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Blessing to all and your love ones. Much has been going on throughout the world these past few months referring to Russia invasion of Ukraine. Maybe some of you are concerned that the end time is right around the corner. In Mark13:7-8, Jesus said

***7*** *“When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.”* ***8*** *Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.*

Yes, today there has been happening all these things as Jesus mentioned but His words say “*Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.”* And “*These are the beginning of birth pains.”*  As believers in Christ, we should be concern but most of all be ready for these events to happen whether it comes in our life time or not.

In years pass as a new believer, I was drawn into end time prophecy’s as to when Jesus was returning and what was leading to His return and the aftermath. At that time, it was all about taking hand written notes, yes, before the home computer was affordable to have one at home, it did make things easier but I was confused as to the sequence of these events. I was not aware of the availability of “Time Lines” so I created my own. It was not perfect so adjustments had to be made as I got more into the Word.

In this month, **Bible Scripture Letter** the topic is “The End Time”. The following article was taken from “gotquestions.org. I found this article very helpful and easy to understand, so I decided to use it for this month **BSL** with a “Time Line” graph at the end of the article. There is so much more to add to the “Time Line” but I only inserted those events pertaining to this article. Also, I added to the article an **\***(asterisk) to the event / time to correspond with the “Time Line” graph.

So, let’s get started.

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**1 Peter 3:15**

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense** to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

**The End Time**

The Bible has a lot to say about the end times. Nearly every book of the Bible contains prophecy regarding the end times. Taking all of these prophecies and organizing them can be difficult. Following is a very brief summary of what the Bible declares will happen in the end times.

Christ will remove all born-again believers from the earth in an event known as the **\*Rapture**

per the following verses.

[**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Thess%204.13-18) **- \*Rapture**

**The Coming of the Lord**

**13**But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14**For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. **15**For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16**For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **17**Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. **18**Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:51-54**

**51**Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52**in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. **53**For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. **54**When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

At the **\*Judgment Seat of Christ**, these believers will be rewarded for good works and faithful service during their time on earth or will lose rewards, but not eternal life, for lack of service and obedience.

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

**11**For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12**Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— **13** each one’s work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. **14**If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. **15**If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

**2 Corinthians 5:10**

**10**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

The **\*Antichrist** (the beast) will come into power and will **\*sign a covenant with Israel** for seven years.

**Daniel 9:27**

**27**And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”

This seven-year period of time is known as the **\***“**7 Year Tribulation**.” During the tribulation, there will be terrible wars, famines, plagues, and natural disasters. God will be pouring out His wrath against sin, evil, and wickedness. The tribulation will include the appearance of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse, and the seven seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments.

About halfway through the seven years, the Antichrist will break the peace covenant with Israel and make war against it. The Antichrist will commit **\*“the abomination of desolation”** and set up an image of himself to be worshiped in the Jerusalem temple which will have been rebuilt.

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**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10**

**3**Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, **4**who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. **5**Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6**And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. **7**For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. **8**And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **9**The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, **10**and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

The second half of the tribulation is known as \***“the great tribulation”** - **Revelation 7:14**

and **\*“the time of Jacob’s trouble”** - **Jeremiah 30:7.**

**Revelation 7:14**

**14**I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**Jeremiah 30:7**

**7** Alas! That day is so great there is none like it;

it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.

At the end of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist will launch a final attack on Jerusalem, culminating in the **\*Battle of Armageddon**. Jesus Christ will return, destroy the Antichrist and his armies, and cast them into the **\*lake of fire**.

**Revelation 19:11-21**

**11**Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head, are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13**He is clothed in a robe dipped inblood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. **14**And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. **15** From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. **16**On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**17**Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, **18** to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.” **19**And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army. **20**And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the **\*lake of fire** that burns with sulfur. **21**And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Christ will then bind **\*Satan in the Abyss** for 1,000 years and He will rule His **\*Earthly Kingdom** for this thousand-year period.

**Revelation 20:1-6**

**1**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. **2**And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, **3**and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

**4**Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also, I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **5**The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. **6**Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released, defeated again, and then “*cast into the* **\**lake of fire*”** - **Revelation 20:7-10** for eternity.

**Revelation 20:7-10**

**The Defeat of Satan**

**7**And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison **8**and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. **9**And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, **10**and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**\*Christ then judges all unbelievers** - **Revelation 20:10-15** at the **\*great white throne judgment**, casting them all into the **\*lake of fire**. Christ will then usher in a **\*new heaven and new earth** and the New Jerusalem—the eternal dwelling place of believers. There will be no more sin, sorrow, or death - **Revelation Chapters 21-22.**

**Revelation 20:10-15**

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**Judgment Before the** \***Great White Throne**

**11**Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. **12**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is [r](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/revelation/20/10-15#footnote7)the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. **13**And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. **14**Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. **15**And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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**Time Line Graph**

Jesus Jesus New

Ascension 2nd Coming White Lake Heaven

7 Year 1000 Year Throne of and

Church Age Tribulation Millennial Reign Judgement Fire New Earth

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