

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

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 –

Next Sunday – No Class – Easter.

Sunday – May 12 – No class – Mother's Day

Sunday – May 26 – No class - Memorial Day Weekend.

"The Millennium"

Part 2

Rev. 20:1-6

April 14, 2019

Quiz

1. **Jesus Christ delayed in coming forward to take the scroll. What other 3 times in His life did He delay in responding to something?**
 - Raising of Lazarus (delay of 4 days)
 - Jairus' daughter (has conversation with another woman who was healed)
 - Storm at sea (Jesus slept)
2. **Where in the Bible is it prophesied that the Antichrist will sign a treaty?**

Dan. 9:27
3. **Who are the signers of the treaty?**

Dan 9:27

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week,
4. **What does the treaty say?**

Dan 9:27

"And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

5. Name something that is associated with these numbers in the book of Revelation.

10

horns, crowns

12

tribes, apostles, stars, gates

1,260

days

6

666, wings

7

churches, messengers, lamps, years, stars, golden lampstands, heads, Seals, Trumpets, Bowls

1/3

ships, angels, mankind, seas, life in the seas, earth burned up, sun moon and stars darkened.

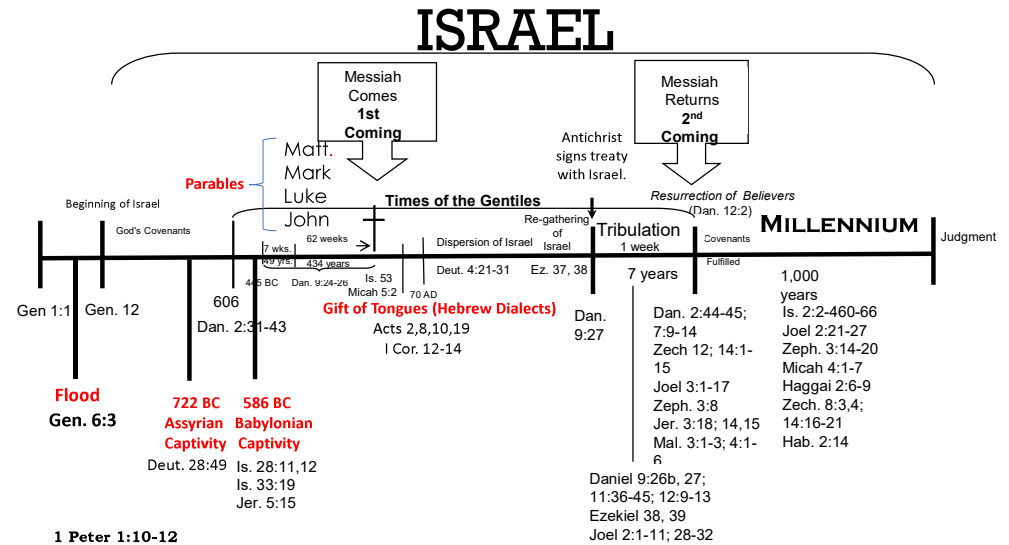
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elders

