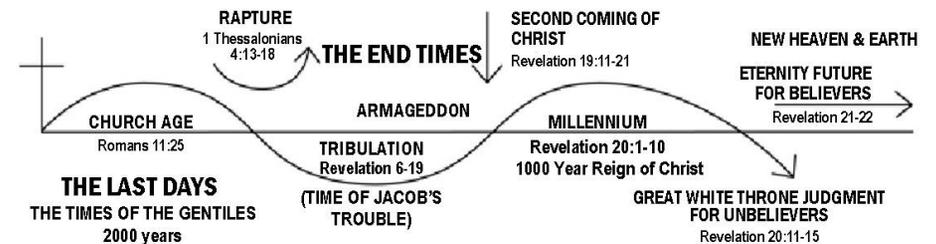




ARE WE LIVING IN THE END TIMES?
 “What Are The Major Events Of The End Times?”
Selected Scriptures

Introduction

Today we are going to look at the major events of the period we call “the end times” and discover what those events mean for us.



I. The Church Age (Romans 11:25)

Definition: The Church Age is that period of time from Pentecost until the Rapture during which GENTILES are invited to participate in the blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Romans 11:1, 25 “¹I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. ²⁵For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”

II. The Rapture Of The Church (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Definition: The Rapture of the Church is the SNATCHING away to heaven of all Christians since Pentecost before the Tribulation

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “¹⁶For 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.”

Four Details of The Rapture

A. Christ will **DESCEND** from heaven (v.16a)

1 Thessalonians 4:16a “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:”

B. The _____ in Christ will be resurrected (v. 16b)

1 Thessalonians 4:16b “...and the dead in Christ shall rise first:”

C. All _____ Christians will be removed

1 Thessalonians 4:17a “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.”

D. Our Bodies will be _____

1 Corinthians 15:50 “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.”

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 “⁵¹Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”

VIII. Present Heaven And Earth Will Be Burned Up

2 Peter 3:7, 10 “⁷But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, **and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**”

IX. Eternity Future (Revelation 21-22)

Definition: Eternity Future is the PERMANENT state of both believers inhabiting the new heaven and earth, and unbelievers inhabiting the lake of fire

Revelation 21:1-2 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.² And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Revelation 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Conclusion



III. Judgment Seat Of Christ (v. 10)

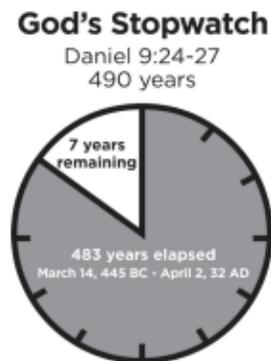
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2. The Condemnation of Unbelievers
3. The Salvation of Israel



V. The End Of The Tribulation

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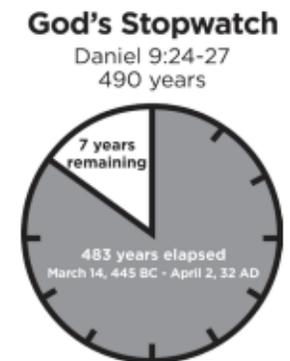
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