

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE CHAPTERS ON END-TIME PROPHECIES

Deuteronomy 28-32

Psalms 2

Isaiah 2-5, 9-11, 13-14, 17-19, 24-25, 27-30, 32, 35, 41, 43, 47, 49, 51, 56, 60-63, 65-66

Jeremiah 4, 23, 25, 30-31, 33

Ezekiel 1, 7, 10-11, 18, 27-30, 32-34, 36-39, 45-48

Daniel 2, 7-12

Hosea 3

Joel

Amos 5, 8-9

Micah 4-5, 7

Zephaniah

Zechariah

Malachi 3-4

Matthew 10, 24

Mark 13

Luke 12, 17, 21

John 14

Romans 9-11

I Corinthians 15

I Thessalonians 4-5

II Thessalonians

II Timothy 3-4

Hebrews 4

II Peter 2-3

Revelation

The Purposes of Prophecy Are:

- to assure us that God has everything under complete control.
- to deliver us from fear unto hope.
- to give us proof of the truth of His Word.
- to focus our attention on the kingdom of God (Hebrews 11:13-16).
- to give us greater boldness.
- to motivate, prepare, and equip us to be better ambassadors for Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 5:20).
- to bind us closer to our fellow believers.
- to increase our hunger for the truth of God's Word, for prayer, and for submission to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- to deepen our commitment to God's purposes (II Peter 3:11-15).

Test:

Is my study of the prophetic Word causing me to submit more and more to Jesus Christ? (good response)

or

Is my study of the prophetic Word causing me to become more and more fascinated about the future? (bad response)

COVENANTS OF SCRIPTURE

The Decree at the Fall of Man: Genesis 3

The First Covenant: Deuteronomy 28,29, and 30

The Second Covenant: Romans 8 and Acts 13:38-39

The Third Covenant: Revelation 21 and 22

All Groups

- 1) What is a covenant?
- 2) State each of the three covenants in one sentence.
- 3) To whom is each covenant made?
- 4) Who is excluded? Why?
- 5) What promises does God make in each covenant?
- 6) What conditions does God set for each covenant?
- 7) What are the consequences of violating the conditions for each covenant?
- 8) When and where is each covenant made?
- 9) For what time period does each covenant apply?
- 10) What token or pledge does God give as a guarantee of His promises for each covenant? Why?
- 11) What token or pledge does God ask from those with whom each covenant is made? Why?

First Covenant

- 1) Give the full significance of Deuteronomy 28:14-15. What standard is being set? Why?
- 2) What does Deuteronomy 28:45-47 tell us about God's pattern of administering consequences for disobedience? What other scriptures demonstrate that this is God's pattern for justice? Specifically, how can we apply these principles in family discipline?
- 3) What does Deuteronomy 28:47 tell us about prosperity?
- 4) What makes it possible for anyone to "serve the Lord your God joyfully and gladly?"
- 5) In applying Deuteronomy 28:52 to individuals what are the "high fortified walls" and how are these broken down? Give one example of the application of this verse from your own life.
- 6) In what way are the consequences stated in Deuteronomy 28:54-57 the inevitable result of habitual sin and persistent idolatry?
- 7) How are the consequences described in Deuteronomy 28:58-68 a fulfillment of Ezekiel 9 and I Peter 4:17?

- 8) How has God used these frightening consequences of chapter 28 to further His purpose and reveal His glory (compare Deuteronomy 28:24-28 with Jeremiah 22:8-9 and Romans 11:17-22)?
- 9) Explain why the poison of Deuteronomy 29:18 is so bitter. Specifically, what can we do to ensure that this bitterness does not take root and spring up among us (a) in our family? (b) in our church?
What preventive measures can I take in the next two weeks?
- 10) Why is the sin of Deuteronomy 29:19-21 so horrible? Why can't God forgive this sin? Why is the penalty so severe? Is this condition any different today? Why?
- 11) What message of hope is contained in Deuteronomy 29:29? What promise is made? What comfort is there in this verse for us? What do you think may have prevented the followers of Moses from grasping the importance and the significance of this verse?
- 12) How can we apply the promise of Deuteronomy 30:4 to our own lives? Have you ever experienced 30:4 in your own life?
- 13) What great promise is being made in Deuteronomy 30:6? How is this promise fulfilled?
- 14) Why is the described command in Deuteronomy 30:11 "not too difficult"? To whom and under what conditions does this verse apply?
- 15) Discuss the doctrine of free-will and election in the light of Deuteronomy 30:11-20.

Second Covenant

- 1) Comment on Romans 8:15 relative to the difference between the first and second covenants. Practically, what specifically can we do to live more like a son and less like a slave?
- 2) What does it mean to be "God's children" (Romans 8:16)?
- 3) What does it mean to be an "heir of God" and "co-heirs with Christ"?
- 4) What is Romans 8:19-23 saying about the third covenant?
- 5) What is Romans 8:22-25 saying about hope? In what ways can we develop hope? Give some practical examples.
- 6) Describe the intercession of the Holy Spirit on our behalf.
- 7) What position do redeemed men have in God's creation right now? How should we be taking advantage of our present position? Give some practical examples.
- 8) Discuss the doctrine of free-will and election in the light of Romans 8:31-39.

Third Covenant

- 1) What happens to the universe?
- 2) What constitutes the new Jerusalem? the new Sanctuary?
- 3) What do the physical properties of the new Jerusalem tell us about the third covenant and the new creation?
- 4) What is the source of "light" radiating out from the new Jerusalem? What kind of light is it?
- 5) According to Revelation 22:6-9 what is the status and role of angels, prophets, Christians, Jesus Christ, and God?
- 6) What is the meaning and context of Revelation 22:11?
- 7) What is the offer being made in Revelation 22:17? To whom is it being made? What command is given in this verse? Specifically, how can we respond to this command?
- 8) What proofs are there in Revelation 21 and 22 that Jesus is Jehovah God?
- 9) Explain the phrase "those who wash their robes" in Revelation 22:14?
- 10) Discuss the doctrine of free-will and election in light of Revelation 22:6-11.

THE STRONG COVENANT

Ezekiel 38:8-13
Daniel 7:23-25
Daniel 8:13-14

Daniel 8:26
Daniel 9:25-27
Revelation 13:1-8

COVENANT BROKEN -- RUSSIAN INVASION

Isaiah 28:14-22
Ezekiel 38 & 39

Daniel 11:36-45
Revelation 13:1-8

BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

Joel 2:1-11
Joel 3:1-3
Joel 3:9-17
Zechariah 12:1-9
Zechariah 14:1-15

Revelation 9:13-21
Revelation 11:14-18
Revelation 14:6-7
Revelation 14:14-20
Revelation 16:12-16
Revelation 19:11-21

GENESIS 10 - TABLE OF NATIONS

NOAH

→ **Japheth** → father of Caucasians

Gomer--Ashkenaz (Prussians or East Germans) + Riphath (East European Slavs & Hungarians) + Togarmah (Turks)

Magog = Scythians (White Russians)

Madai = Medes & Persians

Javan--Elishah (South Europeans) + Tarshish (West Europeans) + Kittim (Greeks, Cretans, Cyprians) + Rodanim (Macedonians)

Tubal = Siberians

Meshech = Kazakhs (Steppe Russians)

Tiras = Thracians (occupied Bulgaria & Romania; then mingled with the Greeks; now scattered among the West and South Europeans)

→ **Ham** → father of Blacks, Browns, Reds & Yellows

Cush, also Ethiopia (Black Africans)--Raamah--Sheba (East Indians) + Dedan (Mongoloids)

Mizraim = Egyptians

Put, also Libya = African & some Asiatic Arabs

Canaan = people of Palestine prior to Jewish invasion (now extinct)

→ **Shem** → father of Semites (Jews & Ishmaelite Arabs) & Mesopotamians

THE COMING OF ELIJAH

Scripture List:

Isaiah 40:3	Mark 9:1-13
Zechariah 4:1-6	Mark 15:34-37
Zechariah 4:11-14	Luke 1:17
Malachi 4:5-6	Luke 9:7-9
Matthew 11:9-15	John 1:19-23
Matthew 16:13-17	Revelation 11:3-12
Matthew 17:1-13	Jude 9

Read all the scriptures in the above list first.