4

living creatures, angels

Old Testament View of Future Prophetic Events

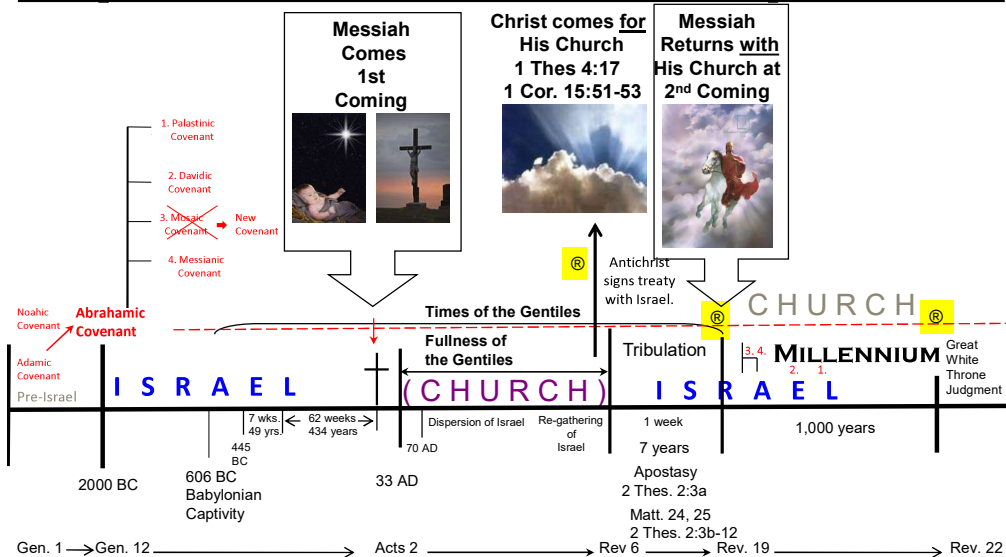


1 Peter 1:10-12

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven -- things into which angels long to look.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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Pre-Millennial Details

75 day interval

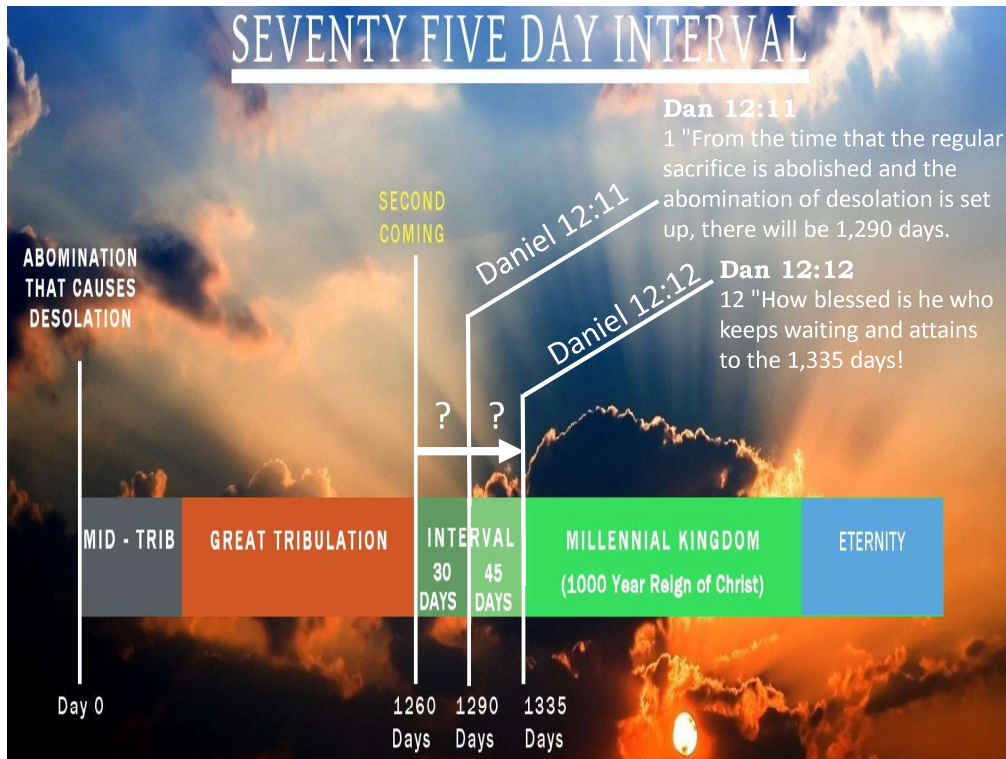
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Views of the Millennium

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SEVENTY FIVE DAY INTERVAL



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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.'"

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Views of the Millennium

Pre-wrath/Pre-Mill

Belief: Rapture occurs before God pours out His wrath in the 2nd half of the Trib.

Schools: Varies.

Pastors/ Leaders: Robert Van Kampen, Marvin Rosenthal.

