

Schedule of End Times

Acts 1:6-11

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, **behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;**

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, **why stand ye gazing up into heaven?** this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

I. **Church Age** (Rev. 1-3)

- **Church at Ephesus = Church that left their first love**
- **Church at Smyrna = Persecuted church**
- **Church at Pergamos = Liberal Church**
- **Church at Thyatira = Non repentant church**
- **Church at Sardis = Dead Church**
- **Church at Philadelphia = Open door church**
- **Church at Laodicea = lukewarm church**

– **Jesus Explanation of the church age**

A. **Antichrists** (Matthew 24:4-5)

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; **and shall deceive many.**

B. **Wars and rumors of wars** (Matthew 24:6)

6 And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye **be not troubled**: for all these things **must come to pass**, but **the end is not yet**.

C. **Famines earthquakes pestilence** (Matthew 24:7-8)

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: **and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.**

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

D. The Church will be Hated for Jesus' sake (Matthew 24:9-11)

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Jews and Christians alike)**

10 And then shall **many be offended**, and shall **betray one another**, and shall **hate one another**.

11 And many **false prophets shall rise**, and shall deceive many.

E. Sin abounds love is cold (abortion and euthanasia) (Matthew 24:12-14)

12 And because **iniquity shall abound**, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But **he that shall endure (to stay behind) unto the end (the goal)**, the same shall be saved (**delivered**).

14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS**; and then shall the end come.

II. Rapture – ending of the church age (Revelation 4:1)

Christ's pre-millennial second coming (by which we mean the pre- tribulation rapture position, or the imminent (W1828 - impending or near) return of Christ.

Revelation 4:1

1 **After this** I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first **voice** which I heard *was* as it were of **a trumpet** talking with me; which said, **Come up hither**, and I will shew thee things which must be **hereafter**.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

III. Tribulation (Rev. 5-19)

A. Attack on the Jews (Matthew 24:15-24)

The Tribulation (Matthew 24:15)

15 When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18

Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

B. Last 3 ½ years Great tribulation

Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-26)

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for **the elect's sake** those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall **shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

- Marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:11-21)

- Judgment Seat of Christ (Revelation) Only rewarded for works done for God

Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the **judgment seat of Christ**.

II Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

IV. Second coming of Christ {Battle of Armageddon} (Rev. 19:11-21)

V. Devil is bound (Rev. 20:1-3)

VI. Millennium begins 1000 years without sin (Rev 20:4-6)

VII. Devil released for a short season & leads a rebellion (Rev. 20:7-9)

VIII. Devil is cast into torment forever (Rev. 20:10)

IX. Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15)

X. New Heaven & New Earth (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Jesus' explanation of when

When Dad says so

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Genesis 6:1-8

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. (people did whatever they wanted - No Rules)

3 And the LORD said, **My spirit shall not always strive with man**, for that he also is flesh: yet **his days shall be an hundred and twenty years**.

4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, **when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown**.

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination(**conception - the beginning of his thoughts were evil**) of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented(**was a grief**) the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, **I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth**; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD.

The Rapture is the starting event

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Luke 17:34-37

34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever **the body is**, thither will the eagles(**vultures**) be gathered together.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

What to learn from our current situation

I. The end times are here

II. We can't stop them so don't try

III. We can be excited because these times are proving the Bible to be right

"SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS"

JEWS RETURNING TO PALESTINE (1948)

JER 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: (KJV)

MEN RUNNING TO & FRO: & KNOWLEDGE INCREASED:

DAN 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (KJV)

UNEMPLOYMENT:

ZECH 8:10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. (KJV)

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS:

MATT 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (KJV)

NATION AGAINST NATION & EARTHQUAKES:

MATT 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (KJV)

FALSE PREACHERS:

MATT 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

AS IN NOAH'S DAY:

MATT 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (KJV)

EATING AND DRINKING:

MATT 24:46-49 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.... But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;And shall begin to smite his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

GOSPEL PREACHED TO WORLD:

MARK 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

PROMISE OF PEACE:

1TH 5:1-3 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

FALLING AWAY FROM THE FAITH:

1TI 4:1-2 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to Seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE:

1TI 4:2-3 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving them which believe and know the truth.

PERILOUS TIMES:

2TI 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS:

2TI 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

EVIL MEN WAX WORSE:

2TI 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (KJV)

LOVERS OF PLEASURE:

2TI 3:4-5 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

HEAPING UP TREASURES:

JAMES 5:3-6 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

SCOFFERS:

2PET 3:3-4 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

MEN WALKING IN LUST:

JUDE 1:16-18 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

1. We Believe that the rapture occurs after the Millennium

The church is not mentioned after Revelations chapter 3

The 24 elders have their crowns.

After John is called up into heaven, he sees the 24 elders with their crowns

Rev. 4:4

And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and **they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

We know that Christians will receive their rewards (crowns) at the rapture

2 Tim. 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

THE ELDERS COULDN'T RECEIVE THEIR CROWNS UNLESS THE RESURRECTION (RAPTURE) HAS TAKEN PLACE.

Holy ones are already with Jesus in heaven (Zech. 14:5, Rev. 19:14)

The armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, follow Jesus out of heaven at His second coming

Zechariah 14:1-7

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Revelation 19:14

And the **armies *which were* in heaven followed him** upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen**, white and clean.

Zechariah 14:5

And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, ***and* all the saints with thee.**

Colossians 3:4

When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, **then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

Are these Angels?

These are not angels because

Revelation 19:8

And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen**, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

TELLS US THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS. IN ORDER TO COME OUT OF HEAVEN WE FIRST HAVE TO GO IN, INDICATING A PREVIOUS RAPTURE.