- 1) Why can Elijah come again?
- 2) Why could Jesus say that John the Baptist was Elijah when John the Baptist was denying that he was Elijah?
- 3) How did Elijah come?
- 4) How will Elijah come?
- 5) Explain the full significance of the transfiguration.
- 6) Who are the witnesses in Revelation 11? Why? When will they minister? What will they do?
- 7) How is the coming of Elijah similar to the coming of Christ?
- 8) How can we use the coming of Elijah as a witnessing tool when sharing with the Jews?
- 9) How is the spirit of Elijah being manifested today? What can I do to further this spirit? What will I do in the next two weeks?

EVENTS JUST PREVIOUS TO THE TRIBULATION

Gospel Preached

Matthew 24:14
Mark 13:10
Romans 10:11-18

Unbearable Mideast Tension

Psalm 83	Ezekiel 38:1-16	Zechariah 8:7
Isaiah 17:9-14	Daniel 12:1	Zechariah 9:1-8
Isaiah 19:16-25	Joel 3:9-14	Zechariah 12:1-9
Jeremiah 4:9-31	Micah 4:13	Zechariah 14:2
Jeremiah 30:4-17	Micah 5:5-9	Matthew 24:9
Ezekiel 28:25-26	Micah 7:15-17	Galatians 4:28-29
Ezekiel 30:3-9	Zechariah 2:8-9	

Economic Collapse

Proverbs 11:4	Jeremiah 4:23	Habakkuk 1:4
Proverbs 11:28	Jeremiah 11:9-14	Habakkuk 2:9-13
Isaiah 2:7-22	Lamentations 4:1-4	Zephaniah 1:11
Isaiah 4:1	Ezekiel 7:10-20	Zephaniah 1:17-18
Isaiah 5:8-12	Ezekiel 22:12-13	Habakkuk 1:5-6
Isaiah 10:1-4	Hosea 2:8-13	Malachi 3:8-9
Isaiah 22:12-19	Hosea 4:1-3	II Timothy 3:1-8
Isaiah 24:1-13	Hosea 4:10-11	James 5:1-6
Isaiah 33:13-16	Joel 1:15-20	Jude 18
Isaiah 56:9-12	Joel 3:9-10	Revelation 8:1-8
Isaiah 65:11-16	Amos 5:18-20	Revelation 13:15-18

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INFLATION FEEDERS

- 1) shortage of resources
- 2) overpopulation
- 3) destruction of production by (a) acts of God, (b) war, (c) social and labor unrest, and (d) poor education and training
- 4) consumer waste; pollution
- 5) stockpiling of capital in centers that already are capital saturated, e.g. mideast oil cartel, personal hoarding
- 6) investment in non-productive sectors of the economy, e.g. non-research defense and non-research space

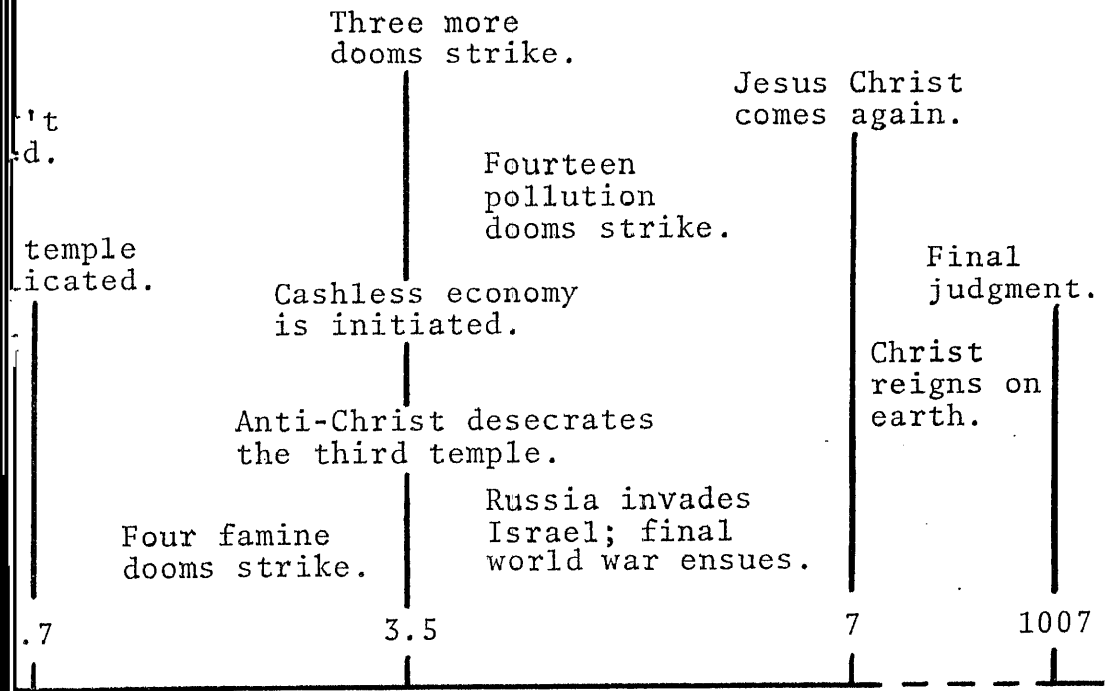
INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

- 1) exhaustion of resources
- 2) overpopulation
- 3) critical food supply
- 4) rapacious consumer demand (Ecclesiastes 8:15)
- 5) high government spending
- 6) debt that can be maintained only with an expanding real GNP
- 7) lack of insurance against "acts of God"
- 8) short sighted viewpoint
- 9) callous attitude to people's problems: world's love grows cold (Matthew 24:12)
- 10) bureaucracy
- 11) pollution and unrecycled waste
- 12) arms race and large scale wars
- 13) collapse of the ecosystem
- 14) artificial perturbations of the Earth system
- 15) solar neutrino dam burst in the Sun
- 16) nuclear accidents and radioactive wastes
- 17) moral collapse
- 18) slothful workers and inadequately trained workers
- 19) union greed and lack of reward for valuable work
- 20) energy crisis
- 21) runaway inflation - mistrust of media of exchange
- 22) collapse of education, discipline, and personal ambition
- 23) gross climatic changes
- 24) Biblical prophecy

HOW TO PREPARE FOR ECONOMIC COLLAPSE

- 1) Prepare to adapt to a sharply reduced standard of living - put away gods of materialism.
- 2) Strengthen your commitment to God: worship, prayer, Bible study.
- 3) Strengthen your commitment to and support of fellow believers.
- 4) Unite and build your local church family.
- 5) Develop basic survival techniques; develop home maintenance skills.
- 6) Maintain supplies for short-term physical survival (no hoarding!).
- 7) Maintain supplies for long-term spiritual survival.
- 8) Pay off all debts quickly.
- 9) Undertake no new debts.
- 10) Invest in the work of the Lord and assist the poor.
- 11) Develop hospitality.
- 12) Prepare to take personal responsibility for children's education and discipline.
- 13) Strengthen moral convictions; set moral standards according to God's word.
- 14) Maintain investments in basic industries, i.e. those having to do with food, clothing, and shelter.