Post-Trib/Pre-Mill

Belief: Rapture will occur at the end of Trib., just before 2nd Coming.

Schools: Varies. Many evangelical seminaries colleges.

Pastors/ Leaders: Pat Robertson, Walter R. Martin, John Piper, George E. Ladd, Robert H. Gundry, and Douglas Moo.

Partial Rapture/Pre-Mill

Belief: Believers will be raptured partially during Trib. When they come to the point when they “love His coming”.

Schools: Varies. Many evangelical seminaries colleges.

Pastors/ Leaders: G. H. Lang, Robert Chapman, G. H. Pember, Robert Govett, D. M. Panton, Watchman Nee, Ira E. David, Hudson Taylor, Anthony Norris Groves, John Wilkinson, G. Campbell Morgan, Otto Stockmayer and Rev. J. W. (Chip) White, Jr.

Pre-Trib Pre-Mill

- **Belief:** Second Coming of Christ occurs before a literal 1,000 year Millennium. The Rapture of the Church occurs before the 7-year Tribulation.
- **Schools:** Dallas Seminary, Western Seminary, Grace Seminary, Talbot Seminary, Moody Bible Institute.
- **Pastors/Theologians:** John MacArthur, David Jeremiah, Greg Laurie, Billy Graham, Charles Stanley, Chuck Swindoll, Tim LaHaye, J. Vernon McGee, Tommy Ice, Hal Lindsay, W. A. Criswell, Dwight L. Moody, (Dick Johnson)

Mid-Trib Pre-Mill

- **Belief:** Second Coming of Christ occurs before a literal 1,000 year Millennium. The Rapture of the Church occurs at the mid-point of the 7-year Tribulation.
- **Schools:** None
- **Pastors/Theologians:** Harold Ockenga, James Buswell, Norman Harrison.

Amillennialist

Belief: World is growing worse. No literal Millennium.

Schools/Denominations/Religions: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Anglican churches, as well as mainline Protestant bodies, such as Puritans, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and many Reformed congregations.

Pastors/ Leaders: Origen, Eusebius, Tyconius, Louis Berkhof, Anthony Hoekema, John Murray, Vern Poythress, Geerhardus Vos, Greg Beale, J. I. Packer, B. B. Warfield, Oswald T. Allis, Robert B. Strimple, Martin Luther, John Calvin, A.W. Pink, Tim Conway, David White.

PostMillennialist

Belief: World is gradually getting better as the Church takes over all of society. We are in the Millennium. Christ will return when Church has “Christianized” the world and will hand the kingdom to Christ.

Schools/Denominations/Religions: Same as Amillennial.

Pastors/ Leaders: reconstructionist theology, theonomy, dominion theology, kingdom theology. Pat Robertson, John Bunyan, Jonathan Edwards and Charles Finney, Doug Wilson.

Partial Preterist

Belief: Most of the book of Revelation happened before 70 A.D. but some is still future (2nd Coming, Resurrection).

Schools: Knox Theological Seminary, All Reformed Theological Seminaries, Reformed circles like the Orthodox Presbyterians (OPC) and the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA).

Pastors/ Leaders: R.C. Sproul, R.C. Sproul, Jr., Hank Hanegraaff, Kenneth Gentry, N.T Wright, Steve Gregg, Gary North.

Full Preterist

Belief: All of the book of Revelation happened before 70 A.D.

Schools: Same as Partial Preterist list.

Pastors/ Leaders: Ed Stevens, Don K. Preston, John Noe, and John L. Bray.

