

“The Second Coming of Christ”

Part 3

Rev. 19:19-21

March 31, 2019

Quiz

Define the following terms:

1. Last Days

A period of time extending from Christ's first coming all the way through to His Second Coming at the end of the Tribulation. (Heb. 1:1, 2; Joel 2: 28)

Heb 1:1-2

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these **last days** has spoken to us in His Son,

2. The Little Horn

Daniel the prophet described seeing a little horn rising out from among ten other horns. The little horn is another representation of the antichrist. (Dan 7:7-8), (Dan 7:19:25)

3. Imminency

This is a term used in connection with the return of Christ for the church. His coming for the church as promised in John 14:3 is imminent, without the necessity of any event that must take place before the Lord returns for His church. His coming for the church "is not qualified by description of any signs or prerequisite events." By contrast, the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation is preceded by a number of signs (Matt. 24:4-22).

V. The Nature of Christ's Imminency.

Acts 1:6-8

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times

(χρονος - chronos = length of time) or epochs

(καιρος – kairos = characteristics within a

length of time) which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

We, who believe in the rapture of the Church, say that it is "imminent."

The Meaning of Imminency

Oxford dictionary defines "imminency" as:

- Hanging over one's head, ready to fall or overtake you, something that could happen at any moment.
- Other things *may* happen before the event, but nothing else *must* take place before it occurs.
- If something else must take place before an event can happen, then that event is not imminent.
- The necessity of something else occurring first destroys the concept of imminency.
- When an event is truly imminent, a person never knows exactly when it will occur.
- A. T. Pierson stated, "Imminence is the *combination* of two conditions: *certainty* and *uncertainty*. By an imminent event we mean one which is certain to occur at some time, but uncertain at what time.

4. Judgment Seat of Christ

This term describes that event when believers will be brought into an examination before the Son of God (1 Cor. 3:9-15; 2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:10).

5. Gog And Magog

Gog and Magog were the people that lived in the lands, which are now modern Russia. Someday Russia and a group of Middle East countries will launch a surprise attack against Israel. All but one sixth of the Gog army will be destroyed upon the mountains of Israel. (Ezekiel 38 and 39)

6. Mark Of The Beast

Rev 13:16-18

16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,

17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

7. Ten Nation Roman Confederacy - Toes; Horns; Kings:

Out of the area that once was the Roman Empire, ten leaders will arise. The only purpose these 10 leaders will have is to give their power to the Antichrist.

(Dan 2:41-44), (Dan 7:20), (Rev 17:12), (Rev 17:17)

8. False Prophet

He will administrate the workings of the one-world church. The False Prophet's primary mission will be to cause the world to worship the Antichrist through false signs, wonders, and the miraculous. (Rev 13:11-14)

9. One World Religious System

During the first part of the tribulation, the Antichrist's rise to power will be aided by a religious system, which will include all of the world's major religions. During the second half of the tribulation the Antichrist will destroy this false religious system.. (Rev 17:1-5).

Matt 24:1-14

1. Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the **temple buildings** to Him.
2. And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."
3. **As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, and of the end of the age?"**
4. And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.
5. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.
6. "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.
7. "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.
8. "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.
9. "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.
10. "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.
11. "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.
12. "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.
13. "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
14. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.**

31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.**

32 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;

33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door.

34 "Truly I say to you, **this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.**

35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

10. 70th Week of Daniel:

The final seven years of Gentile domination of the nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem; the last week of the seventy weeks of years (490 years) of Daniel's prophecy which will begin after a long interval. (Daniel 9:27)

11. Great White Throne Judgment

Often called, the "final judgment," the great white throne judgment follows the millennial reign of Christ. Its purpose is not to determine whether one is saved or not, but rather to pass judgment on the works of the unsaved to demonstrate their unrighteousness and that they fall short of the holiness of God. The sentence is the second death: eternal separation from God in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

12. Eschatology

The doctrine of "last things" or "things to come." The word eschatology comes from the Greek, *eschatos*, meaning, "last things." As used theologically, this word refers to those truths of Scripture that pertain to the end times, the coming of the Lord, the rapture, the Tribulation, the millennium, etc.

15 "Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),**

16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

18 "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.

21 "For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him.

24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.