THE END OF THE AGE



all these things have happened." (Matt. 24:34)

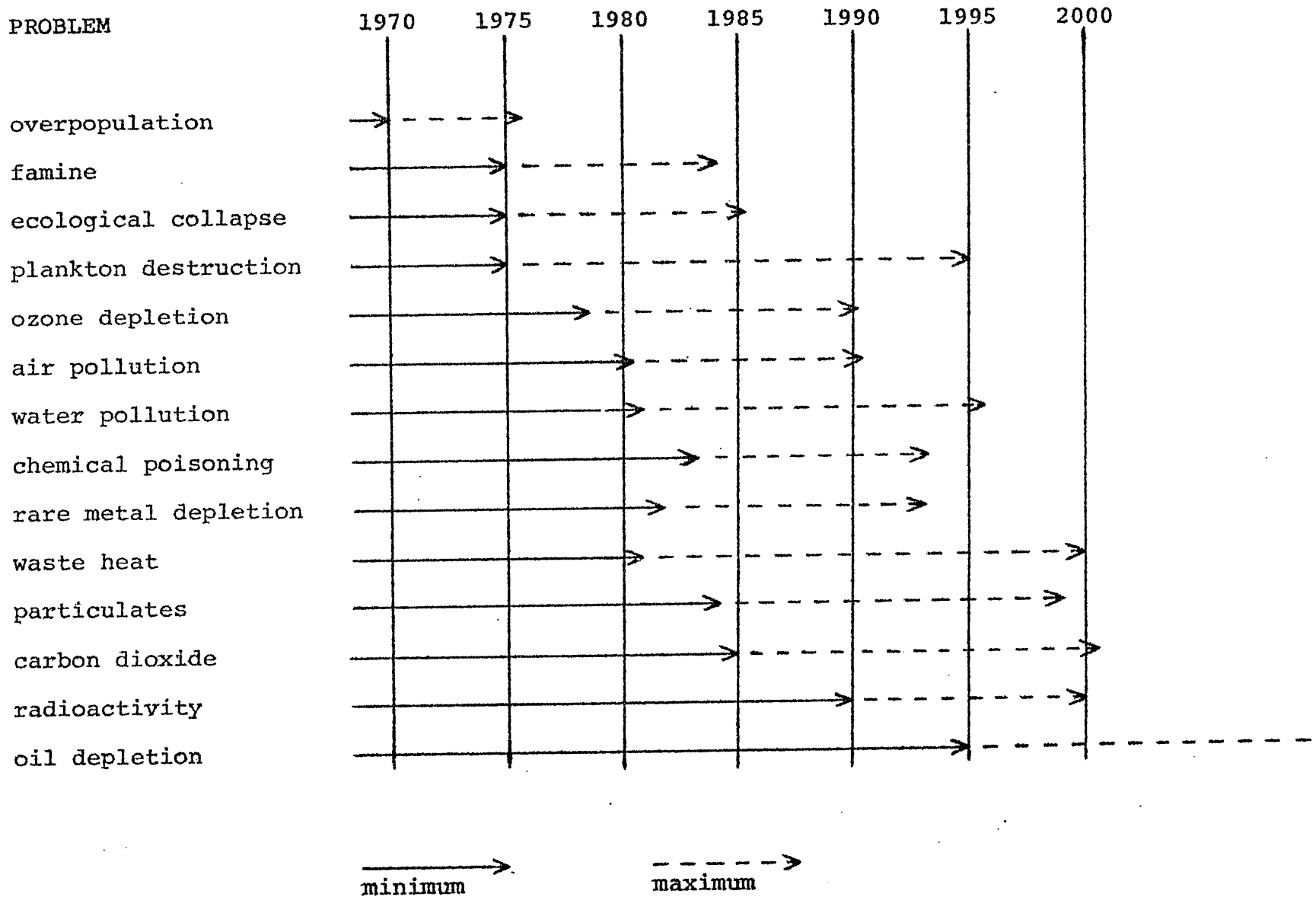
the tribulation period

Day of Wrath (Day of the Lord)
Jewish ministry for Christ

possible dates for "rapture" of Christians
probable date = 3.5 years minus 1 to 3 weeks

DOOMSDAY CHART

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RESEARCH PROJECTIONS

of stratospheric ozone

of plankton (via oil, lead, and DDT)

ion of red algae blooms

level; bursting of solar neutrino dam

particulates over industrialized areas

with CO₂ and particulates

ation Probe, Toronto: New Press, 1971,
sources

Tribulation Dooms: Final Consequences of Man's Sin

by Dr. Hugh Ross

The physical return of Jesus Christ to the earth will be prefaced, according to Daniel and Revelation, by a seven-year period often referred to as "the tribulation." During this seven-year time span God will pour out upon men and the earth three sequences of dooms, seven dooms in each sequence. The purpose of these dooms is fivefold:

1. to destroy one by one, false gods—those things in which people put their trust but which lack security and eternal value (cf Exodus 7 - 12)
2. to shake men to their senses, specifically to a recognition of who Jesus really is
3. to bring a countless host of people to salvation (Ezekiel 39:6-8 and Zechariah 13:8-9)
4. to judge unbelievers who have habitually hardened their hearts against God
5. to bring down upon mankind the consequences of his refusal to manage the earth's resources according to God's instructions (Isaiah 24)

The first sequence is called the seal dooms; next come the trumpet dooms; and finally the bowl or vial dooms. These dooms proceed through the tribulation with increasing intensity and rapidity. The seven seal dooms wipe out one-fourth of the unrepentant people of the world but leave the earth otherwise untouched. The seven trumpet dooms exterminate one-third of the remaining unrepentant people and devastate one-third of the planet. The final seven dooms, the bowl or vial dooms, are universal. They destroy all remaining unrepentant people and desolate the entire earth. The seal dooms begin to strike during the first half of the tribulation and continue through to the middle of the tribulation (Rev. 6-8:1). The trumpet dooms fall after the middle of the tribulation (Rev. 8:7 - 12:6). The bowls (or vials) are poured out just prior to the end of the tribulation (Rev. 16:1-21).

The first four dooms in each sequence are physical. The last three of each sequence are spiritual dooms with physical consequences. The last doom in each sequence begins with a fearsome declaration by God that a new dispensation in His dealings with men is about to unfold (Revelation 7:10, 11:18, and 16:17), and this declaration is accompanied by thunder, earthquakes, hail, and other physical phenomena.

seal dooms

conquest
war
famine
pestilence
cry of the martyrs
earthquakes and darkness
period of "silence"

trumpet dooms

forest and grass fires
explosion in the ocean
asteroid poisoning of fresh water
darkness
release of demons
mobilization of a huge army
disruption of world system

bowl dooms

skin cancer
death of ocean life
poisoning of fresh water
scorching heat
darkness
Armageddon
100 lb hailstones

SCRIPTURES ON THE RAPTURE

Daniel 12

Matthew 24:26-51

Mark 13:21-37

Luke 21:20-36

John 14:2-3

Romans 5:9

I Corinthians 15:50-58

Philippians 3:20-21

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

I Thessalonians 2:19

I Thessalonians 3:13

I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11

II Thessalonians 1:5-10

II Thessalonians 2:1-12

II Thessalonians 3:6-15

Titus 2:12-13

I Peter 2:12

Revelation 3:7-22

Revelation 6:9 - 8:5

Revelation 12

Revelation 19

The Millennium

Ps. 2:6-12
Ps. 17:15
Ps. 96:6-13
Ps. 149:6-9
Is. 2:2-4

Is. 61:6-11
Is. 65:9-10
Is. 65:19-25
Is. 66:10-24
Jer. 31:1-14

Zech. 14:6-21
Mal. 3:16 - 4:2
Matt. 26:29
Mark 14:25
Luke 19:11-27

Is. 4:2-6
Is. 9:6-7
Is. 11:3-10
Is. 25
Is. 27:1

Jer. 31:29-34
Ezek. 34:11-31
Ezek. 36:25-38
Ezek. 37:24-28
Ezek. 39:9-10

Rom. 8:18-25
I Cor. 2:9
I Cor. 13:8-13
I Cor. 15:42-58
II Cor. 3:18

Is. 29:17-24
Is. 32:1-8
~~Is. 33:17-24~~
Is. 35
Is. 40:1-11

Ezek. 47
Dan. 2:24-45
Dan. 7
Dan. 12:2-3
Joel 2

Phil. 3:20-21
Heb. 8:11
I John 3:2
Rev. 2:11
Rev. 2:26-27

Is. 40:29-31
Is. 42:4
Is. 51:11
Is. 55:8-13
Is. 60

Micah 4:1-8
Zeph. 3:9-17
Zech. 6:13
Zech. 8:3-5
Zech. 9:10

Rev. 6:9 - 7:15
Rev. 11:15-19
Rev. 19
Rev. 20:1-10

Please read through all the scripture passages before attempting to answer the questions.

1. How would you briefly define the millennium?
2. When will the millennium begin? How do you know?
3. Where will the millennium take place? How do you know?
4. What events usher in the millennium?
5. What things will happen at the beginning of the millennium?
6. Who takes part in the millennium? What different roles will they take?
7. What will the living conditions be like during the millennium?
8. What will happen near the end of the millennium? Why?
9. What happens just after the millennium? Why?
10. What is the purpose of the millennium?
11. How can you better prepare for the millennium? What specific steps of action will you take during the next month?

