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Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

Looking Ahead –

No class – Sunday, May 13 – Mother’s Day

No class – May 27 – Memorial Day weekend.

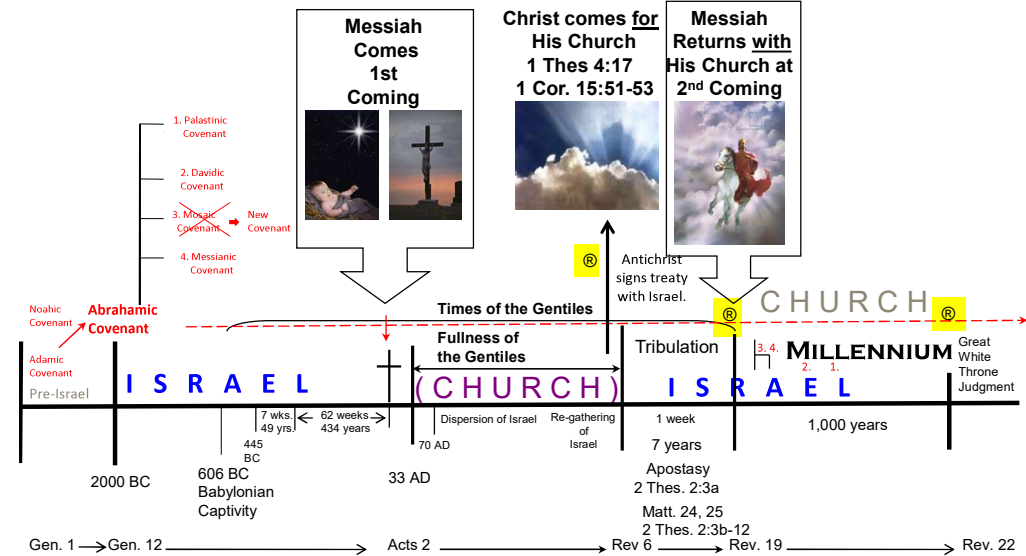
“Spiritual Warfare”

Part 5

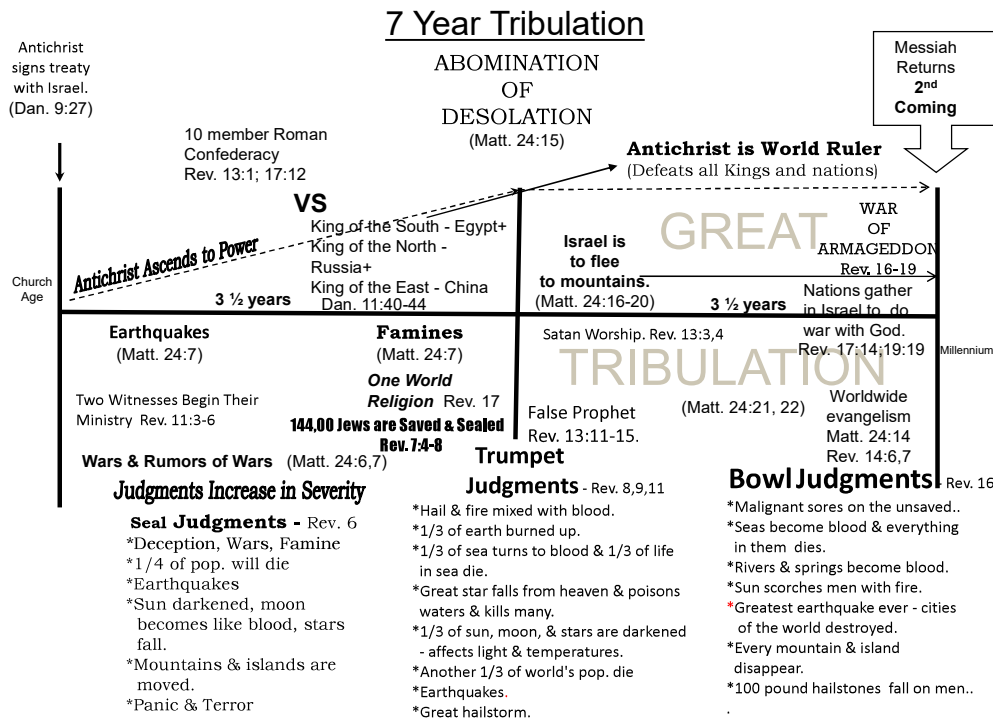
Rev. 12:10-17

April 29, 2018

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



® = Resurrection



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"Something to shout about . . ."

