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"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



"The Second Coming of Christ"

Part 1

Rev. 19:10-14

March 17, 2019

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Eschatological Views of Rev.

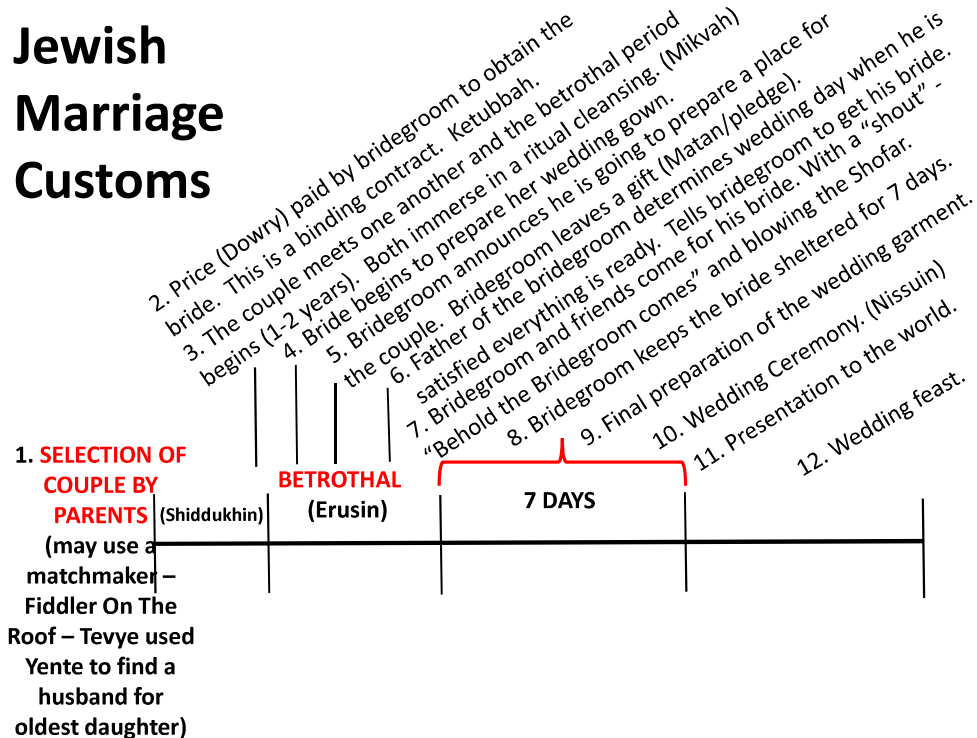
1. Partial Preterism
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3. Amillennialism
4. Historicist
5. Midtribulationism
6. **Futurist**
7. Idealist
8. Replacement Theology
9. Postmillennialism
10. **Pretribulationism**
11. Preterism
12. Pre-wrath Tribulationism
13. **Premillennialism**

All views with the exceptions of #6,10,13:
1. Do not take the Bible literally.
2. Replace Israel with the Church.

10 signs in the Tribulation:

1. Deception by false Christs. (4,5)
 - There have been false Christs before, but now the number has intensified and escalated.
 - They are empowered by demons to do supernatural feats.
 - The world begins to disintegrate.
 - Suffering will be unbearable.
 - Sin will reach its maximum potential.
 - The Church is gone.
 - The restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is gone.
 - False Christ's will rise to the occasion bringing promises.
2. Wars and rumors of wars. (6, 7a)
3. Famines & Earthquakes. (7b)
4. Persecution of Believers. (9)
5. Apostasy. (10)
6. The rise of false prophets. (11)
7. Increase in lawlessness. (12a)
8. A cold world. (12b)
9. Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to the whole world. (14)
10. The Abomination of Desolation. (15)

