
| 33. Zec. 12:10 His side to be pierced ... | John 19:34 |
| 34. Ps. 22:18 Soldiers cast lots for His clothes ... | Matt. 15:24 |
| 35. Ps. 34:20 Not a bone to be broken ... | John 19:37 |
| 36. Is. 53:9 To be buried with the rich... | Matt. 27:57-60 |
| 37. Ps. 68:18 His ascension... | Luke 24:50-55 |

B. ISAIAH'S PORTRAITS OF CHRIST

1. HISTORY OF CHRIST

- | | |
|--------------|------|
| a. Birth | 7:14 |
| b. Family | 11:1 |
| c. Anointing | 11:2 |

2. MISSION OF CHRIST

- | | |
|------------------|------|
| a. Illuminator | 9:2 |
| b. Judge | 11:3 |
| c. Reprover | 11:4 |
| d. Law-giver | 42:4 |
| e. Liberator | 42:7 |
| f. Burden-bearer | 53:4 |

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- g. Suffering Savior 53:5
- h. Sin-bearer 53:6
- i. Intercessor 53:12

3. TITLES OF CHRIST

- a. Immanuel 7:14
- b. Mighty God 9:6
- c. Everlasting Father 9:6
- d. Prince of Peace 9:6
- e. Righteous King 32:1
- f. Divine Servant 42:1
- g. Arm of the Lord 53:1
- h. Anointed Preacher 61:1
- i. Mighty Savior 63:1

4. CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST

- a. Radiance 9:2, 42:6
- b. Wisdom 1:2
- c. Spiritual Discernment 11:3
- d. Righteousness 11:5
- e. Silence 42:2, 53:7
- f. Gentleness 42:3
- g. Perseverance 42:4
- h. Vicarious Suffering 52:14, 53:10
- i. Compassion 53:4
- j. Meekness 53:7
- k. Sinlessness 53:9
- l. Saving Power 53:11
- m. Greatness 53:12

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C. ISAIAH: PICTURE OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT

THE PROPHECY

He will be exalted (52:13)

He will be disfigured by suffering (52:14; 53:2)

He will be widely rejected (53:1,3)

He will bear our sins and sorrows (53:4)

He will make a blood atonement (53:5)

He will be our substitute (53:6,8)

He will voluntarily accept our guilt & punishment (53:7)

He will be buried in a rich man's tomb (53:9)

He will justify many from their sin (53:10,11)

He will die with transgressors (53:12)

THE FULFILMENT

Phil. 2:9

Mark 15:17, 19

John 12:37, 38

Rom. 4:25,

1 Pet. 2:24, 25

Rom. 3:25

2 Cor. 5:21

John 10:11

John 19:38-42

Rom. 5:15-19

Mark 15:27, 28

Luke 22:37

Conclusion:

We see then that prophecy in Scripture is both dependable and reliable to the believer as landmarks of meetings with God. The passages that foretold the events leading up to the coming (for the first time) of Jesus the Messiah were found to be accurate. The reliability of God's word is substantiated through the fulfillment of prophecy. God can be trusted to be consistent to His word, He holds himself to His own integrity.

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Appendix 2: Salvation Prayer

(a) Relationship Prayer

Dear Jesus,

I confess that I am a sinner; having gone my own way and that I need You as my Lord and Savior. I believe that You paid the price for my sins when You died on the cross and shed Your blood for me, so that I might have eternal life. I am ready, willing to turn from my sin and return to You. I now invite You into my heart and surrender the control and direction of my life entirely to You. Help me to be a true disciple to you and to others. Thank you for taking my punishment and providing for me a way of escape from eternal death to everlasting life. Thank you for coming into my heart so that I can now have a close, personal relationship with You.

Amen

(b) Relationship Commitment Certificate

My Confession:

I have confessed my sinfulness to God, turned from my sin and believe that Christ has forgiven me.

My Acceptance:

I now receive the living Christ into my life as Lord and Savior.

My Commitment:

I surrender the right of my life to Jesus Christ. Jesus is my Lord.

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Date of surrender to Christ: _____

Signature: _____

Witnessed by: _____

Welcome Home:

Welcome into the family of Christ. Today is the first day of the rest of your life! You are now part of a worldwide family!

You no longer need to be empty or alone, no matter the circumstances or the trials that you may find yourself in. You now have a companion that sticks closer than a brother. He is with you 24 hours a day. All you have to do is call upon His name and share your heart openly with Him. He not only hears, but desires to communicate with you as a friend would.

Remember He will never leave you or forsake you. If you stumble or fall, just ask Jesus Christ to help you up again.

