

Lesson 1

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Teaching One: The Rapture

Intro. The Rapture is one of the most controversial and misunderstood topics in theology.

Many say, "There's no such thing or It's a faulty biblical interpretation."

There have been date setters for the rapture by many teachers and preachers. They proved to be false predictors.

[1988-Book 88 reasons why the Lord will Return]

It is with so much disinformation that truth becomes its victim. Ladies and gentlemen be encouraged. I believe we can know the truth about the end times. So keep this in mind as we move forward in this series. We will speak to what God has revealed to us.

End Times Is . . .

I. Is A Mystery, Not A Secret

a. Many has in their mind that if God wanted them to know about end times He would have been clearer in the Book of Revelations.

(Matt.24:36) **36** But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

b. First let's define a secret. A secret is something hidden. I don't believe God is trying to hide information from us. Do you?

How many of you have heard about the Rapture, the Tribulation, the Antichrist, the Second Coming, the Millennium, and the Final Judgment?

Well God is terrible about keeping it a secret then. LOL

c. Bible Prophecy is a mystery not a secret.

1-Understanding is available if we will take time to discover it.

2-The word mystery appears 33 times in scripture. Each time it speaks to somethings that can be known.

(Col.2:2) **2** That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

(Eph.5:31,32) **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

(1Cor.15:51,52) **51** Behold, 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.

(1Thess.4:16-18) **16** For 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. **18** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Note: So God is Not trying to hide

II. THE MYSTERY OF THE RAPTURE

a. The rapture is a global church wide event when Christ will gather all believers to Himself, dead and living.

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***Imagine with me we will be able to see the entire church from past to present!

b. Are you excited? If not you might not be grasping this huge event. You have not made Jesus your savior.

c. Some say, the word rapture is not in the Bible so it's a made up event.

Note: It might surprise you that there are other theological words that are not in the English Bible. Like The word demon, the phrase millennial reign, the phrase second coming or second event, and the word trinity.

d. Some say, It's a modern doctrine given first by a woman named Margaret McDonald in 1830.

Note: 1748 Dr. John Gill (Baptist theologian) called the catching away the rapture.

1687 Peter Jerieu also speaks of it.

*Yet the rapture is clearly taught in the Word of God.

Note: Harpazo is a Greek word meaning caught up, snatched away, or taken away by force. In Latin, the word harpazo is translated as rapturo where we get the word rapture. This Greek, to Latin combination is found in (1Thess. 4:17) **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.

This is the same event in (1Cor.15)

e. Let's look into scripture where this word rapture is used in similar context.

(Acts8:39,40) **39** And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

(2 Cor.12:2-4) **2** I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

f. Now concerning the rapture of the Church it is made clear . . .

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1-The blare and the call of the trumpet

2-And the call of the arch angel

3-As the Lord begins his descent will sound in heaven only.

Note: Some would say that the rapture doesn't fit the proper order of things.

(Hebrews 9:27) **27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Note: Living without dying has happened before.

(Gen. 5:24) **24** And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

(2Kings 2:11) **11** And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

g. JESUS HAS MADE A PROMISE THAT HE IS GOING TO KEEP

(John 14:1-3) **1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

III. The Why Of The Rapture

a. We are ambassadors for Christ

(2Cor.5:20) **20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

1-The Function of a ambassador.

(a) Representative of a Nation

They serve as a communication tool in good and bad times.

(b) When relationships are strained and war is on the horizon the ambassador is called home bc they are no longer safe.

Conclusion: When the world no longer is listening to the ambassadors of Christ it means we are going home!

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Lesson 2: The Great Tribulation

So the rapture of the church is next and I pray you are ready for it. I also pray others will be prepared before it's too late.

So what's next is the The Great Tribulation which last seven years.

And then The Great battle is close.

(Rev. 19)

*Great Tribulation will come to this world before the battle. And the conversion of Israel will take place.

*There's Good News For The Church!

Question: What purpose would it be for the church to be punished by the wrath of God when Jesus has already died and paid the price for our sins.

I. The Rapture Is The Gathering Together A Pre-Tribulation Event.

a. God will gather His Church together. This is the rapture.