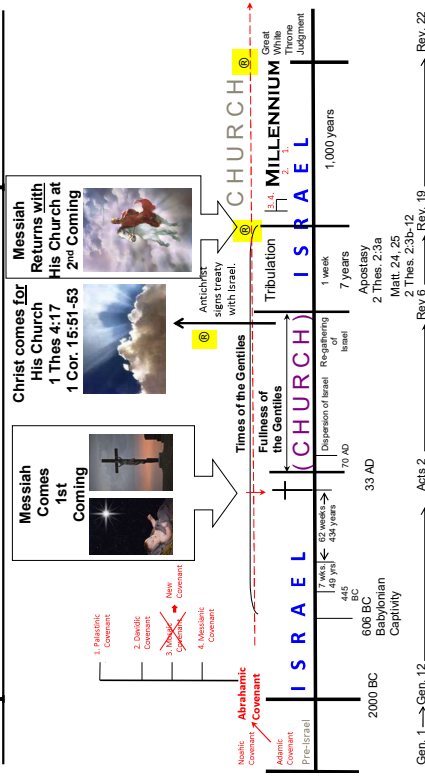
25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.

26 "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, **so will the coming of the Son of Man be.**

28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



☉ = Resurrection

Rev 19:19-21

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20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

“And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.”

Rev 16:13-14

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

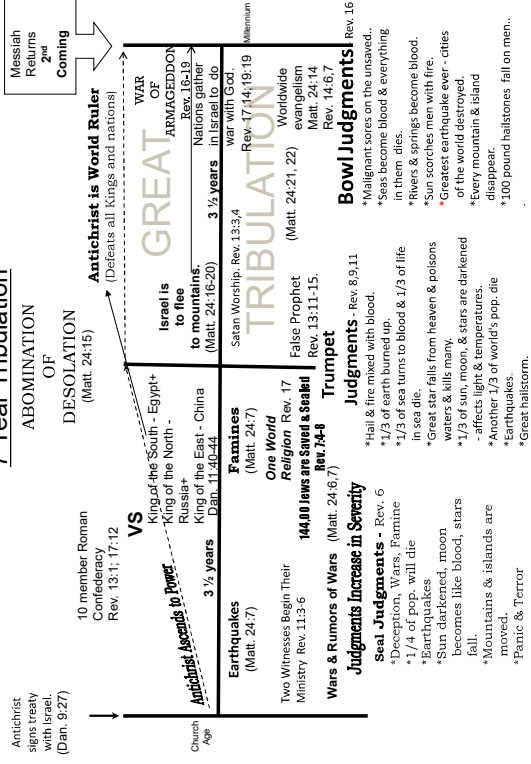
- “Signs” (demonic) can cause people to think and do irrational and illogical things.

- Obviously the “sales pitch” of the demons will convince the armies of the world that the demons have the power to defeat God and His Son.

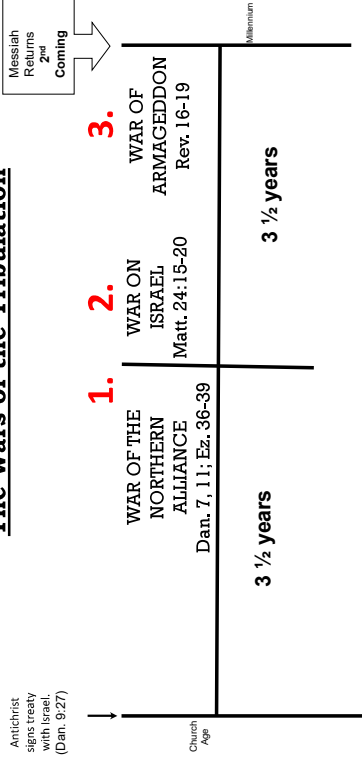
- The world perceives that everything they have undergone for 7 years is God’s fault so “let’s do away with Him and His Son.”



7 Year Tribulation



The Wars of the Tribulation





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HELL

ABYSS

BOTTOMLESS PIT TARTARUS

1. Place of the demon that empowers the Antichrist (Rev 11:7).
2. Place of the demons kept in bonds for cohabiting with "strange (other kind) flesh" (Gen. 6:1-4; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6, Rev. 9:1-12).
3. Place where Satan is bound during the Millennium (Rev. 20:1-3)

LAKE OF FIRE

1. Final destination for all eternity of all the unsaved (Rev 20:15).
2. Final destination for all eternity for Satan, the Beast, and False Prophet (Rev. 20:10).
3. Final destination for all eternity for death and Hades (Rev. 20:14).

PLACE OF TORMENT

Place where all unbelievers go and await final judgment (Luke 16:22-31).