Discipleship is relationship and relationship is a walk of discipleship in Jesus Christ. The two must go hand in hand if we are to have that personal, intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

You have taken the first step. Christ will walk and fill you with the Holy Spirit for the rest of your journey and you will reign with Him for all eternity.

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Appendix 3

2011 to 2012 Observations:

- ❖ All banking cards are now coming with an imbedded chip paving the way for an embedded personal chip for humans.
- ❖ The rise of Germany again as a leader and influencers over the European union.
- ❖ The world population rising to over seven billion.
- ❖ Tecknowledgegy, were most electronics are embedded with the ability to be tracked by law enforcement and governments.
- ❖ Cloning and stem cell tecknowledgegy
- ❖ Reporting of events at the moment that they are occurring.
- ❖ The storing of information in what is known as Sky Cloud.
- ❖ Countries coming into greater debt and internal chaos.
- ❖ The greater cooperation of various world religions.
- ❖ The destruction and the watering down of the Bible.
- ❖ The new power of computers and social media worldwide.

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Appendix 4

End Times Charts:

Daniel :

Ezekiel:

Revelation:

Dispensations and Covenants:

Israel Time Line:

Dispensations and Covenants



Creation:
7 days - 24 hour days

Adam & Eve

Adam and Eve walk with God
Tree of Life and of Good and Evil
Temptation and fall of mankind
Man and women cursed / sin nature
Adam & Eve driven from the Garden

Patriarchs

Noah, World Flood Gen. 7:1-24
Tower of Babel
Abram to Abraham, Covenants
Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah Gen. 18:1-19:38
Offering of Isaac, Gen. 22:1-24
Jacob and 12 sons, Gen. 29 to 50

Israel Promise Land

12 Tribes in Egypt
Moses call at fiery Bush
Plagues and Passover
Crossing Red Sea
God gives 10 Commandments
Moses, Tabernacle Built
Joshua cross into Promise Land

Prophets

Samuel, Kings, / Psalms and Proverbs
Jerusalem, David's Capital City
Temple built / Solomon
Isaiah and Jeremiah
Daniel and Ezekiel
Minor Prophets
Divided Kingdom

Gospels: Testimonies of the Messiah, Jesus Christ

Birth of Christ
Life and teachings of Christ
Death of Christ, Atonement
Resurrection of Christ
Ascension of Christ

The Four Gospels:

1. Gospel of the Kingdom
Matt. 24:14
2. Gospel of the "grace of God"
Acts 20:24
3. Glorious Gospel
II Cor. 4:4; I Tim. 1:11
4. Everlasting Gospel
Rev. 14:6

Dispensations and Covenants - Part 2

Church: Age of Grace

Coming of Holy Spirit, Fruit and Gifts
Church birthed forth, Acts
Books of the N.T. written
Church Fathers / New Testament compiled
Ingathering of the Gentiles
Church Division / many denominations and cults
European Union / One World Government

Ascension of Christ
Coming of the Holy Spirit
Priesthood of Christ
Heb. 4:14-16

Great Tribulation - 7 Year Period

Anti-Christ John 5:43
Marriage Supper of the Lamb Rev. 19:7-9
144,000 seal Rev. 7:1-8
The Sacrificial Alter
Armageddon Rev. 19:11-21
Christ return to Mount of Olives Zech. 14:4

Trumpet blast as Christ comes
for His Church
Christ meeting His Church
Rapture of the Church
1 Thess. 4:16-17
Judgement Seat of Christ
Rom. 14:10