SALVATION POWER KINGDOM OF GOD AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

These 4 all made it through the accusations thrown against believers, against God, and against His plan
AND THEY ARE ALL STILL IN TACT!

3 Phases of Salvation

JUSTIFICATION

Past Tense

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(Instantaneous point in the past)

Saved from the **PENALTY** of sin.

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JUSTIFICATION

Rom 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;
 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

SANCTIFICATION

1 Peter 2:2

like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

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1 Peter 1:5

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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What do I trust for my sanctification?

The promises of God's Word.

My progress in Sanctification.

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- These Tribulation martyrs put their lives on the line for the sake of Christ.
- They would rather die a violent death than to renounce their profession and faithfulness to Christ.
- Being ready to die for Christ is the ultimate in Christian faithfulness.

*A successful life in God's eyes
is vastly different than what it is in the
world's eyes.*

- While heaven is rejoicing in the triumph and victory of the Tribulation saints, the earth receives an additional "Woe."
- "Woe" - "how horrible it will be" . . . (this is an additional "woe" because of what Satan is going to do to the earth. We still have the 3rd "woe because of what God is going to do to the earth.)
- This covers all of the earth – "land and sea"
- Why will it be horrible? Because Satan has come down to the earth "having great wrath."
- "wrath" – not οργη but θυμος – "to breathe hard, be enraged, passion that is on fire with emotion." It is irrational. It is madness.
- He knows his time is short – 3 ½ years.
- He has 3 ½ years to disrupt the plan of God.
- This is his last campaign, so it is the most intense fury unleashed upon mankind that the world will ever see.
- He only has 3 ½ years left of fury and he will need to make use of every second.
- So far everything he has done and everything he will do plays right into the hand and plan of God.

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Satan hates 3 things –

- The Person of God.
- The Plan of God.
- The People of God.
- There is only 1 reason why Satan goes after Israel: **Because of Jesus Christ.** On its own Israel is like any other nation – nothing special.

Deut 7:6-8

6 "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

7 "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples,

8 but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the Lord brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

- God's choosing of anything is always unconditional and by grace – never based on the qualities and characteristics of the one chosen (angel, nation, individual).
- God delight's in choosing the most unlikely, the most improbable, to accomplish his purposes.
- For those chosen, it places them square in the crosshairs of the enemy.

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“The persecution of Israel is part of the satanic program to thwart and hinder the work of God . . . Israel is hated by Satan not because of any of its own characteristics but because she is the chosen of God and essential to the overall purpose of God for time and eternity.”

- John Walvoord

Ex 19:4

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.

Deut 32:9-11

9 "For the Lord's portion is His people;

Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

10 "He found him in a desert land,

And in the howling waste of a wilderness;

He encircled him, He cared for him,

He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

11 "Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,

That hovers over its young,

He spread His wings and caught them,

He carried them on His pinions.

Isa 40:31

31 Yet those who wait for the Lord

Will gain new strength;

They will mount up with wings like eagles,

They will run and not get tired,

They will walk and not become weary.