REVELATION 19

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11-13).

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander (1 Peter 3:15-16).

- 1) Who makes up the "great multitude" in verses 1 and 6?
- 2) Who are the servants in verse 2?
- 3) Where in the New Testament is the great harlot described?
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Who is the great harlot?
How do we know?
- 4) Give at least four proofs from this chapter that Jesus is God, the Almighty.
- 5) Who is the bride and what is her linen?
- 6) Who is the Lamb and why does he have this title?
- 7) In what sense does the Lamb marry the bride, i.e. what happens?
- 8) When was the bride engaged, and what happened then?
- 9) Who is invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb?
- 10) What is the role of a true prophet?
What is the purpose of prophecy?
- 11) For what is the horse a symbol?
In what way is the white horse in verse 11 different from the white horse in Revelation 6:2.

- 12) Who is the Word of God?
- 13) Where else in Revelation is the appearance of our resurrected Lord described? What insights can we gain from these descriptions?
- 14) Who makes up the armies of heaven?
- 15) Who is the animal or the beast?
Who is the false prophet?
- 16) What is the mark of the beast?
- 17) What is the lake of fire?
- 18) Who is in the lake of fire when the beast and the false prophet are sent there?
- 19) How can we disprove the doctrine of annihilation from this chapter?
- 20) Who are the "rest" in verse 21?

WORD STUDIES IN REVELATION 21

DEILOS - fearful ones; timid ones; cowards.

- those that value their physical life more than their spiritual life and therefore apostatize under persecution (II Timothy 1:7).

APISTOS - faithless ones; those without faith or trust in God; unbelievers.

- those that are committed to their own way rather than the Lord's in that they have rejected the truth of the gospel.

BDELUKTOS - abominable people; detestable people; vile and polluted people.

- those that have become so practiced in their wickedness and vile behavior that they pollute those that come into contact with them showing no shame, they encourage others to do as they do (Rom. 1:29-32)

PHONEUS - murderers.

- those that cannot control their anger towards others; those that harbor hate and bitterness towards others; those that persecute other people.

PORNOS - prostitutes; fornicators; those that indulge in unlawful intercourse

- those given over to lewd, flirtatious behavior; those whose thought-life is not under control.

PHARMAKEUS - sorcerers; those who practice magic and/or witchcraft.

- those who put priority on seeking power or religious experiences as opposed to truth.
- those that seek out the occult or cults for spiritual help.

EIDOLOLATRES - idolaters; worshippers of false gods.

- those that demonstrate a temporal value system by trusting in whatever lacks eternal benefit.
- those that are covetous.

PSEUDES - liars; deceivers.

- those who practice deceit in their dealings with others.

QUESTIONS ON BELIEVERS' JUDGMENT

What happens?

Luke 3:16-17

What does it mean to be baptized with fire? cf Malachi 3:2-3.

Acts 5:1-11

What is the sin that leads unto death? cf I John 5:16.

How does God protect believers from this sin? cf I Corinthians 3:16-17.

I Corinthians 3:9-17

What kinds of good works receive rewards?

I Corinthians 4:2-5

What does it mean to judge nothing before the appointed time?

cf I Corinthians 6:2-5; I Corinthians 11:31.

I Corinthians 6:2-3

How does our future role as judges relate to what happens at believers' judgment?

I Corinthians 6:9-11

What does it mean to be washed, sanctified, and justified?

What does it mean to be wicked?

Can a believer be wicked?

I Corinthians 11:27-32

How does the Lord judge believers in this earthly life?

Why does the Lord judge believers in this earthly life?

I Corinthians 15:58

What kinds of works receive rewards?

Is anything we do for God a waste?

II Corinthians 4:16-18

How are "our light and momentary troubles" achieving for us an eternal glory?

How is God healing us now?

Can we "see" our rewards now?

II Corinthians 5:10

II Corinthians 5:17-21

Does God judge believers for their bad deeds? Why or why not?

When?

Zechariah 14:2-5

Who are the "holy ones?"

How are they made holy?

Before what great event are they made holy?

Why must they first be made holy for this event?

I Corinthians 3:13

What is "the Day"? cf I Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:9; II Thessalonians 2:1-12.

What happens on the Day?

What takes place just before the Day?

I Corinthians 4:5

What is "the appointed time?"

What happens?

What must happen before the appointed time?

I John 3:2

What does it mean to be "children of God?" (hint: what happens to children).

What does it mean to "be like Him?"

When will we be like Him?

Revelation 11:15-19

When does the seventh trumpet blow? cf Revelation 6:12-17; 16:1-17.

What events will mark the time "for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints"?

Revelation 22:12

When will Jesus reward believers for what they have done?

In conclusion, in what time frame will believers' judgment take place?

Where does believers' judgment take place?

Rewards - temporal crowns

- For each reference - Identify each crown.
- Who receives each specific crown?
 - Describe the reward of each crown.

Psalm 149:4

Proverbs 4:9

Proverbs 10:6

Proverbs 12:4

Proverbs 14:18

Proverbs 14:24

Proverbs 17:6

Proverbs 27:24

Isaiah 61:3

Rewards - eternal crowns

- For each reference
- Identify each crown (Note: there are seven eternal crowns).
 - Who receives each specific crown?
 - What forms do you think the rewards for the eternal crowns will take?

Psalm 149:4

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Philippians 4:1

I Thessalonians 2:19

II Timothy 2:5

II Timothy 4:8

James 1:12

I Peter 5:4

Revelation 2:10

Revelation 3:11

Revelation 4:4

Revelation 4:10

GOD'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

We need to stop:

- 1) stooping to the world's ways to reach the world for Christ.
- 2) neglecting the Lordship of Christ as foundational for salvation.
- 3) fearing that we will alienate or offend our children by setting a high standard for their behavior and entertainment.
- 4) seeing purity as ascetic and joyless.
- 5) ignoring hospitality to strangers.
- 6) focusing on glamorous ministries.
- 7) avoiding persecution.
- 8) refusing to discipline one another.
- 9) feeling self-satisfied in our Christian achievements.
- 10) being stingy in our investments in the kingdom of heaven.

Rather, we need to:

- 1) challenge the world to abandon its evil ways and adopt the standards of Christ.
- 2) teach the necessity of knowing Christ as both Lord and Savior.
- 3) exemplify and explain the freedom, purity and joy that arise from a life fully committed to God's standards.
- 4) recognize purity as a source of God's supernatural freedom and joy.
- 5) prepare our schedules, homes, and spirits for the opportunities God will give us.
- 6) commit ourselves to ministries that God praises even if men do not.
- 7) appreciate persecution as God's tool for breaking down the world's barriers to believing the gospel.
- 8) value humble, gentle restoration as the love that heals.
- 9) stand in awe of our responsibilities in having been given so much.
- 10) grow in hope and be delivered from idolatry by fully honoring God with our wealth.

A PATTERN FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Hate the evil in this world (Psalm 101:3, Proverbs 8:13, Isaiah 59:4-8).

There is something desparately wrong with this world.

Hate the evil within yourself (Psalm 51:3-5, Isaiah 59:10-14, Ezekiel 36:31).

I am hopelessly sinful.

Recognize God's justice (Psalm 5:4-6, Isaiah 59:2, Habakkuk 1:13).

God is too holy to tolerate my sinfulness.

Receive God's mercy (Luke 1:50, John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9).

God is too loving to leave me a captive to evil (if I want to be rescued).

Receive God's healing (Romans 12:1-2, I Peter 2:24, I John 2:13).

God will sanctify/transform me (as I let Him).

Offer God's mercy to others (Matthew 10:32-33, II Corinthians 5:20, I Peter 3:15-16).

God's healing is so good it must be shared with others.

Receive persecution (Romans 8:17, Philippians 1:29, II Timothy 3:12).

The world will test my testimony of God's grace.

Persist in offering God's mercy to others (Matthew 5:44, Philippians 1:27-29, II Timothy 1:7-8).

God's love enables me to endure all things (as I am willing).

Suffer more severe persecution (Matthew 24:8-12, Acts 8:1, Revelation 2:9-10).

Here is the ultimate test of a world wavering in its doubts.

Radiate God's supernatural joy and supernatural purity (Acts 6:15, I Peter 4:1-2, I Peter 4:13-14).