Millennium - 1000 Year Reign, II Peter 3:8

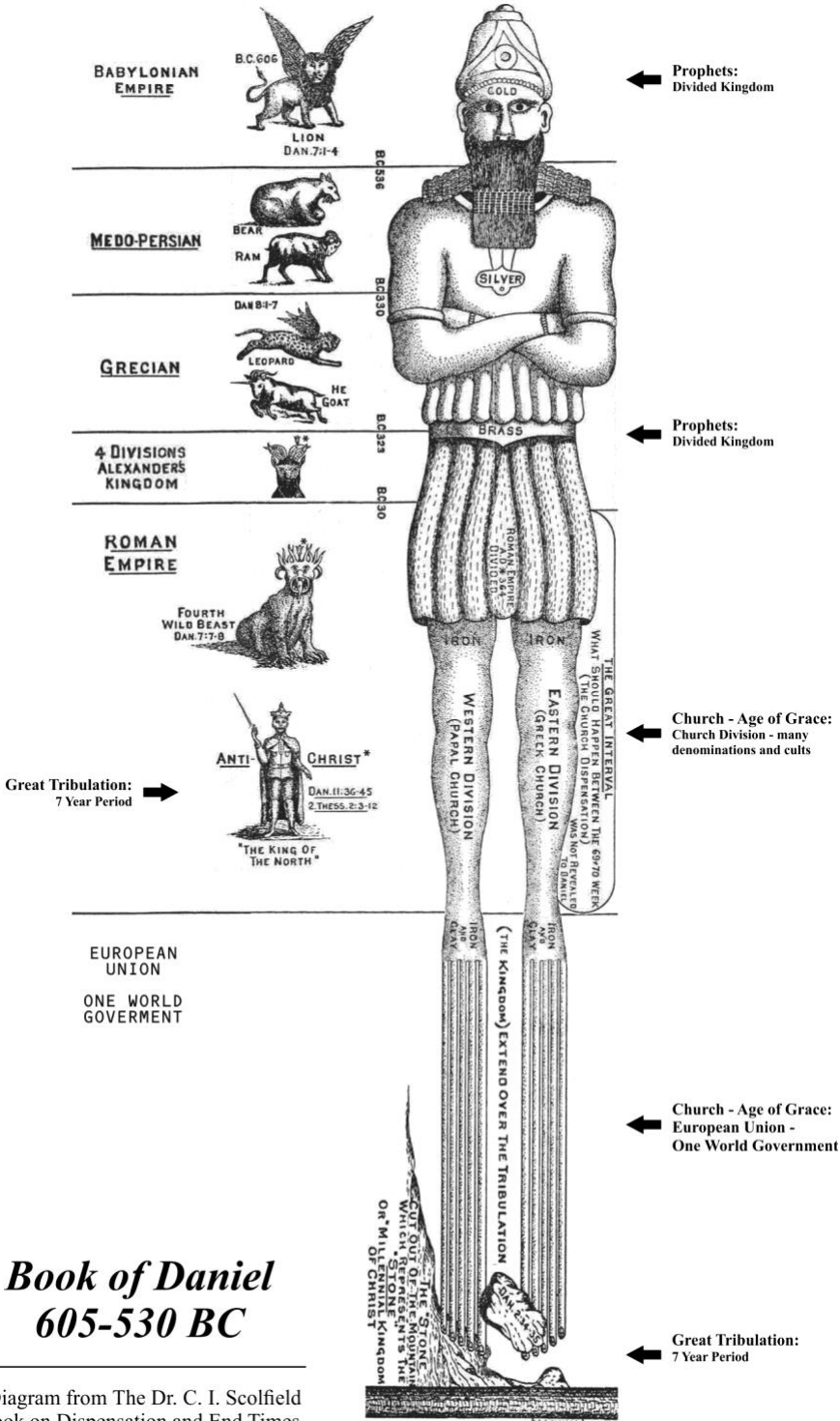
New River
New Land
New City
Throne of David, restored
12 tribes of Israel, leaders reign

The Marriage Feast
Second Coming of Christ

New Heaven & Earth

New Heaven Rev. 21:1
New Jerusalem Rev. 21:2
Eternal life / sorrow and pain gone Rev. 21:4
Glory of God will illuminate everything Rev. 21:23
Seeing God, face to face Rev. 22:4

Great White Throne of
Judgement
Rev. 20:11-15
Sheep and Goats
Abyss - Bottomless Pit
The Lake of Fire / Hell
Book of Life Opened

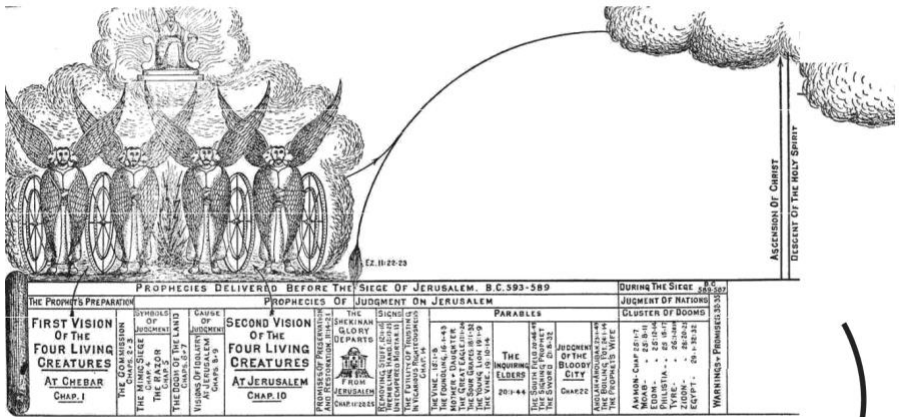


Book of Daniel
605-530 BC

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Book of Ezekiel - 593-571 BC