(2 Thess.2:1,2) **1** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, **2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

*Christ will return and gather the church to Him. To protect them from the impending wrath of God.

b. The church will be kept from the hour of tribulation.

-Jesus addressing the Church of Philadelphia in . . .

(Rev.3:10) **10** Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

(1 Thess.1:10) **10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

(Rom.5:9) **9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

(Eph.5:6) **6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

(Gen.6:8) **8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

(Gen.19:16) **16** And while he [Lot] lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

c. Let's go back to concerning the rapture. Paul says,
(1Thess. 4:18) "comfort one another with these words"

Paul gives comfort in,

(1Thess.1:9,10) **9** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; **10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

d. There's no comfort to be found in the Tribulation.

Note: Okay guys your heads will be cut off, scorched by the sun, etc. You can "comfort one another with this news."

II. Those Left Behind (after the rapture)

a. The tragedy of those who will be left behind. Those who professed to being saved but it was a false profession.

(Matt.15:8) **8** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

b. It all comes down to do you know Jesus? The eternity with Jesus secure when we grasp the meaning of the words of Jesus in,

(John 11:25:26) **25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: **26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Note: So in life or death we rest in Jesus!

III. THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING

a. The Rapture and Second Coming are not one event.

Note: Many I believe make the mistake of blending these two into one. They are two distinct occurrences.

b. The difference explained:

1-Jesus is coming back for His Church.

2-The Second Coming He's coming back with His Church.

c. At the second coming,

(Zach.14:4,5) **4** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

Note: At the end of the Tribulation Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives from where he departed. Bringing His Bride, The Church with Him!

Note: This is explained further by Titus when he uses two separate phrases.

(Titus 2:13) **13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Note: "looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The blessed hope is the rapture! It our hope bc this world is getting darker all the time. The "glorious appearing" is seven years later!

The rapture was a split second.

d. The Second coming will be so much different.

(Rev.1:7) **7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Jesus spoke of this is,

(Matt.24:30) **30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

e. Don't be confused about the clouds in both events. In the rapture he doesn't descend beyond cloud level.

(1Thess.4:17) **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.

Note: Jesus and John speaks at the second coming their will be mourning.

f. Finally, The national salvation of Israel comes into play.

1-Paul spoke of it, (Rom.11:26) **26** And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written,

There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

2-It begins to take place at the glorious appearing of Jesus. The Jews will recognize Him!

(Zach.12:10) **10** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn

Conclusion: So . . .

1-The rapture

2-The Tribulation (tribulations saints will die and be taken into the presence of God)

3-The Second Coming

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Let's begin first with an snapshot of what we've studied so far:

-The rapture of the church is next. (I pray you are ready for it).

-Last week we studied and established that as born again believers we have not been appointed to wrath. We will not suffer the great tribulation of seven years on this earth. However we spoke of those who will have a false profession of faith who will be left behind. Tonight we will teach concerning the antichrist.

Lesson 3: The Anti-Christ

Scripture Reference: (2Thess.2:1-4)

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2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. **3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Intro. I have heard so much speculation to who the Antichrist will be.

(2Thess.2:3) is referring to the "man of lawlessness"—the Antichrist—who will appear in the end times before Christ's return. (His Second a Coming)

Example: A man I pastored told me he was "the son of perdition."

*I am pretty sure there are those of days gone by who gave the name of the antichrist and that man is dead. So he was not the antichrist. In our modern times such people have ask the question could it be "Prince Charles, Barrack Obama, Vladimir Putin or Donald Trump.

*I can tell you I do not know who the antichrist is. If I did know it would mean the rapture has taken place and I've been left behind.

I want to begin by speaking to . . .

I. Defining The Anti-Christ

(John 2:18) **18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

a. There are two types articles used in the English language: The indefinite ("a" or "an") and the definite ("the"). The indefinite is general, and the definite is specific.

b. John distinguishes the difference. (John 2:18)

So while there are many anti-christ there is only one antichrist. (all have the same agenda and that is to undermine that God is doing).

c. That the antichrist will do will be on a global scale. "the son of perdition."

d. The antichrist form two greek words-

anti, "opposite to, in place of" and christos, which means "Christ."