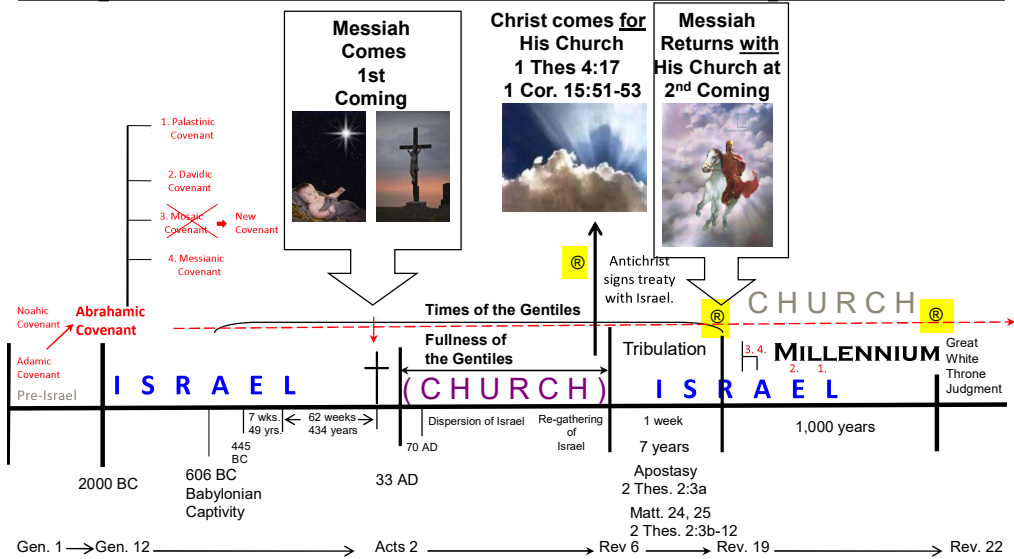
7,000 people
¼ of the earth
1/3 of all ships
1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Seals
1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Trumpets
1,2,3,4,5,6,7 Bowls
1/3 of the moon
4 angels
144,000
2 horns
3 ½ days
200,000,000 horseman
6 wings
7 gold lampstands
7 heads
10 crowns
12 stars
24 elders
4 living creatures
1,000 years

Numbers in the book of Revelation are all used literally:

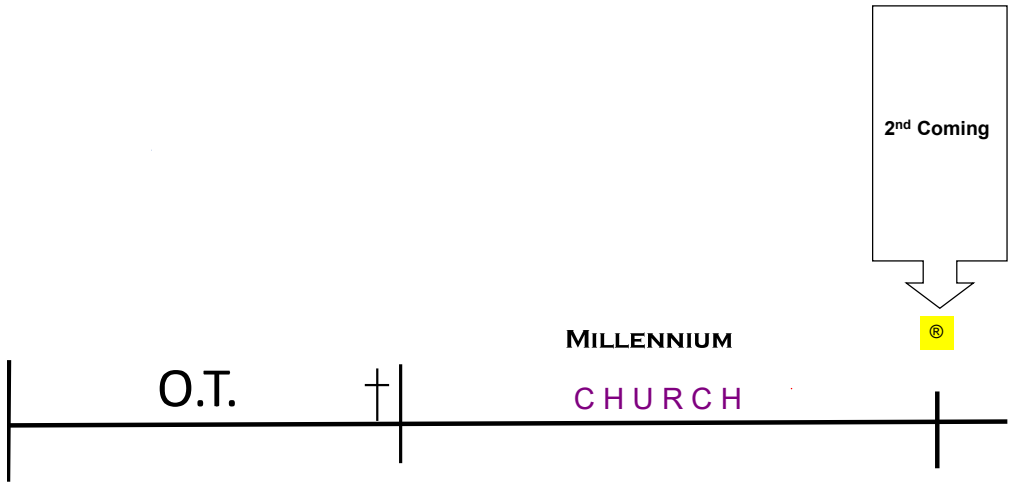
7 churches
7 messengers
12 tribes
12 apostles
10 lamps
5 months
1/3 of mankind
2 witnesses
42 months
1,260 days
12 stars
10 horns
200 miles
three demons
five fallen kings
42 months
Millions of angels
666
3 ½ years

Failing to interpret the Bible literally will lead to a lack of confidence in God's Word and eventually in the end will make the Bible worthless.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