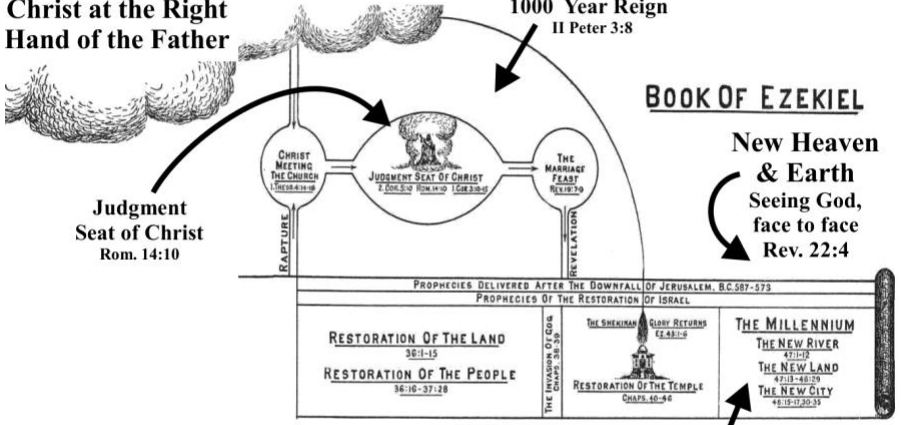
Christ at the Right Hand of the Father



The vision of Ezekiel does not say anything about the present Age of Grace. I Peter 1:6-12 Ephesians 3:1-11

Christ at the Right Hand of the Father

Millennium 1000 Year Reign II Peter 3:8



BOOK OF EZEKIEL

New Heaven & Earth Seeing God, face to face Rev. 22:4

12 tribes of Israel, leaders reign

*Diagram from The Dr. C. I. Scofield Book on Dispensation and End Times

Book of Revelation

The Seven Candle Sticks

Rev. 1:9-20

- Son of Man
- Held seven stars and a two edged sword
- Keys of death and of Hades
- The seven angels of the seven churches

The Seven Churches

Rev. 2-3

- Ephesus
- Smyrna
- Pergamum
- Thyatira
- Sardis
- Philadelphia
- Laodicea

GREAT TRIBULATION BEGINS

The Seven Seals

Rev. 6:1-8:5

- White horse
- Red Horse
- Black Horse
- Pale Horse
- Souls under the altar
- Physical changes
- Silence

The Seven Trumpets

Rev. 8:7-11:19

- Hail fire
- Burning Mountains
- Star/ wormwood
- Sun smitten
- Plague of locusts
- Plagues of horsemen
- Little book - two horsemen

The Seven Personages

Rev. 12:1-13:18

- The women
- Dragon
- Beast / 666
- False Prophets
- Beast out of sea
- Beast out of earth
- Male child
- Angel Michael

- 144,000
- 3 Angel Messengers
- Rev. 14:1-20

The Seven Vials

Rev. 15:1-16:21

- Boils
- Blood Sea
- Blood Rivers
- Great Heat
- Darkness
- Euphrates dried up
- Hail

The Seven Dooms

Rev. 17:1-20:15

- Seven bowls
- Babylon the Great
- Beast and false prophets cast into lake of fire
- Satan bound and the loosed
- Judgment at the throne of God

Battle of Armageddon

Rev. 14:1-20

- Europe
- Russia
- Asia

GREAT TRIBULATION ENDS

- Satan bound for 1000 year period - Rev. 20:1-3
- Satan loosed - Rev. 20:7-9
- Satan's last revolt
- Battle of Gog and Magog - Rev. 20:7-9