Note: If God is the Father of Jesus Christ. It makes sense that Satan is the father of the Anti-Christ. If we want to know the character of Jesus, we look to the Father. If you want to know what the antichrist is like we look at his father the devil who is the father of lies. Satan wanted to be like God. The mystery of lawlessness began with Satan.

(Isaiah 14:14) **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

e. He lied in the beginning.

(Gen.3:5) **5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

II. How To Recognize The Anti-Christ

(1John2:22) **22** Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

a. His message is opposite if Jesus' teaching.

b. False teaching at its very core has to do with the deity of Jesus.

-Muslims will tell you that Jesus was a great prophet.

-Jews will tell you Jesus was good man.

-Many will tell you that Jesus was a wonderful wise teacher.

But is He God? This is a step further than they will go.

Note: The Jews of Jesus day didn't have a problem believing Jesus was the messiah.

(Matt.21:9) **9** And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Note: But Jesus took it too far for them, they crucified Him for being blasphemous. For the act of claiming to be God.

c. An antichrist can be anyone claiming that God is not really God.

III. The Mystery Of Lawlessness

(2 Thess.2:7)

(v.7) **7** For the mystery of iniquity (NLT "lawlessness") doth already work:

a. As we look around us we can know the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Rebellion is eveywhere.

- b. It began in the Garden in (Gen.3) and has been growing and scheming ever since.
- c. It is easy to recognize anti-God but other times it is a lie woven into truth.
- d. We might not know who the anti-Christ is but we know what he's all about.
- e. I am convinced we need to spend less time on the antichrist himself and more time on the lawlessness surrounding him.
- f. *The antichrist is not the mystery; the lawlessness is. The anti-Christ will not produce lawlessness; the mystery of lawlessness will produce the anti-Christ.
- g. Remember a mystery is not a secret. The identity and exact timing of the anti-Christ we may not know. But his substance (what he's about) should becoming more clear to you and me.

IV. When Is The Anti Christ Coming?

a. (2Thess. 2:1-4) **1** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, **2** That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. **3** Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **[NLT the man of lawlessness[b] is revealed—the one who brings destruction.]** **4** Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

1-Some will say the day of Christ has come.

2-They claim they're speaking on His behalf.

3-Do not believe it.

b. Paul makes it clear that the Day of the Lord is still coming. He will bring judgment upon the world.

c. Two things must take place.

1-There will be a great apostasy from the the truth of God.

2-The antichrist must come.

*The day will come he will exalt himself as if he is God, and he will be leading people to worship him. He will go to the temple and deceive people into believing he is deity.

Note 1: There is no Temple in Jerusalem. 2 Thessalonians 2 is a future event.

Note 2: There is already a Temple Institute in Jerusalem. All the worship vessels are prepared and blueprints are drawn up. (so he the antichrist can be worshipped)

* Dome of the Rock: The structure is situated on a flat elevated plaza known to Muslims as al-Haram al-Sharīf ("The Noble Sanctuary") and to Jews as the Temple Mount (the site where the Temple of Jerusalem once stood). According to Muslims, the rock above which the dome is constructed is the spot from which the Prophet Muhammad was taken up into heaven for an encounter with God

Conclusion: The Anti-Christ is not a friend to the Jews.

(Rev.12) The dragon will show his face and persecute the woman-Israel- who will give birth to Christ. Satan desires to destroy the Nation of Israel.

(Matt.23:39) **39** For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

***In order for the Second coming to take place the Jews must be in their city and wanting Him to come back. So the plan of Satan is to wipe out the Jews. Satan lost the war in heaven and he will lose the war on earth.

In (Rev.13:1-4) he is-symbolized by the "beast,"

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1-Rapture

2-Arrival of the antichrist

3-The Beginning of Tribulation Period

*When the tribulation comes the judgement of God begins on this world.

Over half of the worlds population will die. Uncommon natural disasters, through wars, nuclear wars, through uncommon pestilence. The pestilence we are experiencing today is just a precursor of what will happen during the tribulation, when the judgement of God that has been stored up is poured out. The duration of the tribulation is 7 years, not by our calendar but by the Jewish calendar of 360 days in a year. At the end of these seven years is the Second Coming of Jesus to the earth.

