



## **Looking Ahead –**

### **Summer schedule:**

August 20 – we will have class.

Sept. 3 – No class – Labor Day weekend.

We will resume our regular weekly schedule Sept. 10.

## **“Seal #4: The Rider On The Ashen Horse”**

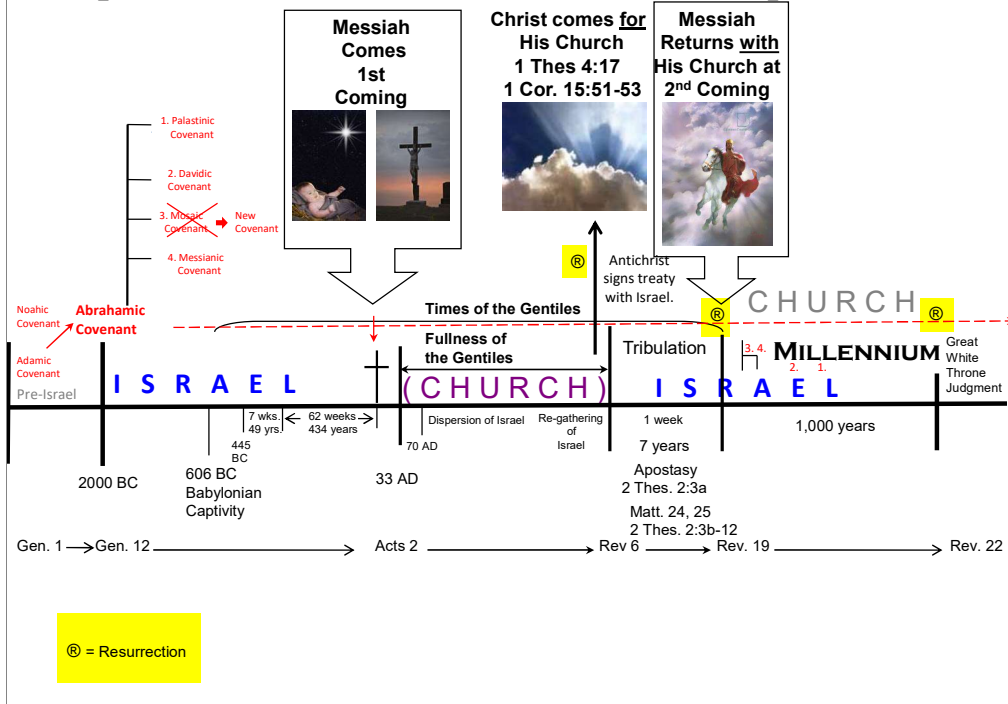
**Rev. 6:7,8**

August 6, 2017

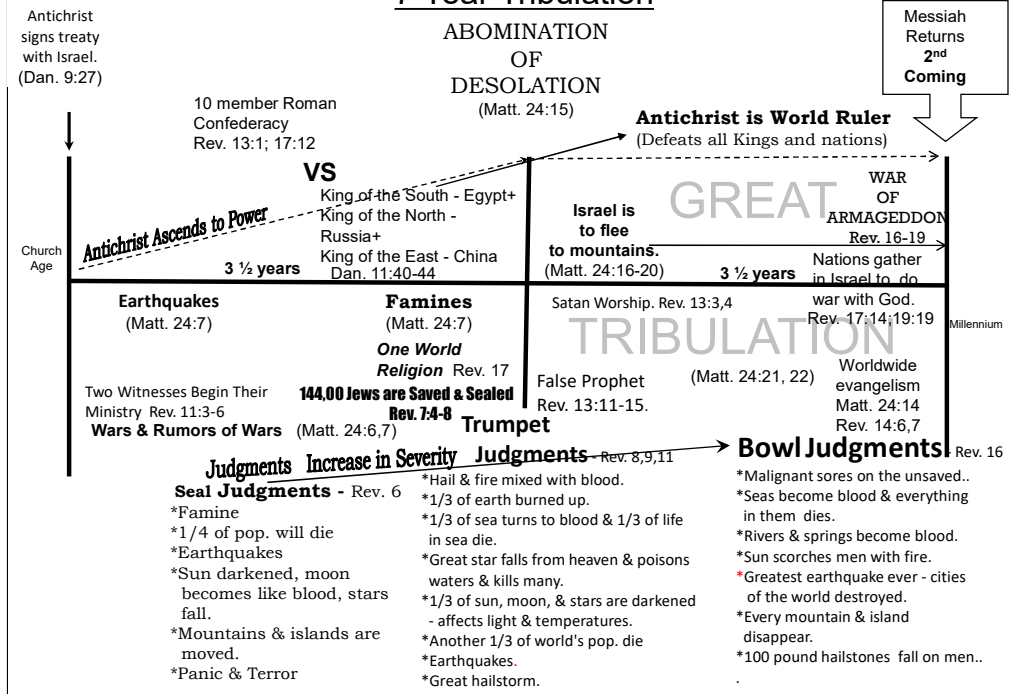
## **Rom 11:2**

“Behold then the kindness and severity of God”

# Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



## 7 Year Tribulation



### Color      Object      Meaning

Seal #1	White	Bow	Deception/Antichrist
Seal #2	Red	Sword	Blood/War
Seal #3	Black	Scales	Famine



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**Ashen** - *Χλωρος* - form which the English words *chlorophyll* and *chlorine* come from.

1. refers to a sickly, pale, yellow-green color of decay.
2. a corpse in the advanced state of corruption.

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## 4 terms which describe the place of the dead:

### 1. Sheol.

\*Used 65 times in O.T. – 31 times as “hell”; 31 times as the “grave”; 3 times as the “pit”.

### 2. Hades.

\*Used 11 times. 10 meaning “hell”; 1 meaning “grave”.

### 3. Tartarous.

\*Used 1 time to denote the holding place for a group of demons.

### 4. Gehenna.

\*Used 12 times in the N.T. Used as a geographical term and the final state of the unsaved.

## Gen 6:1-4

6 Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them.

## Jude 6-7

6 And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

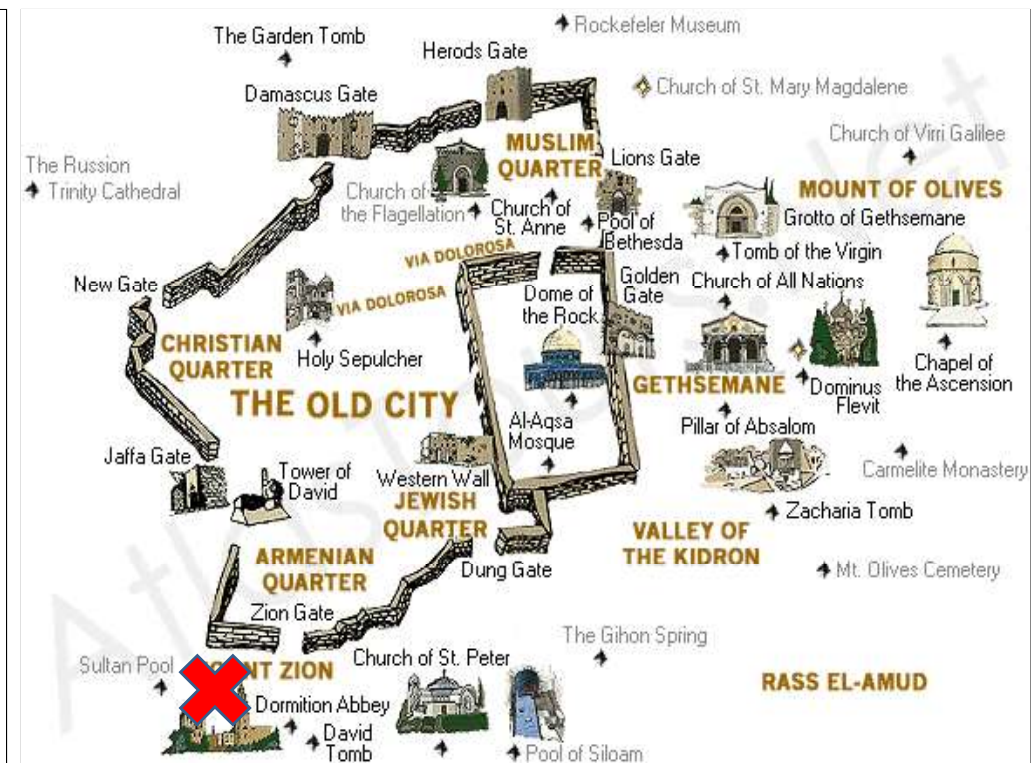
7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