Brimstone

- Brimstone is a lemon-yellow colored stone. Brimstone means, "burning stone" or, "the stone that burns. When a plain brimstone is exposed to the air nothing happens--but if a match is put to it, it will burn in a peculiar way, like a liquid fire, and it emits noxious fumes. The stone melts like wax but the dripping is a peculiar thick fire, like a piece of wax on fire. As it burns, it has a rich, fluorescent-type deep cobalt bluish color. It is an interesting, sticky, "acidy"-type burning fire. Ancient peoples sometimes used brimstone as a type of match.

- The fumes from burning sulfur are toxic and dangerously irritating.
- Sulphur Dioxide, that which is given off when it burns, in small quantities gives a choking feeling. In excess, it can lead to permanent respiratory problems and death due to choking.
- Too much sulfur dioxide in the air can kill people when they breathe it in, not only causing choking but also suffocation. It causes the throat and breathing passages to become irritated and close up.

The sequence for the unbeliever is:

1. Death (Luke 16:22).
2. Place of torment (Luke 16:23).
3. The second resurrection. (Rev. 20:13).
4. The Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-12).
5. The lake of fire or the second death (Rev. 20:14-15).

Notice the comparison:

- Enoch and Elijah were taken up to Heaven without seeing death.
- The Beast and False Prophet are cast into the Lake of Fire without seeing death.

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Matt 4:4

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Rev 19:21

1 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse,

****Man both lives and dies by the word of God.**

Rev 20:10

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

- The lake of fire is not annihilation, and it is not purgatorial either, for it neither annihilates nor purifies the Antichrist and the False Prophet. They are still in the Lake of Fire after 1,000 years.

Dan 7:11

11 "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

Something to think about -

- At some point could the Antichrist or the False Prophet or any of the demons have repented, been saved, and received eternal life in Heaven?
- Is that fair? Does it bother you that the Antichrist and False Prophet are being tossed in the Lake of Fire without appearing at the Great White Throne Judgment?

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse,

"Then suddenly it will be all over. In fact, there will be no war at all in the sense that we think of war. There will be just a word spoken from Him who sits astride the great white horse. Once He spoke a word to a fig tree and it withered away. Once He spoke a word to howling winds and heaving waves, and the storm cloud vanished and the waves fell still. Once He spoke to a legion of demons bursting at the seams of a poor man's soul, and instantly they fled. And now He speaks a word, and the war is over."

- John Phillips

"And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,

One little word shall fell him."

- Martin Luther

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Acts 1:9-12

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, **will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.**"

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem **from the mount called Olivet**, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Zech 14:2-4,12,13