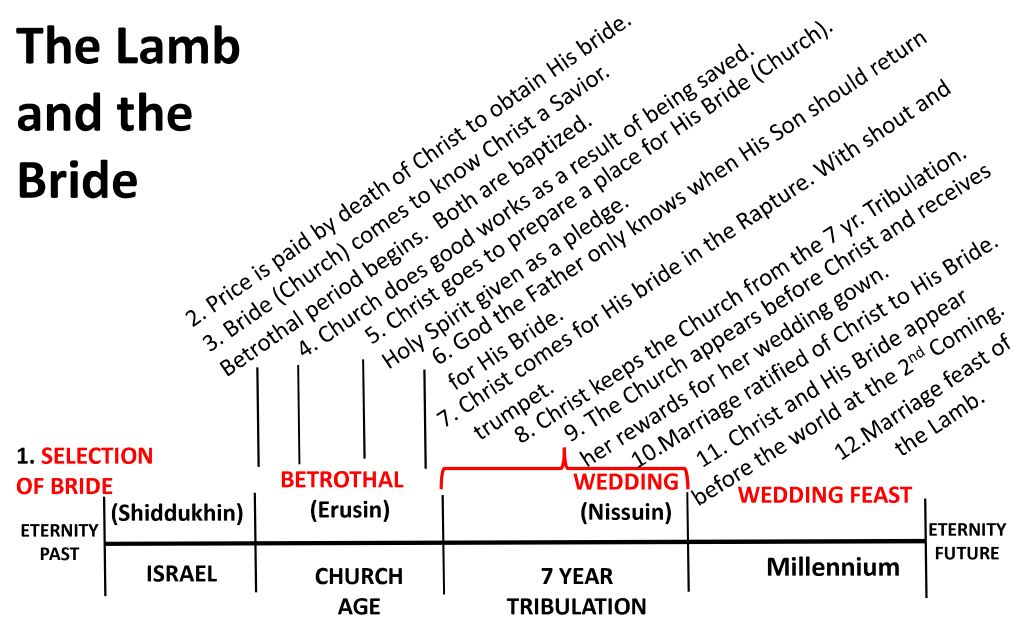
Jewish Marriage Customs



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The Lamb and the Bride



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7. "You contribute _____ to your salvation but the _____ that made it necessary." -Jonathan Edwards

Rev 19:7-9

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

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• **Some of the most vulnerable times for you to sin in your Christian life will be after:**

1. A spiritual victory – sin, temptation, trial, suffering.
2. Worshipping and fellowshiping with other believers.
3. Discovering biblical truth.

*Here John, in his euphoria from his hearing about the Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, experiences a moment of "spiritual insanity", and falls into the sin of idolatry.

- What was just revealed did not originate with the angel but rather God, concerning His Son, the Lamb.
- Therefore it is the Lamb that we are to worship. It is the testimony about Christ that is what prophecy is all about.
- All Scripture ultimately points to the person and work of Christ in His preincarnate glory, His incarnation and ministry on earth, His death, resurrection, ascension, intercession, and return.
- Prophecy is not primarily concerned with giving us God's program for the last days. It is more concerned with a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the central figure in God's revelation.

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Rapture

Christ comes for His saints.

World is unchanged and unjudged.

God's wrath follows.

Rapture can occur at any moment – no signs.

Only revealed in the N.T.

Satan is very active afterward.

Christ comes as the "Morning Star".

Israel is unchanged.

His coming is unseen.

Second Coming

Christ comes with His saints.

World is judged and changed.

God's peace follows.

Many signs and events precede His coming.

Revealed in both O.T. & N.T.

Satan is bound.

Christ comes as the "Sun of Righteousness"

All of Israel's covenants are fulfilled.

His coming is seen.

1st Coming

Baby

Comes to die

Comes to be man's Savior

Comes with meekness

Comes riding on a donkey

Comes to His people who reject Him

Comes to bring peace to men's heart

2nd Coming

Warrior & King

Comes to rule & reign

Comes to be man's Judge

Comes with might and power

Comes riding on a white horse

Comes to His people who accept Him

Comes to bring peace to the world

The Importance of the Second Coming of Christ:

- 1,527 Old Testament passages alone refer to the second coming.
- There are approximately 8,000 verses in the New Testament, and 330 of those, or about one out of every twenty-five verses, directly refers to the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- Next to the subject of faith, no subject is more often mentioned than the return of Christ.
- For every time the first coming of Christ is mentioned, the second coming is mentioned 8 times.
- Lord Jesus Himself refers to His coming 21 times.
- Over 50 times we are exhorted to be ready for that great event.