Here is my ultimate testimony to an unbelieving world.

Partake in God's justice (Psalm 149:6-9, Malachi 4:3, Revelation 17:14).

He will give me not a spirit of condemnation, but a spirit of holiness and purity.

LAST DAYS SURVIVAL KIT

(or, praising God for the privilege of being alive in the last days)

A good example of how to use this "doomsday" message comes from my pastor, Dick Anderson. He was visiting a heart attack victim in an intensive care unit at a hospital. The hospital staff would only allow him five minutes. Satan was haunting Dick not to disturb this man with the news of the imminent Tribulation and the second coming of Jesus Christ. But, Dick put old Satan aside by recognizing that not to share such important news would be even more disturbing. In two minutes he shared with this man the prophecied dooms and the deliverance, victory, and glory Jesus promises all believers. In the remaining three minutes that man asked Jesus to come into his heart. In those minutes Dick watched on an oscilloscope that man's heart beat strengthen and change from an erratic pulse to a steady regular 72 beats per minute.

You see, that man had found hope. He knew all along that the world was on a collision course with disaster. What a release to discover that God had it all planned! What a hope to discover that Jesus will free us from the consequences of the dooms and deliver us to life everlasting! Jesus is the peace that surpasses all understanding!

It was our prayer in preparing this message that each of us would be filled with a deep sense of commitment to Jesus Christ. It is our belief that one purpose of the last days is to drive true believers into close fellowship with each other. The excitement of the last days is that each of us may get a little taste of the fantastic love and fellowship with each other and with Christ that will be ours for eternity in heaven. Dare we settle for less?

assignment: As Christians living in the last days, we should be re-evaluating our walk in the light of several key questions. Suggested key questions together with some scriptural clues are presented on the following pages.

Form a group. Break your group into subgroups of three or four. Assign one of the key questions to each subgroup. Each member of the subgroup should meditate in private on the scriptures pertaining to his subgroup's question noting other scriptures that may apply and writing out paraphrases, personal applications, and specific examples. The members of a subgroup should then meet to share their private meditations. Afterwards they should pray to God for insight, understanding, and wisdom. In the light of what was shared

each member should again meditate in private attempting this time to seek a coherent analysis or message. A second meeting of the subgroup would have as its goal to synthesize their meditations into a twelve minute oral presentation and a one or two page written summary. The entire group would then meet to hear and discuss the twelve minute presentations of the subgroups and to receive the written summaries. After a time of prayer to ask the Lord to bless the project and to provide illuminating insight the group should break up into new subgroups consisting of members who have worked on other and different key questions. The whole sequence would be repeated, but this time it would end in twenty to thirty minute talks and five to six page summaries.

The project can stop here, but should not. New subgroups can be formed to synthesize the findings of three or four other subgroups which would result in the group putting out a "survival report." The project can be used as a means of outreach. Christians can work with non-Christians. Group members can recruit outside manpower. For example, ask non-members to type or criticize your report. New members can be infused as the project develops. During the course of study other key questions are bound to arise. The group can be expanded to handle the additional questions, or alternately a small group could tackle them sequentially.

May you be filled with the love of Jesus, the wisdom of the Father, and be guided by the Holy Spirit. See I Thes. 4:18.

KEY QUESTIONS:

1) What brought about these last days?

"But like Adam, you broke My covenant; you refused My love."

Hosea 6:7

"By your deeds you bring the Day of Judgment near." Amos 6:3

"His threats are for your good, to get you on the path again."

Micah 2:7

"They have refused to love the truth which could have saved them."

II Thes. 2:10

"The coming again of Jesus Christ is imperative. Man is so fast degenerating within, and so inevitably being dashed headlong towards destruction from without, that apart from the intervention of God, he simply cannot save himself."

John Wesley White

additional references:

Gen. 1:28, Job 5:7, Ps. 33:10-12, Ps. 50:15, Prov. 5:3-4, Hosea 10:13,
 Amos 5:21-24, Zeph. 2:1-3, Mal. 3:8-9, Matt. 6:19, Matt. 10:34,
 Luke 12:51, Luke 13:5, Luke 16:13, II Thes. 1:6, II Thes. 2:12,
 James 4:1-4, II Pet. 2:19.

2) What hope is there for us in these last days?

"I will execute judgments: I **am** the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you, upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall fall upon you to destroy you."

Exodus 12:12-13

"We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I am trusting in Him. For He rescues you from every trap, and protects you from the fatal plague. He will shield you with His wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armour. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark anymore, nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning. Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousand are dying around me, the evil will not touch me. I will see how the wicked are punished but will not share it. For Jehovah is my refuge! I choose the God above all gods to shelter me. How then can evil overtake me? How then can plague come near? For He orders His angels to protect you wherever you go. They will steady you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks on the trail. You can safely meet a lion or step on poisonous snakes; yes, even trample them beneath your feet! For the Lord says, 'Because he loves Me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in My name.' When he calls Me I will answer; I will be with him in trouble, and rescue him and honour him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him My salvation." Psalm 91

"Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Matthew 28:20

"When these things begin to happen, stand up, hold your heads high, for your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28

"Later, Jesus spoke to the people again and said, 'I am the light of the world. The man who follows me will never walk in the dark,

but will live his life in the light." John 8:12

"Now you are going through pain, but I shall see you again and your hearts will thrill with joy - the joy that no one can take away from you." John 16:22

additional references:

Gen. 28:15, Deut. 33:12, Ps. 4:8, Ps. 9:9, Ps. 12:7, Ps. 23:5, Ps. 30:5, Ps. 31:19-20, Ps. 32:7, Ps. 33:16-19, Ps. 34:6-7, Ps. 34:10, Ps. 34:18-22, Ps. 37:3, Ps. 37:18-19, Ps. 37:28, Ps. 37:39-40, Ps. 46:1-3, Ps. 48:14, Ps. 50:15, Ps. 55:22, Ps. 72:12, Ps. 97:10, Ps. 107:27-29, Ps. 121:4-5, Ps. 138:7, Ps. 145:18, Is. 26:3, Is. 40:8, Is. 40:11, Is. 41:10, Is. 41:13, Is. 43:2, Is. 65:13-14, Jer. 30:22, Joel 2:31-32, Micah 2:7, Nahum 1:7, Hab. 2:4, Mal. 3:17, Mal. 4:2, Matt. 28:18, Luke 2:10, Luke 12:32, Luke 21:18, Luke 21:33, John 3:16, John 6:35, John 8:31-32, John 10:28-29, John 14:2, John 14:23, John 15:7, Rom. 8:18, Rom. 8:31, Rom. 8:38-39, I Cor. 1:8, I Cor. 2:9, I Cor. 13:4-8, I Cor. 15:3, Gal. 6:14, Col. 1:27, I Thes. 4:16-17, I Thes. 5:9, II Thes. 3:3, II Tim. 1:12, Heb. 6:18-19, Heb. 13:8, II Pet. 2:9, I John 3:1-3, Jude 24, Rev. 7:16-17, Rev. 21:4, Rev. 22:5.