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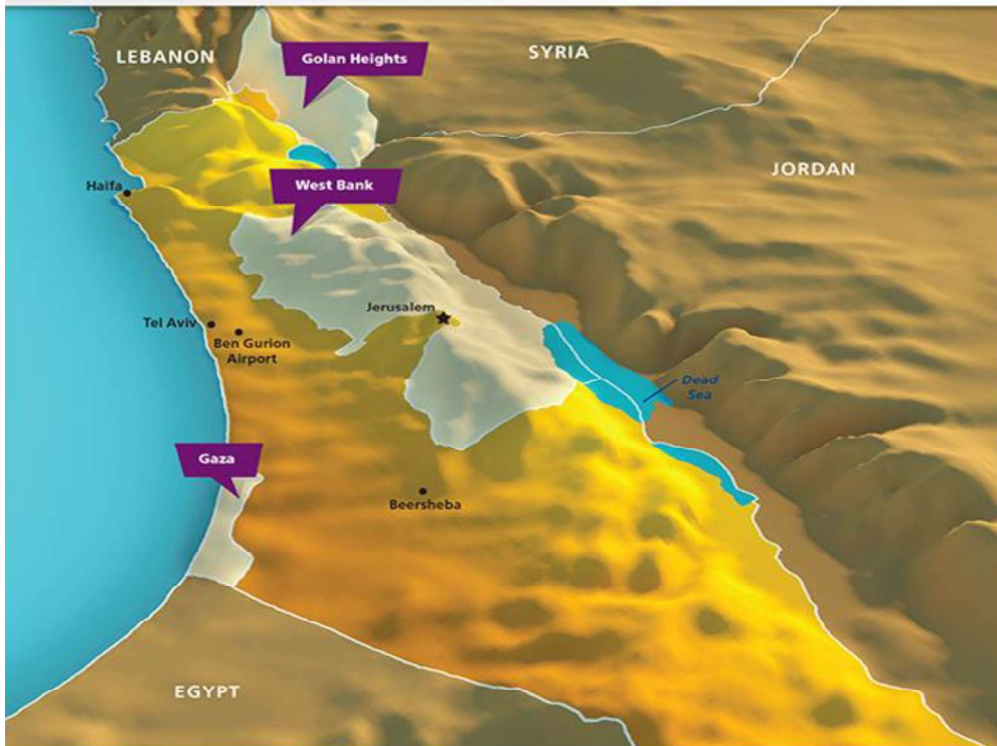
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Dan 11:40-41

40 "At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.

41 "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.





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Expressions used to designate the 2nd half of the Tribulation:

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| time | = 1 year | = 360 days | = 12 months |
| times | = 2 years | = 720 days | = 24 months |
| <u>half a time</u> | <u>= ½ year</u> | <u>= 180 days</u> | <u>= 6 months</u> |
| total | = 3 ½ years | = 1,260 days | = 42 months |

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Attack #2

- Satan supernaturally will cause a river to rush toward escaping Israel, perhaps trapping them in a valley or canyon.
- His desire is to drown them all.

Note: The Judean wilderness is known for its flash floods. Within minutes what was dry desert can be a deadly torrential flood. Perhaps a similar event supernaturally caused by the serpent will take place in an attempt to drown the fleeing Israelites.



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- “drank up” - καταπινω – “to drink down”
- This is not the first time God has “swallowed” those who have attempted to commit acts of evil against believers.

Ex 15:10-12

10 "You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them;
They sank like lead in the mighty waters.

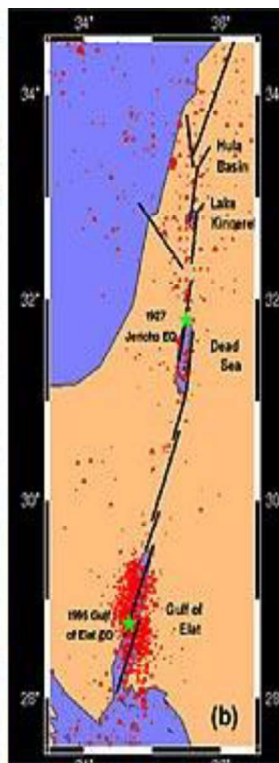
11 "Who is like You among the gods, O Lord?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises, working wonders?

12 "You stretched out Your right hand,
The earth swallowed them.