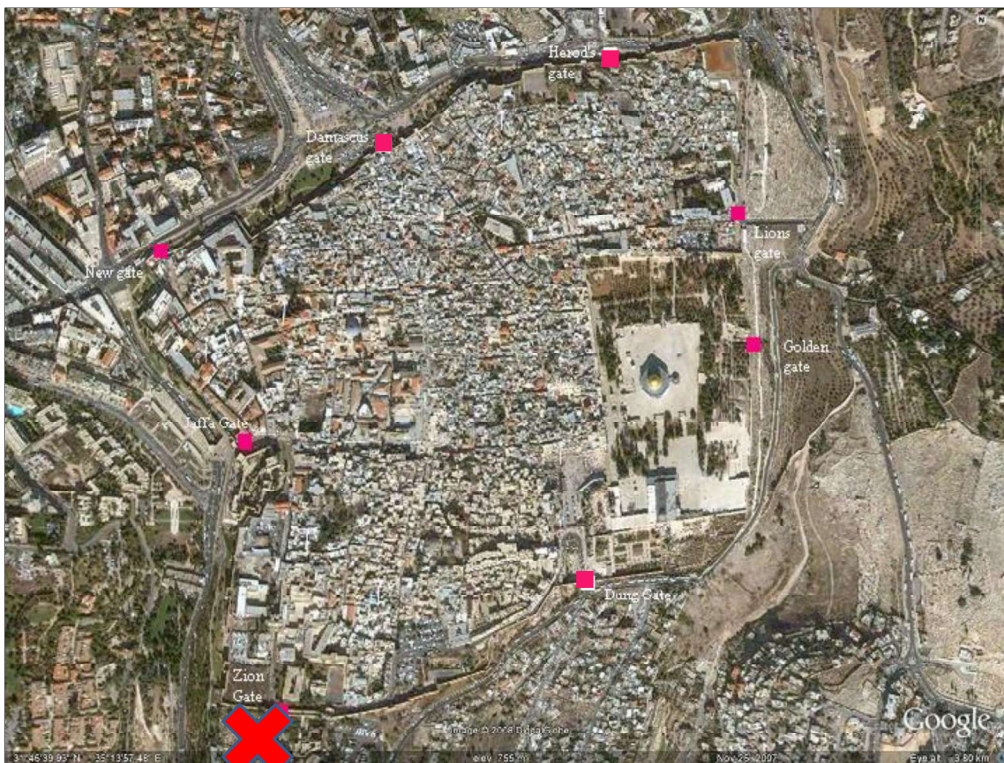
## 2 Peter 2:4-6

4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

5 and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter;





## Death and Hades

1. Christ is in charge of death and Hades. He invented them and uses them as tools in His sovereign plan for His glory.

### **Rev 1:15**

18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

\*\*No one is getting out and no one is getting in unless Christ says so.

2. Hades takes in all that Death supplies.
3. Death takes the body, and Hades the spirit
4. Death and Hades will delivered up the dead who were in them. This the release of the spirit and soul of the unsaved from imprisonment in Hades to be joined with a bodily resurrection from the grave in order to stand before God in judgment. Then, having fulfilled His purposes, God will destroy them.

### **Rev 20:13-15**

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

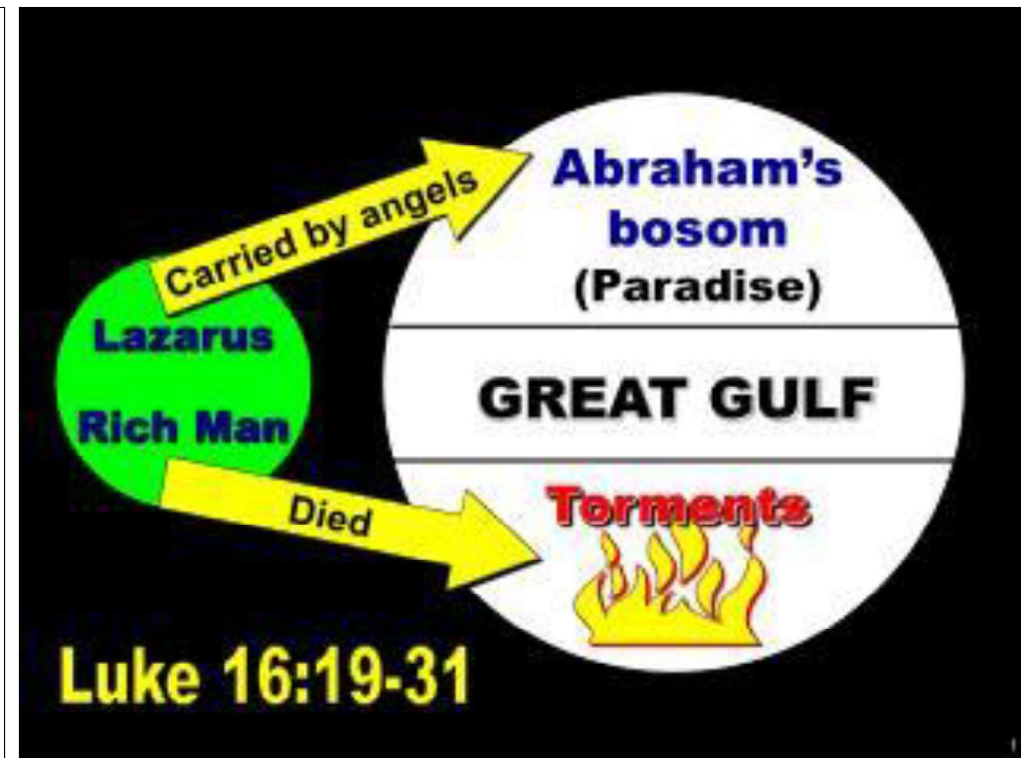
14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