3) What are we to do in these last days?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Deut. 6:5

"If any of you wanted to build a tower, wouldn't he first sit down and work out the cost of it, to see if he can afford to finish it?" Luke 14:28

"All glorious Father, God of my Lord Jesus Christ, give me the spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of Jesus: that I may receive that inner illumination of the spirit which will make me realize how great is the hope to which he is calling me - the magnificence and splendour of the inheritance promised to Christians - and how tremendous is the power available to me who believes in God." Eph. 1:17-19
(personalized)

"Live together in peace, brothers, and we appeal to you to warn the unruly, encourage the timid, help the weak, and be very patient with all men. Be sure that no one repays a bad turn with a bad turn; good shall be your objective always, among yourselves, and in the world at large. Be happy in your faith at all times. Never stop praying. Be

thankful, whatever the circumstances may be. For this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Never damp the fire of the Spirit, and never despise what is spoken in the name of the Lord. By all means use your judgment, and hold on to whatever is good. Steer clear of evil in any form." I Thessalonians 5:14-22

additional references:

Job 1:21, Job 11:18, Ps. 5:11, Ps. 27:1, Ps. 31:24, Ps. 32:6, Ps. 34:4, Ps. 50:14-15, Ps. 55:22, Ps. 56:4, Ps. 61:2, Ps. 62:8, Ps. 66:8, Ps. 86:7, Ps. 112:7-8, Ps. 118:6, Prov. 3:9-10, Prov. 18:10, Is. 26:4, Is. 30:21, Hab. 2:4, Zeph. 2:3, Mal. 3:10, Matt. 6:19-21, Matt. 6:25-34, Matt. 10:22-23, Matt. 24:42, Luke 9:60, Luke 10:20, Luke 12:4, Luke 12:15, Luke 12:22, Luke 12:33, Luke 16:13, Luke 17:32-33, Luke 21:34, Luke 21:36, Luke 22:26, John 6:27, Acts 2:40, Rom. 12:2, Rom. 15:4, I Cor. 15:58, II Cor. 1:4, Gal. 6:9, Gal. 6:14, Eph. 4:30-32, Eph 5:17-20, Eph. 6:17, Phil. 4:6-7, Col. 3:12-17, I Thes. 4:17-18, I Thes. 5:8, I Thes. 5:11, Heb. 3:13-14, Heb. 13:5-6, James 1:5, James 5:11, I Pet. 4:7-13, II Pet. 1:10, II Pet. 1:19, I John 2:15-17, Jude 21-23.

4) Why the present interest in prophecy?

"But Daniel, keep this prophecy a secret; seal it up so that it will not be understood until the end times, when a sudden explosion in travel and knowledge will occur." Daniel 12:4

"Go now, Daniel, for what I have said is not to be understood until the time of the end." Daniel 12:9

"So, when you see these things happening, you can be equally sure that the kingdom of God has nearly come." Luke 21:31

"About the Time of the End, a body of men will be raised up who will turn to the Prophecies, and insist upon their literal interpretations, in the midst of much clamour and opposition." Isaac Newton

additional references:

Luke 21:11, Luke 21:26, John 8:31-32, Acts 2:17, Titus 2:13, II Pet. 1:4, II Pet. 1:20, Rev. 1:3, Rev. 22:7, Rev. 22:10

5) How does the rapture promise fit in?

"It is utterly impossible for flesh and blood to possess the kingdom of God. The transitory could never possess the everlasting. Listen, and I will tell you a secret. We shall not all die, but suddenly, in the twinkling of an eye, every one of us will be changed as the last trumpet sounds! For the trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised beyond the reach of corruption, and we shall be changed."

I Cor. 15:50-52

additional references:

Ex. 12:12-13, Mal. 3:16-18, Matt. 24:29-31, Matt. 25:13, Mark 13:35-36, Luke 17:34-37, Luke 21:36, John 5:28-29, John 14:2-3, Eph. 4:30, Phil. 3:21, I Thes. 4:15-18, I Thes. 5:2-3, I Thes. 5:9, I Thes. 5:24, II Thes. 2:1-3, II Thes. 3:5, Titus 2:13, Heb. 9:28, Jude 14-15, Rev. 3:10, Rev. 7:9-17.

6) How can the majority of men ignore God's judgements?

"The wicked shall continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are willing to learn will know what it means."

Daniel 2:10

"Wicked men trust themselves alone -- and fail; but the righteous man trusts in Me -- and lives!"

Habbakuk 2:4

"If they will not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they would not be convinced if somebody were to rise from the dead."

Luke 16:31

"They were more concerned to have the approval of men than to have the approval of God."

John 12:43

additional references:

Ps. 50:17-18, Prov. 12:15, Hosea 6:7, Hosea 10:13, Luke 12:19, John 3:19, John 8:31-32, John 14:17, Rom. 1:32, I Cor. 1:27-29, Phil. 3:19, II Thes. 2:9-11, James 4:6.

7) What should be our message in these last days?

"Seek the Lord while you can find Him. Call upon Him now while He is near."

Isaiah 55:6

"Before the great and terrible Day of the Lord shall come everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Joel 2:31-32

"Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

"Do not be afraid! Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for all the people."

Luke 2:10

~~"It is the spirit which gives life. The flesh will not help you."~~

John 6:63

"If you openly admit by your own lips that Jesus is the Lord, and if you believe in your own heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

additional references:

Job 1:21, Ps. 33:10-12, Ps. 33:16-19, Ps. 37:4, Ps. 55:22, Ps. 118:8, Micah 2:7, Micah 6:7-8, Zeph. 2:1-3, Matt. 6:19-21, Matt. 6:24-34, Mark 13:37, Luke 12:40, Luke 17:32-33, Luke 21:36, John 6:27, John 7:17, Acts 17:30, Rom. 1:18-32, Rom. 6:16, Rom. 6:23, I Cor. 13:4-8, Phil. 4:6-7, Col. 3:2, I Thes. 5:9, I Thes. 5:14-18, Heb. 4:12, II Pet. 2:19, I John 2:15, I John 4:2-3, I John 4:9-10.

Modern Israel, a Fulfillment of Prophecy

Worldwide Dispersion of Jews (key passages denoted by asterisks)

Lev. 26:31-35	Jer. 9:7-21	*Dan. 9:26	Zech. 10:9
*Deut. 28:36-68	Jer. 12:7-17	Hosea 3:4-5	Matt. 23:36-39
*Deut. 29:22-28	Lam. 4:12-19	Joel 3:1-3	Matt. 24:1-35
I Kings 14:15-16	Ezek. 36:3	Micah 5:3	*Luke 21:20-24
Is. 6:9-13	Ezek. 36:18-19	Zech. 7:13-14	

Second Rebirth of Israel as a Nation

Deut. 30:1-9	Is. 51:14	Ezek. 11:17	*Hos. 3:4-5
*Ps. 102:12-22	Is. 52:2-3	Ezek. 21:25-27	Joel 3:1-3
*Is. 11:11-13	*Is. 60:9	Ezek. 28:25-26	*Amos 9:9-15
*Is. 14:1-3	*Is. 66:7-11	Ezek. 34:12-14	Micah 5:3
Is. 27:12-13	Jer. 23:3	*Ezek. 36:1-15	Zeph. 3:19-20
Is. 41:9	Jer. 23:8	*Ezek. 36:24	Zech. 2:3-12
Is. 43:5-6	Jer. 30:7-11	*Ezek. 37:1-14	Zech. 8:7-8
Is. 44:1-5	*Jer. 31:8-40	*Ezek. 38:8	Zech. 10:9-12
Is. 49:14-22	Jer. 32:37-42	Hosea 1:11	*Matt. 24:32-33

Developments in the New Nation of Israel

*Is. 11:11-16	Is. 51:3	*Ezek. 36:34-38	Micah 7:11-17
*Is. 19:16-17	Is. 51:22-23	*Ezek. 38:1-16	Zech. 2:3-12
*Is. 27:6	Is. 54:3	Zech. 8:11-13	Zech. 8:12-13
Is. 32:12-15	*Is. 61:4-5	Dan. 9:24-27	*Zech. 9:8
*Is. 35:1-2	Jer. 3:16-18	Joel 2:18-20	Zech. 12:2-13
*Is. 41:11-12	*Ezek. 28:26	Joel 3:1-3	*Zech. 13:8-9
*Is. 41:18-20	*Ezek. 34:25-30	Micah 4:11-13	Zech. 14:2-21
Is. 48:3-7, 11	*Ezek. 36:1-15	*Micah 5:5-9	

Israel's Adversaries

Gen. 12:3	Is. 41:11-12	Ezek. 29:3-16	Micah 4:11-13
Ps. 83	Is. 51:22-23	Ezek. 30:3-9	Zech. 9:8
Ps. 120:5-7	Is. 54:3	Ezek. 36:1-8	Zech. 12:2-9
Is. 11:14-16	Is. 61:5	Ezek. 38:1 - 39:23	Zech. 14:2-21
Is. 14:1-3	Jer. 30:7-11	Dan. 11:40-45	Rev. 8:14-16
Is. 19:11-25	Jer. 30:16	Joel 2:19-20	Rev. 16:12
Is. 29:14	Ezek. 28:26	Joel 3	

Israel's Expansion

Is. 11:14	Ezek. 47:13-23	Micah 5:5-6	Zeph. 2:6-11
Is. 35:2	Amos 9:12	Micah 7:11	Zech. 10:10
Ezek. 36:1-15	Obad. 19-21		

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Deut. 9:6	Is. 19:23-24	Ezek. 36:22-32
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When Jesus' disciples questioned Him about the time of His return to Earth and asked for some signs of the end of the age, Jesus replied by giving a long list of indicators, then concluded with this statement: "I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened." (Matt. 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32). "All these things" include His physical return; so, it becomes clear that at least some of those people who are alive to see the various indicators occurring all around them also will witness Christ's second coming.

