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The Lord blessing to you and your family. Hope you have having a wonderful summer and before we know it some of you will be going back to school or your kids but anyway, I hope all is well.

This month **BSL** will be on **eschatology, the study of End Times. I included a time chart for you to better understand when the future events will be taking place according to the bible. This BSL** is not an in-depth study but just gives you a general idea to Gods time table as you read your bible. You might want to print the chart and keep it handy in your bible for reference.

 If you need more information that’s not cover on this **BSL**, please let me know and I’ll do my best to answer your request.

So, let’s get started.

Your Brother in Christ, Tony Gonzalez

**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,

**Six Periods of Time in Prophecy**

**Bible Scripture Letter #50**

**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

 **Antichrist Earthly Kingdom**

 **Signs a “The Abomination Christ Judges**

 **Covenant of Desolation” All Unbelievers**

 **with Israel “The Great Tribulation” Then send to**

 **“Time of Jacob’s Trouble” Satan**

 **Battle of Armageddon in the Abyss**

**1. Church Age Period**

**“the beginning of pains”**

Jesus describes the beginning of pains signaling future events: All these are the beginning of sorrows. Though this reference is to eschatological events, it reminds us that pain and suffering are an intrinsic part of human existence.

* **Matthew 3-8**

**3**  As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

**4** And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.

**5** For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray.

**6**  And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

**7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

**8** All these are but the **beginning of the birth pains.**

 **-** *Doesn’t this sound like it’s happening today?*

**2. Seven Year Tribulation Period**

The Tribulation is thought to occur after the Church Age and before the Second Coming of Jesus. The Antichrist (the beast) will come into power in the first half of the tribulation 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.”

**Abomination of Desolation**

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.

* **Matthew 24:15–16**

**15** "So when you see the **abomination of desolation** spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

**16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains"

* **Daniel 12:11**

**11** And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.

**The Great Tribulation** and “**the** **time of** **Jacob’s trouble**”

The second half of the tribulation is known as “the Great Tribulation” or “the time of Jacob’s trouble”.

* **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.

**Battle of Armageddon**

At the end of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist will launch a final attack on Jerusalem, culminating in the battle of Armageddon but Jesus Christ will return and destroy the Antichrist and his armies.

 It was John who named it when he said: “And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon” **(Revelation 16:16)**. From that statement, the name has come to be applied to the entire great war, although the phrase “battle of Armageddon” is not found in the scriptures.

**3. 1000 Year Millennial Reign Period**

**Earthly Kingdom**

The Millennium is a thousand-year reign of peace among mankind and the Lord Jesus Christ will reign King. New and Old Testaments saints along with those faithful servants who survived the **Tribulation** and the **Sheep and Goat Judgement** will be there.

A question that is brought up many times about the Millennium is “will sin be there”? Yes, but some say No because Satan will not be there to tempt anyone. This is true, Satan will not be anywhere near because Christ will bind Satan in the Abyss for 1,000 years. As mention before, there will be some that survived the **Tribulation** and will still have their sinful nature. They and only they will be able to have children and thesejj are the ones that Satan will deceive when he is released from the Abyss to raise the final war against Our Lord Jesus.

* **Revelation 20:1-3**

**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.

* **Revelation 20:7-9**

**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,

**4. White Throne Judgement Period**

The Great White Throne Judgment is the final judgment of those names not found in the Lamb's Book of Life. This heavenly record, also referred to as the Book of Life, includes the names of everyone who has received eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. At this time, those souls who are in hell will be standing in front of Jesus for judgement also known as the “second death”.

* **Daniel 12:2**

**2** “And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.

* **John 5:28-29**

**28** Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice

**29** and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

**5. Lake of Fire**

The **Lake of Fire** found in **Revelation 20** and is also referred to as the “second death”. This is the final destination of the people who rejected Jesus. It will also be the place for Satan, the beast, the false prophet and the rebellious angels. It will be a place of continual suffering and complete separation from God for eternity.

* **Revelation 19:19-20**

**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[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation%2019%3A19%2D21&version=ESV#fen-ESV-31022a)] 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.

* **Revelation 20:10**

**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.

* **Revelation 20:13-15**

**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**.

**6. New Heaven and New Earth**

Christ will then usher in a **New Heaven and New Earth** and the New Jerusalem—the eternal dwelling place of believers. At this time, Jesus will deliver this kingdom to God the Father and we will live for eternity in God’s kingdom.

* **1 Corinthians 15 : 24-28**

**24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

**25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

**26**  The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**27** For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

**28** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

* **2 Peter 3:13**

**13** But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

* **Revelation 21:1–4**

**1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**2** And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling placeof God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

**4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

**I hope you have a better understanding of these events. There is a lot more end time scripture found in the bible but I just wanted to bring the time sequence of the future events. Also, some of you may be wondering where is the Rapture on this time line. Due to different opinions, as to when it will occur, it was left out. When ask when do I think it will happen, I say ”I’m not 100% sure But I do know *it will happen*”.**

# **If you would like additional information on this topic, I wrote a Bible Scripture Letter called “Verses on “End Times”** Bible Scripture Letter #44.

*Source*: personal opinion, gotquestions.org and the bible