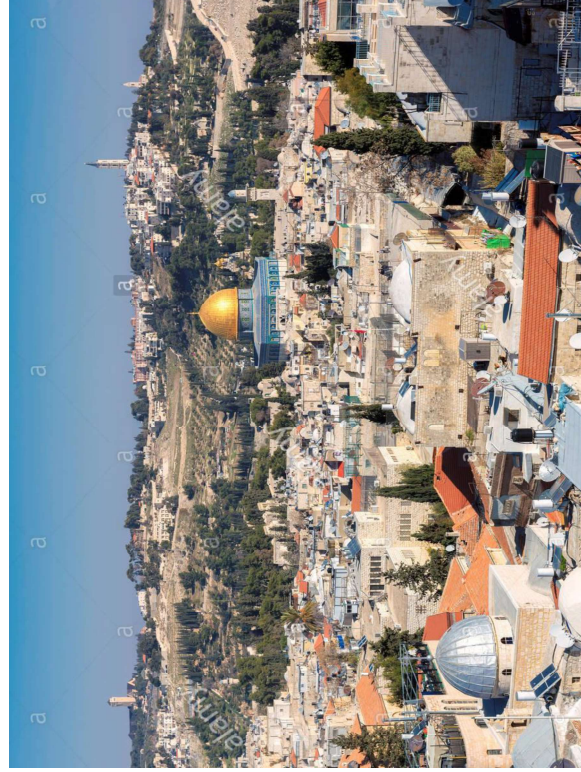
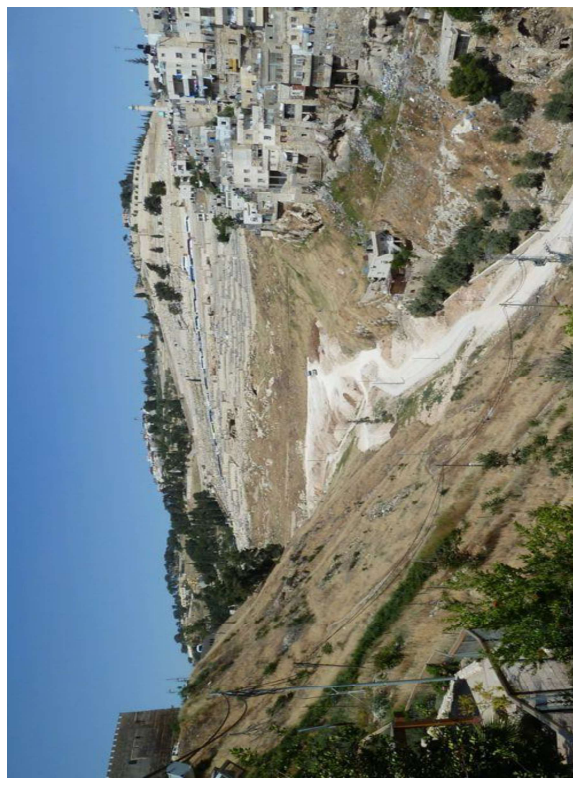
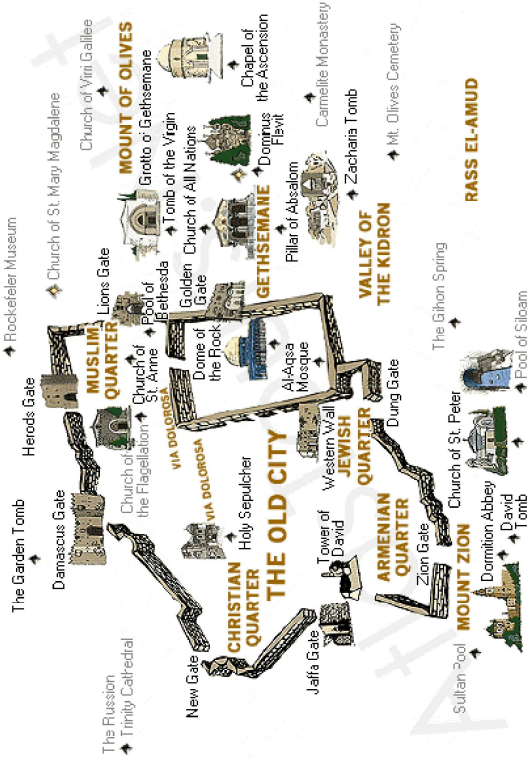
2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

12 Now this will be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

13 It will come about in that day that a great panic from the Lord will fall on them; and they will seize one another's hand, and the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another.