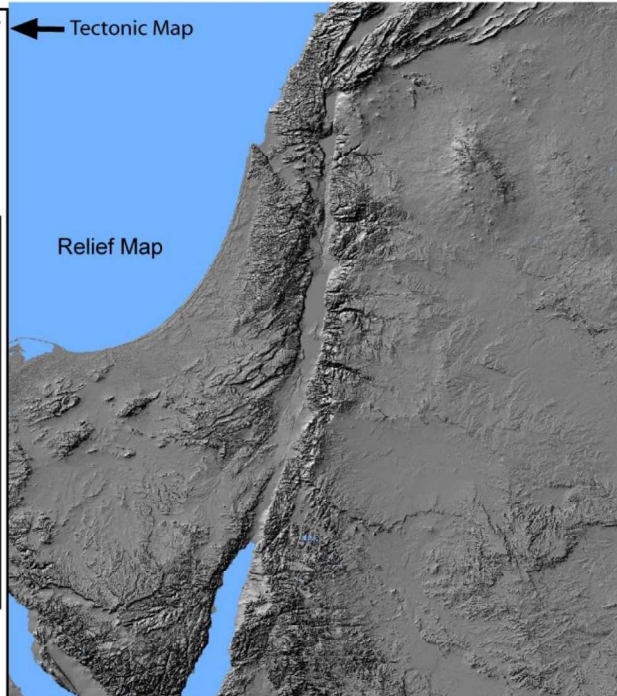
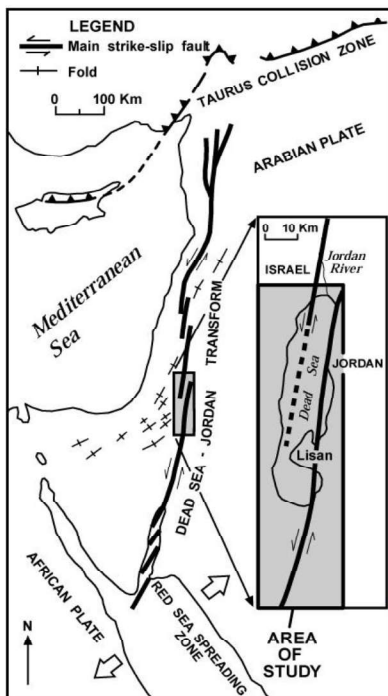
Num 16:25-35

- 25 Then Moses arose and went to Dathan and Abiram, with the elders of Israel following him,
- 26 and he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing that belongs to them, or you will be swept away in all their sin."
- 27 So they got back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the doorway of their tents, along with their wives and their sons and their little ones.
- 28 Moses said, "By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these deeds; for this is not my doing.
- 29 "If these men die the death of all men or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the Lord has not sent me.
- 30 "But if the Lord brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they descend alive into Sheol, then you will understand that these men have spurned the Lord."
- 31 As he finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split open;
- 32 and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah with their possessions.
- 33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.
- 34 All Israel who were around them fled at their outcry, for they said, "The earth may swallow us up!"





Tectonic elements (left) and shaded relief of the topography (right) of the Dead Sea Transform.



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Attack #3

- Satan frustrated by his inability to destroy the local remnant of believing Israel, now goes after the believing Jews worldwide.
- We must realize that this woman does not represent the whole nation of Israel -- all the Jews on the earth -- but she is really a representation of the remnant, the believing part of Israel in those days.
- This would include:
 1. Those Jewish believers who did not flee from Jerusalem.
 2. The 144,000 Jewish evangelists around the world.
 3. Those Jews who have come to Christ during the Tribulation.
- Their belief is defined as those:
 1. Who keep the commandments of God.
 2. Hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Chapter 12 Summary

- Chapter 12 is the most symbolic chapter in Revelation but it is understandable.
- The woman is Israel who gives birth to the Man-Child who is the Messiah.
- The dragon is Satan who caused the fall of 1/3 of the angels of heaven and then stood waiting to destroy the Messiah at His birth.
- The Man-Child is born and ascends into heaven.
- Satan's occupation is deception. He tempts the believer into sin and then goes to heaven to accuse us day and night before God.
- In the middle of the Tribulation, Michael and his angels will war with the Dragon and his angels. And the dragon will be defeated and they will all be cast out of heaven to the earth.
- The four elements of: 1. Salvation, 2. God's Power, 3. The Kingdom of God 4. The Authority of Christ, all remain in tact for the Millennium.
- Satan being cast out of heaven at the mid-point of the Tribulation will send Satan into a rage, venting his anger upon Israel, who will supernaturally take flight into the wilderness where God will nourish her for 1,260 days.
- Satan will pour forth a river of water to drown the Israelites but God will supernaturally open the earth to swallow the water and protect His believing remnant.
- This will only increase the serpent's fury and he will then go to make war with the rest of Israel's seed.