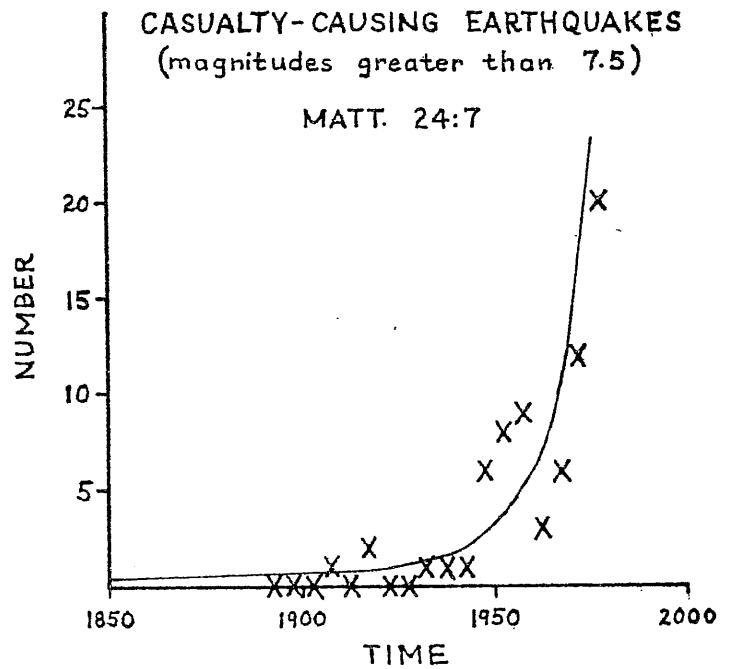
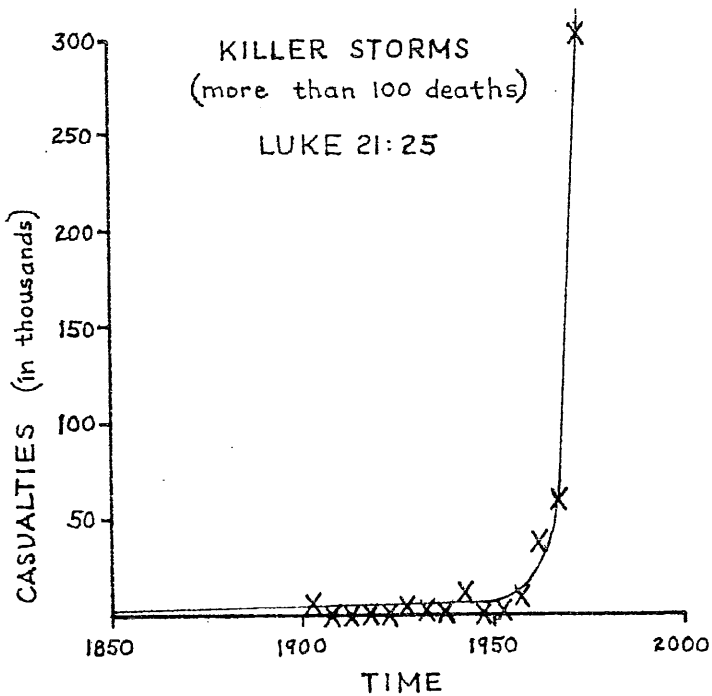
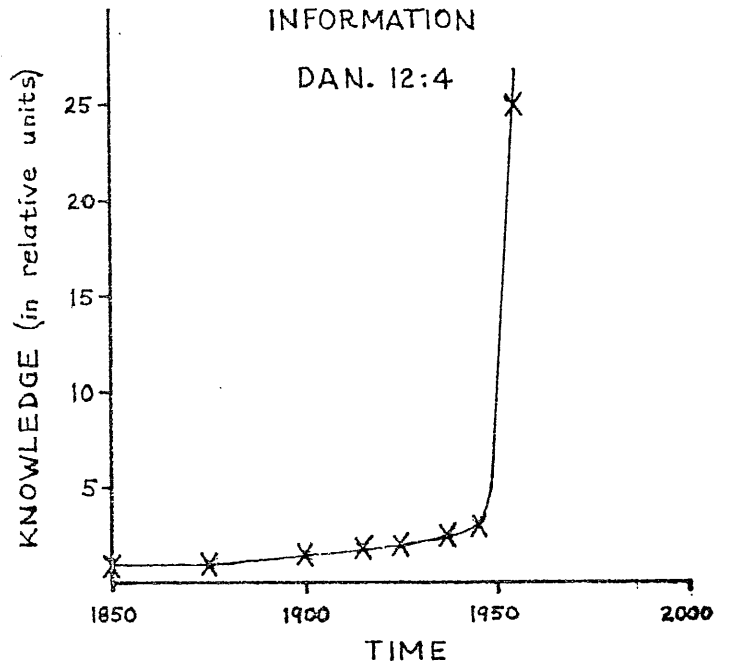
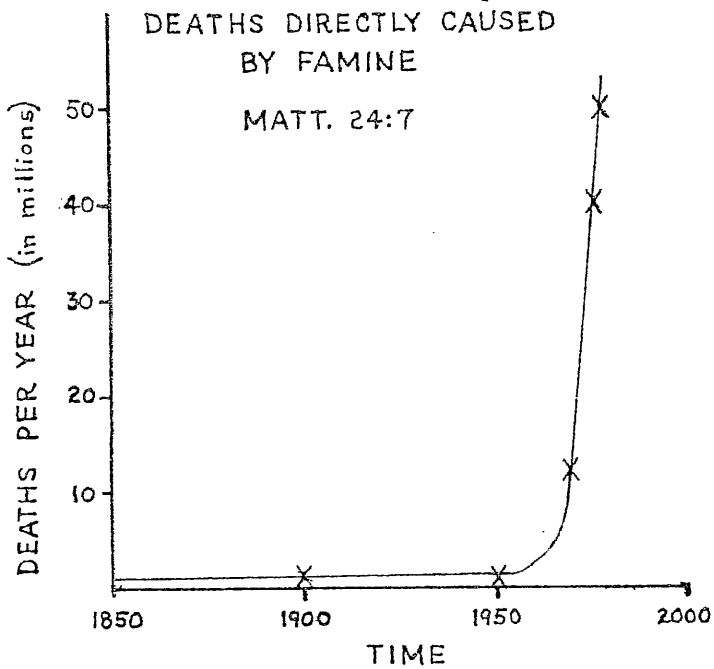
The list which Jesus gave, along with some clues given by the prophet, Daniel, focuses primarily on the beginning of that "last generation" time period. Many of the signs He described are phenomena that have existed throughout human history, while others are one-time events. For each of the long standing indicators, the thing to look for is a dramatic and unprecedented increase in number and intensity. As such, these signs have appeared between 1940 and 1960, with the average falling around 1950. (See examples on the following page). Here is the list of the signs:

- 1) explosive increase in human knowledge (Dan. 12:4).
- 2) vast increase in travel (Dan. 12:4).
- 3) appearance of many false Christs (Matt. 24:5,23,26; Mark 13:6,21).
- 4) numerous and intense wars (Matt. 24:6; Mark 13:7).
- 5) numerous rumors of wars (Matt. 24:6; Mark 13:7).
- 6) numerous and widespread national conflicts (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8).
- 7) great earthquakes in various places (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11).
- 8) great famines in various places (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11).
- 9) widespread hate and persecution of Christians (Matt. 24:9; Mark 13:9,13).
- 10) spread of the gospel to all nations (Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10).
- 11) rebellion in the homes of unbelievers (Mark 13:12; II Tim. 3:2).
- 12) rise of numerous cults accompanied by Satanic miracles (Matt. 24:11,24; Mark 13:22; I Tim. 4:1-4).
- 13) rebirth of Israel as a Jewish nation (Dan. 8 and 9; Ezek. 36, 37, and 38; Matt. 24:32; Mark 13:28).
- 14) callous attitude among unbelievers (Is. 22:13; Matt. 24:12).
- 15) widespread apostasy (Matt. 24:10; II Thes. 2:3; I Tim. 4:1-4).
- 16) widespread revelry, "partying" (Matt. 24:38).
- 17) widespread ignorance of the calamitous situation (Matt. 24:39).
- 18) numerous revolutions and civil wars (Luke 21:9).
- 19) widespread attacks by pestilence (Luke 21:11).
- 20) unusual occurrences in the heavens (Luke 21:25).
- 21) perplexity and anxiety about storms (Luke 21:25).
- 22) apprehension about what is happening to the world (Luke 21:26).
- 23) healing in the homes of Christians (Mal. 4:5-6).
- 24) unprecedented godlessness and debauchery (II Tim. 3:1-9; II Tim. 4:3-4).
- 25) scoffing attitude towards Biblical prophecies about "the end" (II Pet. 3:3-15).