Intro. So speaking of end times, What's next and are you ready for it? Our study has been,

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This evening I want to speak more about the antichrist.

Lesson 4: More On The Antichrist (Part Two)

1-His motivation

2-As The Deceiver/antichrist, Him Understanding Humanity

3-Where He Will Come From

So,

I. What is the motivation of the antichrist?

a. (2Thess,2:9-12) **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

1-He comes to fill the void left by the rejection of Christ.

[people who have turned their backs on God and accepted the falsehoods of the liar and deceiver]

*John speaks of The Christ in,

(John 1:10.11) **10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **11** He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

b. The antichrist is coming to be received by those who refused to receive Christ.

c. Because the world chooses the antichrist over the Christ. Sending them strong delusion so they will be entrenched in this lie.

Note: The culture of our world right now is rooted in unrighteousness. Anything opposite of God they want. This devil is the father of lies has marred the worldview of humanity, preparing the way for the antichrist.

II. The Deceiver/antichrist Understands Humanity

a. He knows how to tap into the worlds desires:

(1)The desire for prosperity

-People want money, comfort, expensive toys, and things for show.

-There is a growing sense that people not only want this for themselves but also for others.

-Many world leaders are moving forward with a desire to secure prosperity for all. Doing so through alliances, trade deals, and climate change protocols.

-There seems to be a road block of global prosperity many times due to the fact someone is always speculating with currencies/assigning greater value to one while devaluing another.

Note: It seems for now the U.S. dollar is the standard for most of the worlds financial dealings. If the global market decided to stop using the dollar, the dollar would collapse. There is too much risk in the old system.

-The best way for global prosperity is to create a one world economy with a one world currency and reserve.

Note: As our National (USA) debt continues to climb and our dollar is weakened we will be ready to join in to a one world currency.

In January 2022, the public debt of the United States was around **30.01 trillion U.S. dollars**, around 2.23 trillion more than a year earlier, when it was around 27.78 trillion U.S. dollars.

(2) Peoples desire for unity is what Satan desires to take advantage of.

-This is how one world government will come.

-This is already happening. 190 countries have given up sovereignty to a governing treaty called the Kyoto Protocol, original adopted in 1997 in Kyoto (CoTo) Japan with its goal of saving the earth from global warming. *A global problem demands global oversight.

(3) A desire for global peace the deceiver utilizes.

-Daily threats of terrorism, and the expansion of nuclear weapons. People are desiring peace.

-The Middle East is the focus of peace in the world to begin this process. If it happens there then the good neighbor concept will spill over into the entire world.

-When the antichrist brings peace to the Middle East. They will rise up and call him blessed.

(Daniel 9:27) **27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

1-The period of the peace accord is to be seven years (one week). It's during this time of promised peace the battle-weary will worship the antichrist who has brought this wonderful time of peace.

2-It's a temporary peace. The peacemaker will break the time of peace himself.

Note: He is the antichrist and he's opposite of what God gives.

(2Thess. 3:16) **16** Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

3-People who have chosen temporary peace satanic peace over God's peace.

Note: The world is looking for a hero not a suffering Messiah. The antichrist will be the champion, the hero they desire.

(Rev.13:3) **3** And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

III. Where Will The antichrist Come From

a. What better place than from Babylon.

Let me be clear that I don't mean Iraq.

-Six century BC, the Babylonian Empire was destroyed by the Medes and Persians in Babylon. The Persians ruled until the fourth century BC, When their empire was destroyed by the Greeks, under Alexander the Great, in Babylon-where he dies. Ten years later in 323 BC. The Greek Empire was the dominant power until it was destroyed by the Romans in Babylon. The Roman Empire was vast in power and ruled for centuries, but it was eventually destroyed, except not in Babylon. The Germanic tribes, the Alemanni, (ally-monte) were the ones who brought down the empire by causing it to spread out and disintegrate (again not in Babylon, but in Europe).

Note: This shift from the Middle East to Europe is significant.

The prophet Daniel has a dream upon his bed. Out of the sea four beasts. The first appeared as a lion with an Eagle's wings. The second looked like a bear. The third was four headed, four winged, leopard looking creature.