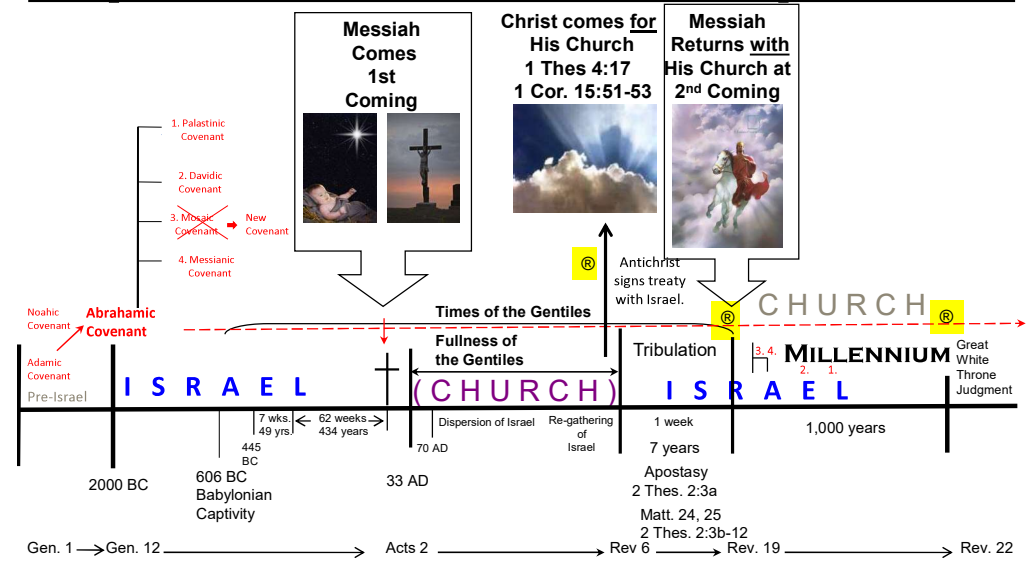
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Israel's covenants are fulfilled

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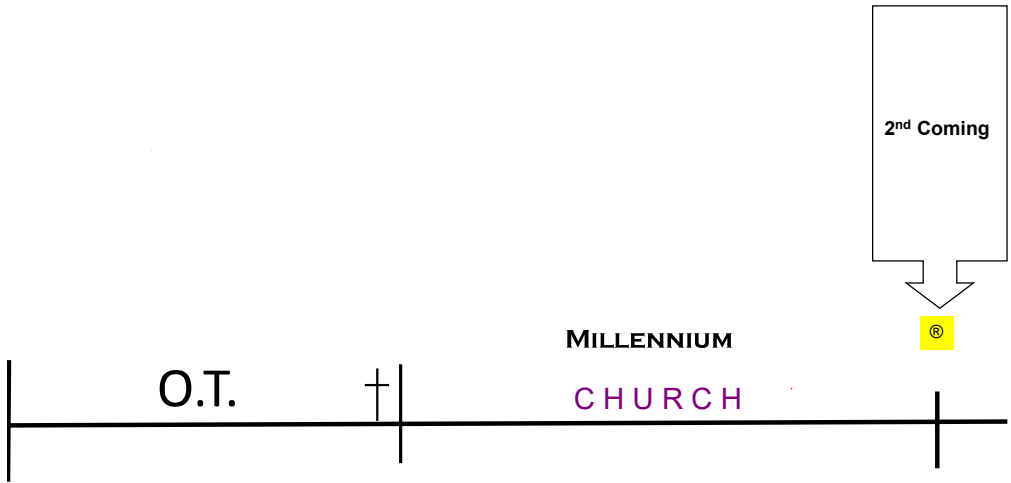
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If you are consistent and faithful in literally interpreting the Bible, then you will get Israel's covenants and promises right . . .

If you get Israel's covenants and promises right, you get Israel right . . .

If you get Israel right, then you get the Church right . . .

If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get prophecy right.