How long is a generation?

In the Old Testament a generation is the period of time during which a person is able to function physically and mentally as an adult, roughly between ages 20 and 60 or 70. At least twice in scripture, statements similar to that in Matt. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21 appear. One refers to the Jews' wandering in the wilderness until Moses' generation died off -- 38 years (Num. 14:29-30), and the other to the destruction of the second temple during the disciples generation -- 40 years (Matt. 24:2; Luke 19:44).

DRAMATIC INCREASES IN "THESE THINGS" (MATT. 24:34)



DEALING WITH DEMONS

Demons: evil spirits, angelic being who joined with Satan in his rebellion against God in the kingdom of heaven (Rev. 12:4)

Demon oppression: mild to severe harassment by evil spirit(s) resulting from the opening of some door(s) to Satan's influence.

Demon possession: the condition in which one or more evil spirits inhabit the body of a human being, taking complete control of it at will and expressing his (or their) personality through that body.

Symptoms of demon oppression: (caution: some of these may simply be the result of unconfessed sin or unconquered sin habits in the life of the believer)

1. abnormal, irrational fear
2. abnormal, irrational anxiety
3. abnormal, irrational loneliness
4. severe and/or persistent depression that is not physiologically induced
5. lack of self-control
6. aimlessness; the feeling that life is void of any purpose or meaning
7. conflicts with authority figures
8. violent, reckless behavior
9. loss of the fear of God
10. outbursts of hatred
11. selfish ambition, especially an appetite for power
12. irrationality; inability to detect or correct contradictions or other fallacious reasoning

Open doors to demon oppression:

1. indulgence in occultic music, literature, art, dancing, etc.
2. possession (known or unknown) of occultic records, tapes, books, pictures, charms, tools, games, etc.
3. grudges against God and others
4. poor self-image
5. rebellion against authority
6. dating relationships or close friendships with demon oppressed or possessed people
7. sexual immorality with demon oppressed or possessed people
8. authority figures' acceptance of Satanic influence
9. seeking or giving consent to occultic power or occultic revelation
10. fascination with occultic power, occultic revelation, or psychic phenomena, in general

11. rejection of what is know and understood to be true
12. participation in false religions or cults
13. wrong use of drugs and/or alcohol
14. wrong use of herbs
15. escapism through thrill-seeking, science fiction, soap operas, or some other addicting hobby/activity
16. hedonism; an absorbing pursuit of entertainment and/or body pleasure
17. fascination with violence, especially violence devoid of justice; sadism and/or masochism
18. prolonged or persistent jealousy
19. bad temper or stubbornness
20. pornography
21. fascination with UFO phenomena; attempts to contact extraterrestrial beings
22. prolonged sleeplessness
23. meditation on anything other than God's revealed truth
24. chanting or other cultic/occultic forms of worship
25. any contact with demon oppressed or possessed people that threatens the demon(s)

Symptoms of demon possession:

1. intense, maniacal delight in wielding power
2. total incapability of submitting to any but demonic authority
3. filthy, uncontrolled swearing without provocation, even toward total strangers*
4. irreverent, vile, lewd comments about members of the Godhead; comments attributing gross sexual immorality to Jesus*
5. sustained supernatural strength or intelligence beyond that which might come from adrenalin or some other physiological source*
6. irrationality to the degree that even the simplest spiritual truths are beyond comprehension
7. intense, highly disturbed reaction to the mentions of Jesus' name and Jesus' blood shed on the cross for man's sin*
8. possession of supernatural, occultic power(s) e.g. ability to foretell future events, to levitate tables or other objects, or to travel outside the body, etc.
9. wild, unnatural facial contortions
10. presence of two or more distinguishable, coherent personalities, personalities capable of expressing themselves simultaneously (may include emergence of strange voices, dual or multiple voices, and/or unnatural conversations)*
11. unexplainable, uncontrollable terror especially in the presence of Christians whose faith is strong* (this terror arises either from the

- demon's fear of being cast out or from the possessed person's fear upon being cruelly threatened by the demon(s)
12. violent reckless behavior of an extreme sort, e.g. throwing knives, playing with poisonous snakes, etc.**
 13. severe, persistent depression, despondency and/or temptations to commit suicide**
 14. total lack of self-restraint, especially with respect to sexual behavior; uncontrolled sexual advances
 15. extreme disregard for physical appearance and/or physical well-being**
 16. intense loneliness, even in the midst of warm, compassionate fellowship

* conclusive evidence of possession

** The demon's goal is to get the possessed person to kill himself and/or others before he or they act on the opportunity to be saved and become Christ's "captives."

Open doors to demon possession:

1. holding on to deep-seated grudges against God and others
2. giving consent to occultic power or revelation, e.g. going to a fortune teller, having an astrological chart or forecast made, etc.
3. craving and seeking after occultic power or revelation, e.g. taking e.s.p. tests or other psychic aptitude tests
4. possessing and/or using occultic tools, charms, books, music, souvenirs, etc.
5. having parents or other close authority figures open doors to Satan's influence
6. blaspheming the Holy Spirit; i.e. repeatedly and consistently rejecting the work of the Holy Spirit as He reveals truth and convicts of sin
7. grossly and habitually rebelling against authority
8. habitually participating in gross sexual immorality

Closing doors to demon oppression and possession:

1. Examine you life for any and all open doors.
2. Repent of opening those doors (except in the case of #25, p.2), and confess as sin the opening of doors by your authority figures.
3. Take action to demonstrate repentance and to purify your life, including the following:
 - a.) Release resentment/grudges against God and others, and seek forgiveness of those you have offended by your resentment.
 - b.) Repudiate and renounce any and all occultic involvement; seek forgiveness of those you have offended by it; totally destroy all books and other objects connected with it.
 - c.) Get back under the authority of your parents, husband, pastor,

- elders, boss, teachers, and/or others against whom you rebelled; again, seek forgiveness wherever necessary.
4. Ask Jesus Christ to take complete control of your life-- with His will supreme, not your own. Dedicate your heart, soul, mind, and strength to be used for His glory, for the fulfillment of His purposes.

How to be set free from possession:

With an intense effort of your will, seek the help of God and of strong, mature Christians. Attempt to communicate your desire to be set free.

Casting out demons:

1. Make sure the possessed person encountered truly is possessed. Seek confirmation.
2. Exercise empathic repentance first, closing any open doors to demon influence in your own life.
3. Get not only the consent of the possessed person, but also that of his/her key authority figures, to cast the demon(s) out (Luke 11:24-26).
4. Enlist the help of five or more physically and spiritually strong Christians.
5. Do NOT lay hands on the possessed person, except as necessary to prevent bodily harm.
6. Identify the demon (or each demon, in cases where there are more than one) by asking him to give his name.
7. In the name of Jesus and by the power of His shed blood, command the demon(s) to leave.
8. Watch for deception--Remember: there may be more than just one or two.
9. In cases where a demon is particularly stubborn, engage in group fasting and prayer (Mark 9:25-29).
10. Carefully and diligently lead the person through each step of closing doors to demon oppression/possession (given above). Remember that bringing the person to salvation, to the indwelling of God's Spirit, is the only prevention for further demon possession (Mark 9:25-29).
11. Stay close to the new convert and help him get involved in a solid program of discipleship in fellowship with other believers.

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