- By the end of the Tribulation, 2/3 of Israel will die from God's hand of judgment. The remaining 1/3 will be the believers who will be saved and enter the Millennium.

Zech 13:8-9

8 "It will come about in all the land,"

Declares the Lord,

"That two parts in it will be cut off and perish;

But the third will be left in it.

9 "And I will bring the third part through the fire,

Refine them as silver is refined,

And test them as gold is tested.

They will call on My name,

And I will answer them;

I will say, 'They are My people,'

And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"



John H. Yates (1837-1900)

If you have accident-prone children, take comfort in the story of John Henry Yates. His parents had immigrated to New York State from England; and John was born in Batavia, New York, in 1837. His dad was a shoemaker and a traveling temperance lecturer. His mom was a school teacher who loved poetry and literature.

On several occasions, John gave his parents reason for grave alarm.

On Election Day, 1844, he fell from a high set of stone steps in a hotel and tumbled down into the cellar, fracturing his skull. It wasn't certain he would come to, as he was unconscious a long time. He kept the broad scar as a lifelong souvenir of the incident.

In 1847, when his family was traveling by ship, a storm struck so powerfully that young John was thrown across the deck, breaking his leg.

At 16, John brought down the curtain on a school play when, during a dramatic scene, he accidentally fell on an open double-edged knife, piercing his right lung. For three weeks, his life hung on a thread.



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He survived it all, however; and at age 18, he began helping his aged parents in the shoe business. About the same time his mother persuaded him to start writing poetry, which was immediately published in the Batavia newspaper, and soon in Harper's Bazaar and other national magazines. Before long his ballads, poems, songs, and hymns were being recited and sung across America.

Despite his newfound fame, Yates kept his day job in retail sales, first in shoes, then working in a hardware store and finally managing a popular department store. Only later in life did he finally leave the retail business to work for the local newspaper.

All the while, John was preaching here and there. Beginning in his late teens, he served as a lay preacher in the Methodist church. For many years, he traveled through western New York State, preaching in churches and sharing his faith in Jesus Christ.



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That faith was severely tested in February of 1878, when his wife and two sons all died within the space of one week from an outbreak of diphtheria. He eventually remarried and kept going, giving living illustration that our faith in the promises of God and in our Lord Jesus gives us overcoming victory.

In 1891, Yates agreed to write Gospel songs exclusively for the great Christian song director, Ira Sankey, who directed the evangelistic campaigns for D. L. Moody. Many of his hymns became popular favorites. In his book, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*, Mr. Sankey says, "I urged him to spend more of his time writing gospel hymns." Yates later sent the musician several song-poems he's written, and this is one of them. Sankey, a Civil War veteran, captured the mood of the song well with a tune that seems to mimic the galloping hooves of a troop of soldiers.

He passed away on September 5, 1900, and this marker rests over his grave: ***In Memory of the Poet-Preacher Rev. John H. Yates... Born 1837 / Died 1900... (And then the last line of the refrain).***

The hymn that he wrote was . . .

FAITH IS THE VICTORY

1. Encamped along the hills of light,
Ye Christian soldiers, rise.
And press the battle ere the night
Shall veil the glowing skies.
Against the foe in vales below
Let all our strength be hurled.
Faith is the victory, we know,
That overcomes the world.

Refrain

***Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!
O glorious victory, that overcomes the world.***

2. His banner over us is love,
Our sword the Word of God.
We tread the road the saints above
With shouts of triumph trod.
By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,
Swept on o'er every field.
The faith by which they conquered death
Is still our shining shield.

Refrain

3. On every hand the foe we find
Drawn up in dread array.
Let tents of ease be left behind,
And onward to the fray.
Salvation's helmet on each head,
With truth all girt about,
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,
And echo with our shout.

Refrain

4. To him that overcomes the foe,
White raiment shall be giv'n.
Before the angels he shall know
His name confessed in Heav'n.
Then onward from the hill of light,
Our hearts with love aflame,
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,
In Jesus' conqu'ring name.

Refrain