Gen 3:15

15 And I will put enmity
Between you and the woman,
And between your seed and her seed;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise him on the heel.“

- From the Fall of man, the coming of Christ has been anticipated, longed for, and desired by all of creation.

Rom 8:20-24

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

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Matt 6:9-10

9 "Pray, then, in this way:

'Our Father who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 'Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.”

- Notice the suddenness of this event.

Isa 29:5

5 But the multitude of your enemies will become like fine dust,
And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away;

And it will happen instantly, suddenly.

Isa 47:11

11 "But evil will come on you

Which you will not know how to charm away;

And disaster will fall on you

For which you cannot atone;

And destruction about which you do not know

Will come on you suddenly.

Isa 48:3

3 "I declared the former things long ago
And they went forth from My mouth, and I proclaimed them.
Suddenly I acted, and they came to pass.

2 Chron 29:36

36 Then Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced over what God had prepared for the people, because the thing came about suddenly.

Acts 9:3

3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

Acts 12:7

7 And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell;

1 Thess 5:3

3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war."

"white horse" – horses stood for might and strength. One like this is what a Warrior-King would ride into battle. Remember the "white horse" that the Antichrist rode in the 1st Seal Judgment. He is a deceiver.

"Faithful and True" –

Rev 3:14

14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God,

- Christ is faithful to His promises. He promised He would return (Jn. 14:2; Rev. 3:11) and that is exactly what He will do.

John 14:3

3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Rev 3:11

1 "I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

- Christ speaks only the truth. He is the Truth (Jn. 14:6)

1 Thess 4:16

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 . . .but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

- ***Nothing is gradual about the 2nd coming.***

- ***This is why Postmillennialism, among other reasons, is not biblical. Things are not getting better. They are getting worse and it will take a sudden appearance of Christ in His second coming to stop it.***

"Because He is faithful He must discharge His office as judge, not shrinking from the administration of discipline or punishment where it is needed. Because He is true He cannot alter the standards of God which condemn sin. Favoritism and laxity cannot be found in Him, for He is the perfect administrator of justice in a world where injustice has long since reigned. . . . The meekness of Calvary and the sternness of Armageddon may seem inconsistent, but wherever sin exists, they may both be found."

- Merrill C. Tenney

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“and in righteousness He judges and wages war” –

Ps 45:3-4

3 Gird Your sword on Your thigh, O Mighty One,
In Your splendor and Your majesty!

4 And in Your majesty ride on victoriously,
For the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness;

Ps 96:12-13

12 Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy

13 Before the Lord, for He is coming,
For He is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

“The horrible slaughter, unique in all history, will be completely just and a reflection of the absolute truth of man’s sinfulness and rebellion. Although man rationalizes his sinful condition with relativistic truth so as to deny his depravity, the judgment of God will assess his true condition. Man judges on a curve. God judges on an absolute scale. It is this difference which explains the magnitude of the slaughter as true justice.”

- Tony Garland

Matt 25:31-34

31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Rev 14:14-16

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand.

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

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“His eyes are a flame of fire,”

Rev 1:14

14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.

Rev 2:18

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire,

- **His eyes were filled with the fire of judgment and righteous wrath.**
- **Those same eyes were so many times were filled with compassion on the sick and brokenhearted, tenderness when He gathered the children in His lap, and tears as He wept over Jerusalem and its sin and rejection of Him.**
- **The contrast of the two makes each one all the more powerful.**

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“and on His head are many diadems;”

- **διαδημα** - a crown of royalty worn by a sovereign king. He no longer wears the crown of thorns. Here He is crowned with glory and honor.
- Not **στεφανος** — a victor’s crown.
- . He has many crowns, which signifies His right to rule and to judge – He is the KING OF KINGS. All crowns are His
- In ancient battles a sovereign king would collect the crowns of the kings he has defeated.