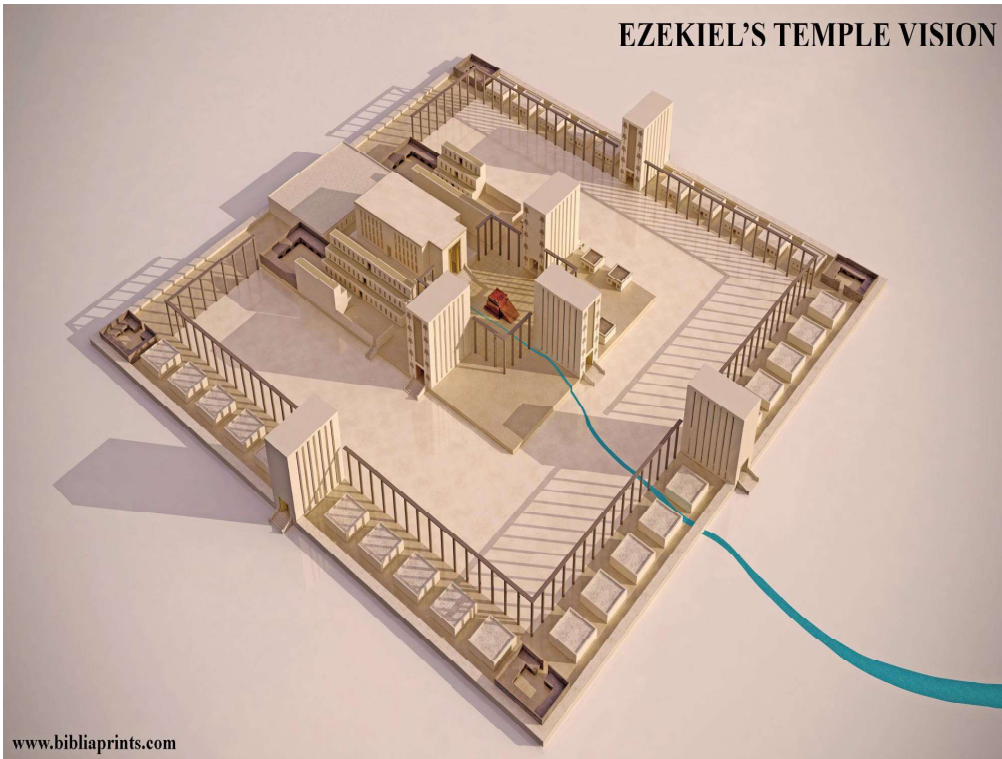
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ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

1. *Palastinic Covenant* – Land for Israel



EZEKIEL'S TEMPLE VISION



Satan is bound

Rev 20:1-6

- 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
- 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.
- 4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

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)

PLACE OF TORMENT

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

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).

Rev 12:3-4

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.

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Rev 9:1-7,11-16

1 Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the **bottomless pit** was given to him.

2 He opened the **bottomless pit**, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

3 Then out of the smoke came **locusts** upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

6 And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

7 The appearance of the **locusts** was like **horses** prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

11 They have as king over them, the angel of the **abyss**; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

12 The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

13 Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14 one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

15 And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind.

16 The number of the armies of the **horsemen** was two hundred million;

2 purposes for Satan being bound:

1. To show how fallen and corrupt the flesh is. Man will yield to temptation apart from Satan.
2. To show that a perfect environment (free from Satanic influence) does not lead man to salvation. Salvation comes internally by the work of the Holy Spirit and not by the externals. Eden proved that.