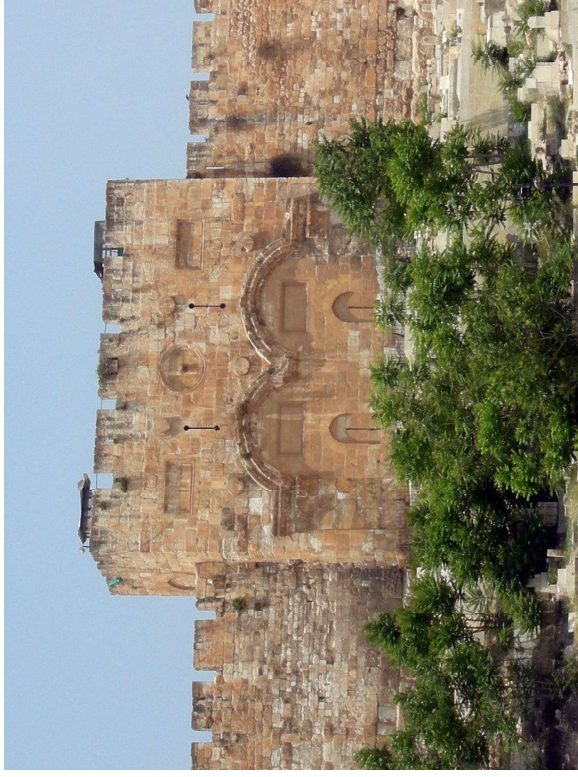


Looking east across the roofs
of the Old City of Jerusalem

Mount of Olives

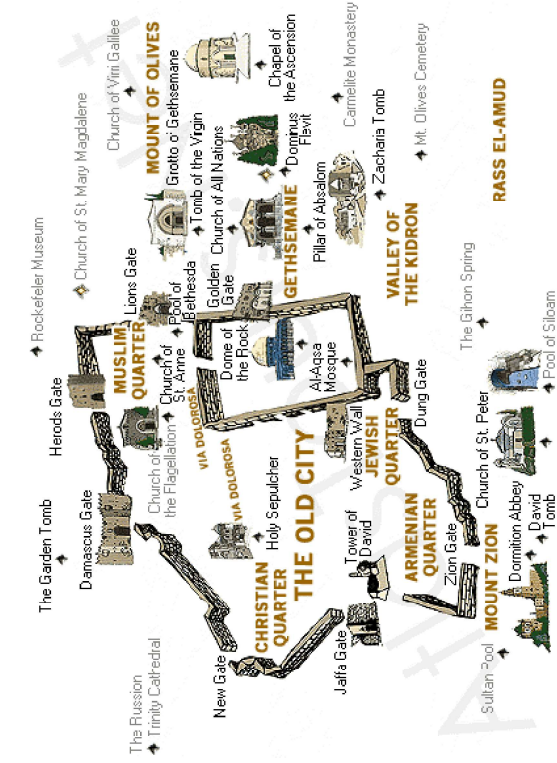
Splits North

Splits South



Joel 3:12-16

- 2 Let the nations be aroused
And come up to the **valley of Jehoshaphat**,
For there I will sit to judge
All the surrounding nations.
- 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.
Come, tread, for the wine press is full;
The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the **valley of decision!**
For the day of the Lord is near in the **valley of decision**.
- 15 The sun and moon grow dark
And the stars lose their brightness.
16 The Lord roars from Zion
And utters His voice from Jerusalem,
And the heavens and the earth tremble.
But the Lord is a refuge for His people
And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.



“and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”

- This is a humiliating death.
- It's only criminals and people without loved ones who die and their bodies are left for the animals to eat.

1 Kings 21:23-24

- 23 "Of Jezebel also has the Lord spoken, saying, "The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel."
- 24 "The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the field the birds of heaven will eat."

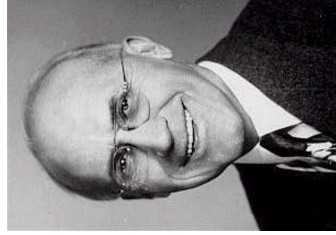
Matt 24:27-28

- 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- 28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

Matt 25:31-34,41

- 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.'
- 41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Next week we will begin our study of the Millennium.



Haldor Lillenas
(1885–1959)

Haldor recalled in his autobiography, “*We soon learned that our voices blended well and so we arranged it that our lives should also be blended.*” Haldor married Bertha Mae on October 4th, 1910. In 1917, Haldor and Bertha Mae built their first small home in Olivet, Illinois. When it was finished, they had very little money left to furnish it. Needing an instrument to compose with, he found a “wheezy little organ” at a neighbor’s home that he bought for \$5.00. With the help of this little organ, Haldor composed a number of songs, including this hymn. The song was copyrighted in 1918, but not published until 1922 in the Tabernacle Choir Book. Haldor was paid the grand sum of \$5.00 for the sale of the hymn. Haldor founded the Lillenas Publishing Company in 1924. The company published and sold over 700,000 songbooks and hymnals before it was sold in 1930 to the Nazarene Publishing House.



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Haldor worked there 20 years as an editor until his retirement at age 65. After he retired, Haldor continued to serve as an advisor to the music department at the Nazarene Publishing House until his death.

Haldor passed away on August 18, 1959 in Aspen, Colorado. He was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1982. Of the over 4,000 hymns Haldor had written, this hymn is the most famous. While the tune may lend itself to being played uptempo, in a bubbly sort of fashion, Lillenas himself cautioned about the hymn begin played too fast. He wanted it to be slower so that everyone could focus on the the wonderful grace of Jesus. The name of the hymn is . . .



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Haldor Lillenas was born in Norway, November 19, 1885. When he was just a child, his family immigrated to America, living in South Dakota for 2 years, and then settling in Astoria, Oregon. At 21 years old, Haldor trusted Christ as His Savior and entered Deets Pacific Bible College in Los Angeles, California (later known as Pasadena College), and afterward became a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. He received musical training through his own personal study and correspondence courses. Haldor eventually became more renowned due to his musical endeavors than through his personal ministry. While at Deets College, Haldor met Bertha Mae Wilson. Both Haldor and Bertha Mae sang and wrote songs, and often practiced together in the home of Bertha’s father.

WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!
2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!
3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power, making him God’s dear child.
Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity;
And the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

REFRAIN: Wonderful the matchless

grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
All-sufficient grace for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious name of Jesus,
praise His name!