

End-times Revealed through Bible Prophecy Pt. 6

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We are journeying through a series of messages on the subject of End Times to gain understanding of certain events that will take place in the near future.

Last Sunday we did a “flyover” over the 7 year Great Tribulation period that stretches over 15 chapters in book of Revelation. (chapt. 4 to the chapt 19).

A. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 19:11–21 (NKJV) *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, “Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great.” 19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.*

This passage describes the scene when Jesus Christ leaves heaven together with His saints and returns to earth at the end of the 7 year Tribulation Period.

- Jesus rides on a white horse
- All the saints accompany Him on white horses (Zech. 14:5, 1 Thess. 3:13)

- All the OT saints
 - All the NT raptured saints
 - Most of the tribulation saints (martyred or raptured)
 - Some tribulation saints will survive the Great Tribulation and remain on earth until Jesus returns
- All His holy angels are also with Him (Matt. 16:27, 25:31)

B. Why is Jesus Christ returning to earth

1. To fulfil all Bible prophecy concerning His 2nd Coming (it is written ...)
2. To judge the living and the dead (2 Timothy 4:1)
3. To rescue the Jewish people from the Antichrist
(All Israel shall be saved [Rom. 11:26-27, Zech. 12:10-11])
4. To remove the Antichrist and the False Prophet from the earth (Vs. 20)
5. To slay the kings and their armies at Armageddon (Zech. 14:12-15)
6. To remove the wicked from the earth (Matt. 24:40-41)
7. To set up His literal Kingdom on the earth (Millennial Reign of Christ)
8. To rule and reign as King in His literal Kingdom together with His saints

C. Jesus' grand and magnificent Entrance

Matthew 24:27–30 (NKJV) *For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. 29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.** 30 **Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.***

- The 2nd Coming of Christ will be highly visible and very spectacular
- Every eye of those on earth shall see Him

Revelation 1:7 (NKJV) *Behold, He is coming with clouds, and **every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.***

- Even though Roman soldiers "pierced" Jesus, God charged the Jews with this crime of all crimes

Isaiah 13:9–12 (NKJV) *Behold, the **day of the Lord** comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and **He will destroy its sinners from it.** 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine. 11 **“I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.** 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

- At His 1st Advent (Coming), Jesus came as the Saviour of the world
- At His 2nd Advent, He is coming as the Judge of the world
- He will (remove and) destroy its sinners from it
(One will be taken, and another will be left [Matt. 24:37-41])
- Jesus will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity
- He will make mortal men on earth as rare as fine gold
- Only saved people, including the Jewish people will be left on earth

Matthew 24:37–41 (NKJV) *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.*

- This Scripture is many times wrongly applied to the rapture of the church
- But instead of the righteous, it's the wicked that are taken and destroyed
- The rapture of the church is not spoken about in the O.T. or in the gospels
- The church and the church age, including the rapture, was a mystery in the O.T., and was therefore not mentioned in the O.T. or in the gospels
- This mystery was revealed to apostle Paul - he wrote about it in his letters to the churches

D. Jesus destroys the kings and their armies at Armageddon

Revelation 16:12–14 (NKJV) *Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so **that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.** 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, **which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God***

Almighty ... 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

- Armageddon is where “all nations gather together against Jerusalem” (Zech. 12:3, 14:2)
- Armageddon is located in northern Israel by the ancient city of Megiddo
- The valley below is called the Valley of Jezreel or the Plain of Esdraelon
- It is 40 kms long and separates the hills of Galilee and the hills of Samaria

Revelation 19:19 (NKJV) *And I saw the **beast, the **kings of the earth**, and **their armies**, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.***

- Antichrist & the kings of the earth & their armies gather at Armageddon
- Their intention is to wipe out Israel & Jerusalem, but when Jesus & His armies turns up, they turn against Him

Revelation 17:14 (NKJV) *These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.*

Revelation 14:19–20 (NLT) *So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God’s wrath. 20 The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse’s bridle.*

- The “winepress of God’s wrath” is reference to the battle of Armageddon
- The grapes are the unrighteous people gathered there to be destroyed
- Jesus will destroy both man and beast gathered there
- Blood will flow in a stream 180 miles long, as high as a horse’s bridle

E. Satan will be bound & locked up for 1,000 years

Revelation 20:1–3 (NKJV) 1 *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished ...***

This begins the Millennial Reign of Christ where we rule & reign with Him for 1000 years.