### **Hades has 2 compartments –**

#### **Luke 16:19-28**

- 19 "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.
- 20 "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,
- 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.
- 22 "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'
- 25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.
- 26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'
- 27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house —
- 28 for I have five brothers — in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'



## **Paradise –**

### **Luke 23:42-43**

42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"

43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

### **Rev 2:7**

To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

### **2 Cor 12:3-4**

3 And I know how such a man — whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows —

4 was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

## **After Christ's resurrection, when believers die they go directly into the presence of the Lord –**

### **Phil 1:23-24**

23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

### **2 Cor 5:6-8**

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord —

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight —

8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

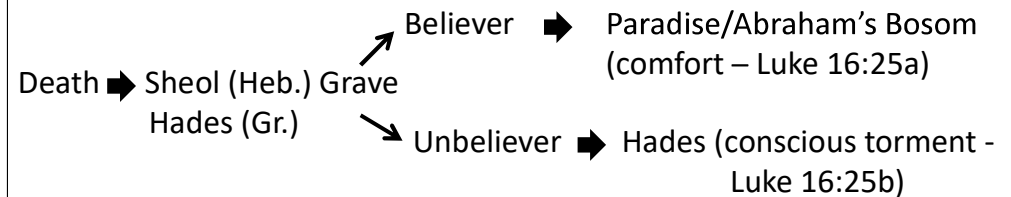
## **Every person, whether believer or unbeliever will be resurrected:**

### **John 5:28-29**

28 "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,  
29 and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.

## **Where Do People Go When They Die?**

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## Eph 4:7-10

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

8 Therefore it says,

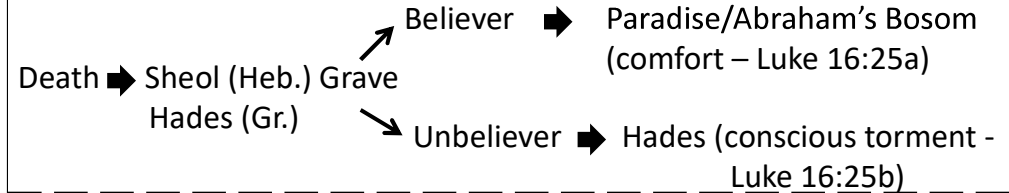
"WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,  
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,  
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN."

9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

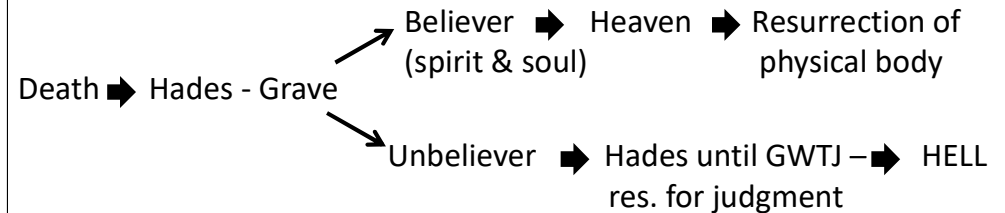
10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

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## Ezek 5:15-17

15 'So it will be a reproach, a reviling, a warning and an object of horror to the nations who surround you when I execute judgments against you in anger, wrath and raging rebukes. I, the Lord, have spoken.

16 'When I send against them the deadly arrows of famine which were for the destruction of those whom I will send to destroy you, then I will also intensify the famine upon you and break the staff of bread.

