

1. God's Prophetic Time Clock & the Keys we use for Bible Interpretation

WHO God Is Speaking To: The Bible identifies 3 groups of people: Israel, the Church, the Nations.

Hebrews 1:1–2 *God spoke in different time periods and in different ways to the fathers by the prophets. **But in these last days, He speaks to us through His Son.***

2. The Dispensation of the Church Age

Ephesians 3:1–6, 9–12—*if indeed **you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God** which was given to me for you, how that by **revelation He made known to me the mystery** ... which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has **now been revealed by the Spirit** to His holy apostles and prophets: that the **Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise** ...*

*... and to make all see what is the fellowship of the **mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God** who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the Church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, **according to the eternal purpose** which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- I. **New Creation**, being born again ... from death to life ...
- II. **Delivered** from the powers of darkness
- III. **Sons of God, Heirs of God, Join heirs** with Christ Jesus
- IV. The individual **priesthood** of every believer.
- V. Not only that but we have **authority** over demons
- VI. The **infilling** of the Spirit, with the gift of speaking in tongues
- VII. **In no other Dispensation** could **ordinary people** have access to God and call Him **Abba, Father!**
- VIII. **No other Time could God the Holy Spirit live inside the believer**, empowering us to live victorious lives and be witnesses in the world.
- IX. **Jesus lived in a different Dispensation – the Law**, not the Church Age.
End-Time events in **Matthew 24, 25, Luke 21**, refer to **Israel and the Nations**, not directly to the Church.

3. The Rapture of the Church will Mark the End of the Church Age

4. Overview of God's Prophetic Time Clock

2 Peter 3:8 ... *with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

- From **Adam to Noah** was 2,000 years.
- From **Noah to Christ** was another 2,000 years.
- From the **Resurrection of Christ** (around AD 33) to today is coming close to 2,000 years.
- **6,000 years** of human history have passed; corresponding to the **Six Days of Creation**.
- There remains a **Seventh "Day"**, 1000 year period; the **Millennial Reign of Christ**

Hebrews 6:1-2 *"elementary principles of Christ." ... **resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.***

5. When does the "Judgment" Seat of Christ take Place?

- I. Jesus Christ comes **FOR** His Church.
- II. The believers receive their **glorified bodies** and are caught up in the air.
- III. The 'Church Clock' stops, and 'Jewish Clock' start again.
- IV. The earth will return to the **Dispensation of the Law** to fulfill Daniel's 70th Week, a Prophetic Period of 7 years.
- V. The Church **arrives** in heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- VI. The **Judgment Seat** of Christ will take place in heaven, while God is executing Judgments on antichrist...

2 Corinthians 5:10a *For **we must all appear** before the judgment seat of Christ;...*

“**judgment seat**” – Greek, “**bema**” – “a step, tribunal, judgment-seat, throne”

6. The Bema of Christ is the final Work of Purification for the believers

- I. The first, purification: our **spirit, when we got born again**
- II. The second purification: our **soul** – the renewing of our **mind**
- III. The third purification: receive our **new body** at the **Rapture** the Church
- IV. The forth is the final step of purification, at the Judgment Seat of Christ where the **fire** will go through our **works**

7. We shall all appear before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10)

- I. This judgment is not for condemnation but for purification.
- II. The Judgment Seat of Christ does not determine our eternal salvation.
- III. Neither is it a Seat where the Lord will punish sin.
- IV. At this Seat, every believer will be cleansed of unconfessed sins.
- V. The fire will test the quality of each ones **work** of what sort it is, both good and bad.
- VI. **The fire does not test the person, but their works.**
- VII. Our ‘**works**’ will be purified by fire and **rewards** will be given to the believers based their works.
- VIII. The wood, hay, stubble will be burned up, **all remaining spots, wrinkles, and blemishes**, making us holy and blameless before Him.

8. The Bride of Christ has made herself ready

Revelation 19:6–9 *Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, **for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.***

9. We shall ALL stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ

Romans 14:10b *For **we shall all stand** before the judgment seat of Christ.*

2 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.*

Romans 14:12 *So then **each of us** shall give account of himself to God.*

10. Each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it

1 Corinthians 3:12-13, 14-15 *Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ **each one’s work will become clear**; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴ If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

11. The fire will purify – “test each one’s work” (1 Corinthians 3:13b)

12. Each one may receive the things done in the body

2 Corinthians 5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that **each one may receive** the things done in the body, according to what he has done, **whether good or bad.***

13. At the Bema, we will receive rewards for the works that endure

1 Corinthians 3:14a *If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, **he will receive a reward.***

14. What happens to a Christian who has produced wood, hay, straw?

1 Corinthians 3:15 *If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but **he himself shall be saved**; yet so as by fire.*

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2 John 8 *Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we **worked** for, but that **we may receive a full reward**.*

1 John 2:28 ... **abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**

Revelations 3:11-12a *Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that **no one may take your crown**.¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more...*

15. The overriding Theme of the Bema of Christ is rewards

For believers, sorrow will come from the realization of what could have been, the loss of rewards due to unfaithfulness. But even that sorrow will be short-lived in view of the following Scriptures:

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*

16. What are the Rewards We will Receive in the Life to Come?

Jesus taught, *...in the Father's house there are many mansions.... I go to prepare a place for you.* (John 14:2-3)

17. Positions of Honour – Positions of Authority

Example: The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:21, 23b ***His lord said to him, 'well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things,**²³ ...I will make you ruler over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.***

The Parable of the Ten Minas illustrates rewards – Luke 19:11-27

Luke 19:17-19 *And he said to him, '**Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.**'¹⁹ Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'*

Their reward was authority—**pointing to** the positions of rulership believers will hold in the Millennial Reign of Christ."

Revelations 3:21 *To him who **overcomes** I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

Revelations 2:26 *He who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him **I will give power over the nations.***

These verses reveal that those who overcome and remain faithful will share in Christ's **authority** and rulership.