“and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.”

- Perfect passive participle – subject was acted upon. God the Father wrote this name on His Son. Shows the intimate relationship between the Father and the Son.
- No one will know this name until Christ reveals it.

Rev 2:17

17 To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’

Deut 29:29

29 "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

“He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood,”

- This is not his own blood but that of His enemies.
- Generals in Bible times would often wear blood stained clothes into their next battle.

Blood-splattered battles previously fought:

- The Messiah/Warrior fought for Israel in the days of Joshua.
- He fought the kings of Canaan and Taanach by the waters of Megiddo.
- He battled Pharaoh and the exodus of Israel from Egypt.
- And many more.

Isa 63:1-3

1 Who is this who comes from Edom,
With garments of glowing colors from Bozrah,
This One who is majestic in His apparel,
Marching in the greatness of His strength?
"It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."

2 Why is Your apparel red,
And Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?

3 "I have trodden the wine trough alone,
And from the peoples there was no man with Me.
I also trod them in My anger
And trampled them in My wrath;
And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments,
And I stained all My raiment.

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John 1:1,14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.

14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we
saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father,
full of grace and truth.

καὶ	περιβεβλημένος	ἱμάτιον	βεβαμμένον	αἵματι,				
And	he was	clothed with	a vesture	dipped	in blood:			
καὶ	κέκληται	τὸ	ὄνομα	αὐτοῦ	ὁ	λόγος	τοῦ	θεοῦ.
and	is called	the	name	his	The	Word	the	of God.

*"And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white
and clean, were following Him on white horses."*

Jude 14-15

14 Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among
them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an
ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have
spoken against Him."

- Suddenly we go from being the Bride to being an army.

Rev 19:7-8

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the
Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine
linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- This is an army wearing wedding dresses. What army does that?
- This is an army that carries no weapons. So how can she fight?
Who has heard of going into battle with no weapons?

Next week we will answer those questions as we come to the battle of Armageddon.



Andrae Crouch
1942-2015

Born in San Francisco on July 1, 1942, and raised in Los Angeles, **Andraé Edward Crouch** was the son of bivocational-pastor parents Benjamin and Catherine Crouch. He has recounted that he received the gift of music as a child, when his father was called as a guest preacher and pastoral candidate to a small rural church that had no musicians. He began playing for them at the age of 11. He wrote his first gospel song at 14, and formed his first band in 1960.

In 1965 he formed Andre Crouch and The Disciples, which lasted until 1979, and as a protégé of Audrey Mieir, Ralph Carmichael, and other leading Contemporary Christian Music artists of the time, went on to win a total of nine Grammys, and numerous other awards. He wrote his first well-known song, "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power", at the age of 15, but most of his songs that have gained congregational currency flowed from the years when he was active with The Disciples.



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1942-2015

After The Disciples were disbanded, Crouch continued his recording and performing career, and also became more active in church ministries. He wrote over 350 songs in his lifetime. The song we are looking at tonight is contained in 28 different hymnal publications. After his parents died (1993-94), with his twin sister Sandra he took over the pastorate at the church his parents had led, New Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ in Pacoima, California. In December, 2014, Crouch was hospitalized for treatment of pneumonia and congestive heart failure, and on January 3, 2015, he was readmitted to the hospital following a heart attack. He died there five days later, at the age of 72. His twin sister and co-pastor Sandra Crouch issued the following statement: "Today my twin brother, womb-mate and best friend went home to be with the Lord. Please keep me, my family and our church family in your prayers. I tried to keep him here but God loved him best." That day Andre Crouch met his King. The name of this hymn is . . .

SOON AND VERY SOON

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

3 No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dying there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.