17 'Moreover, I will send on you **famine** and **wild beasts**, and they will bereave you of children; **plague** and bloodshed also will pass through you, and I will bring the **sword** on you. I, the Lord, have spoken."

## Ezek 6:11-12

11 "Thus says the Lord God, 'Clap your hand, stamp your foot and say, "Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel, which will fall by **sword, famine** and **plague**!

12 "He who is far off will die by the plague, and he who is near will fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged will die by the famine.

## Ezek 14:21-22

21 For thus says the Lord God, "How much more when I send My four severe judgments against Jerusalem: **sword, famine, wild beasts and plague** to cut off man and beast from it!

## Ezek 33:27

27 "Thus you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "As I live, surely those who are in the waste places will fall by the **sword**, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the **beasts** to be devoured, and those who are in the strongholds and in the caves will die of **pestilence**.

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## *Pestilence*

**pes·ti·lence** - a fatal epidemic disease

1. Sanitation is diminished severely with war and famine and earthquakes. No medicine, living conditions descend to a primitive level.
2. Previously conquered diseases may also come back because they have mutated into strains which are no longer able to be prevented by their original vaccines, or cured by the originally created antibiotics, such as Tuberculosis, Malaria, Staphylococcus, etc.



3. The world knows from history the devastation of pestilence:

- Throughout human history, disease has killed people on a far more massive scale than war.
  - More Union and Confederate soldiers died from disease during the Civil War than were killed in battle.
  - 20 million people died in flu epidemics in World War I because as nations moved around they brought viruses with them.
  - Six million more died of Typhus in World War I.
  - Typhus killed 200 million people in four centuries.
  - In the 14th century 1/4 to 1/3 of the people of the world died in the Black Plague, for a total of 60 million people.
  - 35 million people had already died from the AIDS virus.
4. Added to all of this is biological weapons and chemical weapons, which we have in vast abundance which could wipe out millions of people. One quart of Sarin nerve gas can kill a million people. The size of a pinpoint can kill an entire Army battalion.

## ***Wild Beasts***

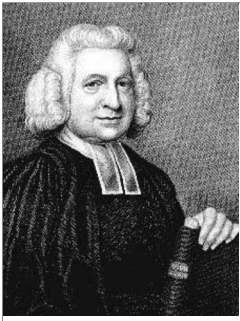
1. With scarcity of food and depopulated areas, animals will begin moving into those populated areas that are left, looking for food. Snakes, bears, lions, tigers, alligators, etc.
2. However the most deadly creature on the face of the earth is the . . .
  - Rats are annually responsible for the loss of billions of dollars of food in America alone and death all over the world.
  - Rats infested with Bubonic Plague killed one third of the population of Europe in the fourteenth century.
  - Rats can carry as many as thirty-five diseases at once.
  - If ninety-seven percent of the rat population is exterminated in the given area, it will replace itself in less than a year.
  - Rats have killed more people than all the wars of history and it always makes its home where men dwell.
  - Rats produce 5 or more litters of 8 to ten babies each year.
  - Their fleas are also said to have carried the Typhus which killed an estimated 200 million people in 4 centuries.

The picture being drawn is one of no escape. No matter which group or location a man finds himself in, there is a God-ordained judgment which will result in death.

War ➡ Famine ➡ Pestilence ➡ Wild Beasts

“People say, "Peace," but the sword is coming. People cry, "Prosperity and plenty," but famine is coming. People boast of conquering disease by medical science, but pestilence is coming. Hunters complain of the disappearance of beasts to hunt, of game to pursue; but wild beasts will (by and by) multiply again, even in America, to the slaying of thousands upon thousands!”

- Unknown



## Charles Wesley

1707-1788

December 18, 1707, Epworth, Lincolnshire, England.

March 29, 1788, London, England.

St. Marylebone Parish Church, London.

- Charles Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns.
- In addition to hymn writing, Charles & John founded the movement which became the Methodist denomination.

➤ Charles Wesley and his brother, John, were unlikely candidates for rejoicing. Their lives were hard, too. As they went about spreading the gospel they encountered violent opposition. On one occasion, a mob nearly destroyed the house where they were staying and drove their horses into a pond. The people whom they converted were often harassed and persecuted. But they found great joy in serving Christ and called other Christians to do the same. Charles Wesley wrote these joyful words to this hymn that came out of his joyful life. The hymn that he wrote . . .

## REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

1. Rejoice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king adore;  
Mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n;  
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