Judgement - Great White Throne

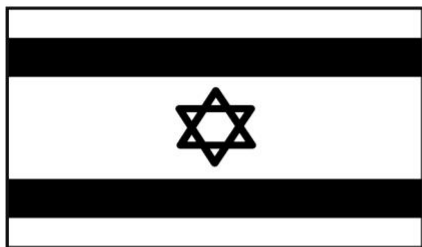
Rev. 20:11-15

Seven New Things

Rev. 21-22

- Earth
- Heaven
- City, Jerusalem
- Bride
- Light
- River / tree
- Robes

Time Line of Israel



- Adam and Eve
- Seth
- Enoch
- Methuselah
- Lamech
- Noah
- Shem, Ham, Japheth
- Flood Covenant
- Abram to Abraham
- Abrahamic Covenants
- Isaac
- Jacob to Israel
 - 12 sons
 - Joseph in Egypt
 - 12 sons move to Egypt
- Moses is called
 - plagues
 - Passover Ex 12:1-51
 - crossing the Red Sea Ex. 14:1-3
 - Ten Commandments
 - Tabernacle
- Books of the Law (first 5 books of the Hebrew Scriptures, Pentateuch)
- Joshua
 - entering the promise land
 - land divided out to the 12 tribes
- Judges (13)
- Kings
 - Saul, first king
 - David - Jerusalem capital of Israel
 - Solomon - * building of the Temple (1)
- Divided Kingdom 975 BC
 - 10 tribes carried off to Assyria - II Kings 17
 - two tribes left: Judah & Benjamin - Jer. 25:11; 39:1-10
- Babylonian captivity 606—536 BC
 - Daniel
 - Ezekiel
- Ezra rebuilds the second Temple (2)
- Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem
- Minor prophets
- 400 silent years, between OT and NT
- Herod the Great Temple (3rd one) BC
- Christ's birth - 3 AD
- Christ's death on cross - 36 AD
- Jerusalem and Temple destroyed - 70 AD
- Jews scattered to the nations - Deut. 4:21-31
- New Testament Books written
- Jewish people persecuted around the world
- Population 1919, 100,000
- 1939-1945 6 million Jews killed in Germany
- Israel becomes a nation, May 14, 1948
- Population 1948, 780,000
- 6 Day War 1976
 - Jerusalem becomes one united city
- 1995 Rabin assassinated
- Valley of dry bones, people begin to return
 - Ez. 37:1-14
- European Union
- Population 2008, 2,018,000
- Great Tribulation
- New Temple Built (4)
 - on Temple mount
- Anti-Christ comes
- 144 thousand Jews, preach Christ - Rev. 7:1-8
- Armageddon
 - Bear, Russia
 - China, 200 million soldiers
- Second coming of Christ
- Judgment of Jews
- Millennium, 1000 year reign
 - throne of David restored
 - 12 tribes head of the nations
- New Heaven and Earth

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Making disciples is the call and mandate of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus urged the disciples to follow Him. He laid down before us the teaching and the walk that we need to follow with Jesus as our supreme example. It is imperative for every believer and the church to know that disciples are not born but they are made. For the church to be strong in the last days, we must be about the business of equipping the saints (disciples) for the work of service.

Dr. James Humphries has been ministering for over 40 years, and has experience in a variety of ministries including church planting, children's ministry, street ministry, youth ministry, camp ministry, pastoral work and directing and teaching in schools all over the world. In addition, he has taken part in traveling and ministering in the USA, Mexico, Ukraine, Myanmar, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Thailand and across most of Canada. He completed his B.R.E. and his M.A. from Briercrest, and his Doctorate of Ministry from Providence Theological Seminary in the spring of 1999.

In January 1996, Dr. James Humphries resigned as pastor of a local church with a vision to reach further abroad with the Word of God and to use it to train labourers for Christ (Matthew 9:36-38). He shared this with Dr. David Smith and Dr. Chuck Nichols of Providence Theological Seminary and they greatly encouraged Dr. James Humphries and his wife Irene to develop what God was laying on their hearts.

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In March 1997, they traveled to Jamaica where they met several pastors who were very concerned about the need for training and disciplining their young people as leaders in their churches. Dr. James Humphries and Irene did not know this would be the starting point to an international ministry of discipleship training around the world known as Project L.A.M.B.S. International.

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In 2002 it was discovered that Irene had cancer again. God gave Irene another three years and because of that she was still able to travel and teach in many different countries. Shortly after what was to be her last trip, Irene was hospitalized in February, 2005. A few weeks later she went home to be with her Lord and Saviour on March 9.

My second wife Hkaw Win was raised and trained mostly in the land of Myanmar. She has earned B.th, University Degree and a master of Divinity Degree in Myanmar. In April 2007 she finished a second Master's Degree at Providence Theological

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Seminary in Christian Education. After July 1st, 2007 she headed back to Myanmar to head up the Christian Education Department for the Myitkyina Kachin Baptist Association and oversaw various ministries to 62 churches. After her four-year term was completed, she has been traveling and working as an interpreter and doing translations concerning various kinds of discipleship books and materials.

Over the last ten years we have lived in the countries of Myanmar and Thailand preparing a variety of resources in the Burmese (Myanmar) and Kachin Languages. To date we have published over 20 different kinds of books. Our goal is to equip and establish people as Disciples of Christ. Please pray for God's leading and wisdom. Our walk with Christ has taken us down many challenging pathways but we have seen the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior in every area. His grace has been sufficient.

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