And now he describes the fourth . . .

(Daniel 7:7,8) **7** After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

-This final beast describes the Roman Empire.

-Out of the head of the beast ten horns, with three "plucked up by the roots."

Western Europe is the only area that has had ten tribes with three that no longer exist:

1-The Visigoths [Vizagoths] (Spain)

2-Anglo Saxons (England)

3-Franks (France)

4-Alemanni (Germany)

5-Burgundians [Bur-gun-dians] (Switzerland)

6-Lombards (Italy)

7-Suevi (Portugal)

8-Heruli (rooted up)

9-Ostrogoths (rooted up)

10-Vandals (rooted up)

Note: Ten tribes: Seven still exist. And three are gone. What about that one horn that will come up among them, "speaking great (pompous) words"? This is the antichrist.

Conclusion: Ladies and gentlemen the antichrist is coming and it seems the world is paving the way for his arrival.

Lesson 5

End Time Series:

Titled: Are You Ready For What's Next

Introduction: It's been my goal to look at the Lords End Times Blueprint. When we think of the end times it can certainly be interesting but also it can be scary.

I believe God has purpose for letting us have a glimpse of the end of time and it's twofold.

1-To encourage the saints.

2-To point the world to Jesus, the Messiah who is the hope of this world.

Note: If Prophecy leads you to any other place than to Jesus Christ, you have missed the point of prophecy.

So speaking of end times, What's next and are you ready for it?

1-Rapture

2-Arrival of the antichrist

3-The Beginning of Tribulation Period

4-Second Coming

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5-Messianic Kingdom [The Thousand Year Reign. This will be where we will begin tonights teaching]

6-The Final Judgement

7-The New Jerusalem

So at the end of the tribulation, Jesus Christ will return with the hosts of heaven as well as the Church to establish the Messianic kingdom on earth.

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Messianic Kingdom [The Thousand Year Reign and beyond]

Note: It is our view that the marriage supper of the Lamb takes place in heaven between the rapture and the second coming (during the tribulation on earth).

I. The Messianic Kingdom

a. At the end of the tribulation, Jesus Christ will return with the hosts of heaven as well as the Church to establish the Messianic kingdom on earth.

Note: In Revelation 19:11–20, a final battle occurs at Christ's second coming as the conquering Christ defeats the forces of the Antichrist. We take this to be a description of the Battle of Armageddon mentioned in Revelation 16:

(Rev.19:7-14) **7** Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. **8** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. **9** And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true

sayings of God. **10** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. **11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. **13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

(1Thess.3:13) **13** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

(Zech.14:9) **9** And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

(Rev.19.15,16) **15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

b. His kingdom will last a thousand years.

II. At The Second Coming Of Christ

a. The antichrist will be cast into the lake of fire and Satan will be bound a thousand years.

(Rev.19:20) **20** And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

b. Satan will be chained up.

(Rev.20:1-3) And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. **2** And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

c. The nations and their representatives will judged.

(Joel 3) read

(Matt.25:31-46) expound

d. Israel will be restored to her land.

(Amos.9:15) **15** And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

(Ez.34:28) **28** And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

e. Christ reign will be with justice and equity.

(Ps.2:9) **9** Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

(Is.11:4) **4** But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

f. Since the curse is removed. The reign of Christ will be marked by spiritual and material blessing.

(Rom.8:19-21) **19** For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, **21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

g. The Messianic kingdom will close with apostasy and rebellion.

(Rev.20:7-9) **7** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, **8** And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. **9** And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

h. God will crush this uprising in the last battle of the ages and Satan will be cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 20:10) **10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

III. The Final Judgement

a. All those who rejected the Word of God will be resurrected and they will be judged by Christ and cast into the lake of fire.

(Rev. 20:10-13) **11** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

b. This will be the place of everlasting punishment.

(Rev.20:14,15) **14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire

(Mark 9:48) **48** Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

IV. After This Judgment

a. There will be a New Heaven and a New Earth where righteousness is the norm.

(2Peter3:13) **13** Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

V. Finally, New Jerusalem

a. The everlasting presence of God amongst the redeemed.

(Rev.21:1-5) 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.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **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.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.