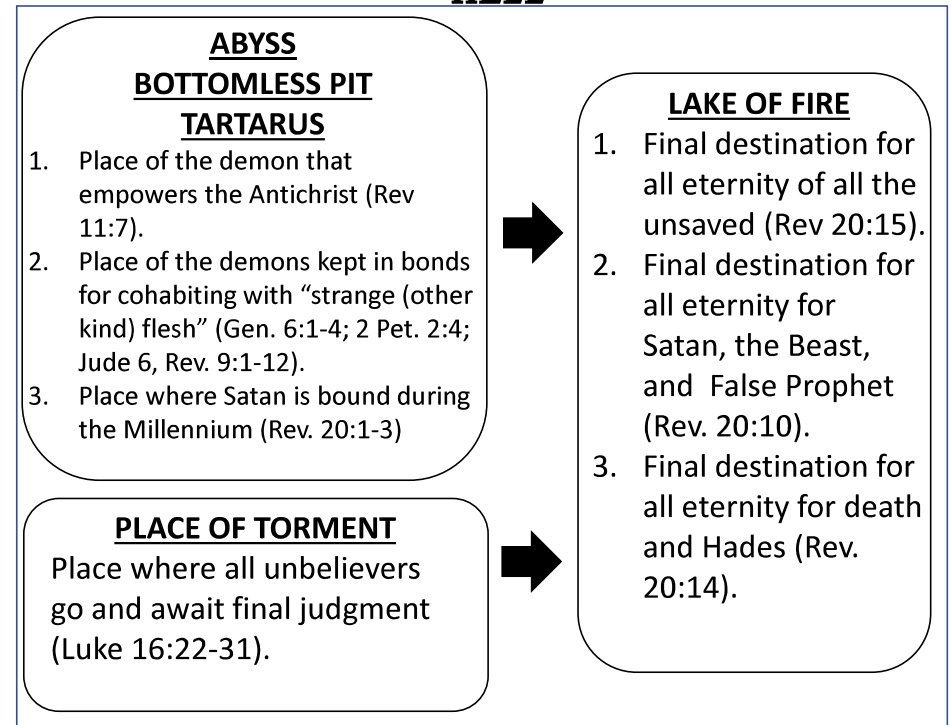
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Satan is thrown into the Abyss:

1. Unlike the Antichrist and False Prophet, Satan does not get thrown into the Lake of Fire.
2. The Abyss is shut and sealed. He can't get out and no one can get in to let him out. The only way it can be opened is to break the seal (only by the one who sealed it).
3. Satan's career of deception is put on hold for 1,000 years.
4. God however is not done with Satan yet. He will still use Satan for His purposes when the 1,000 years are over. Again showing His sovereignty over Satan.

HELL



Col 1:15-17

- 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.
- 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Next week we will look at 3 things about the Millennium;

1. Who will be its residents?
2. What will the government in the Millennium look like?
3. What will life be like in the Millennium?



A few years later, the John W. Peterson Music Company was established. During this time, he also served on the board of Family Life Radio Network in Tucson, Arizona. He had wide experience as a choral director, and throughout his career was in great demand as a guest conductor of his own works.

Peterson composed more than 1,000 individual songs, including "Over the Sunset Mountains," "So Send I You," "Springs of Living Water," "Heaven Came Down," "Jesus is Coming Again" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy."



John W. Peterson was born in 1921 in Lindsborg, Kansas, and began his musical career while he was still in his teens.

During World War II, he served as an Army Air Force pilot flying the famed "China Hump." Later, he attended Moody Bible Institute and served on the radio staff there for a number of years. In 1953, he graduated from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and shortly thereafter settled in Pennsylvania to continue his songwriting career. He then moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where for more than 10 years he was president and editor-in-chief of Singspiration, a sacred music publishing company. He also served on the board of Gospel Films Inc. of Muskegon, Mich. for several years. Later he moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he continued his writing and co-founded Good Life Productions.



In addition, he wrote 35 cantatas and musicals. Among them, "Night of Miracles," "Born a King," "No Greater Love," "Carol of Christmas," "Jesus Is Coming," "King of Kings," "Down from His Glory" and "The Last Week." About 10 million copies of these cantatas and musicals have been published and sold. John, his wife, and 3 daughters were longtime members of Scottsdale Bible Church. The name of this hymn is . . .

It Took a Miracle

1. My Father is omnipotent, and
that you can't deny;
A God of might and miracles, 'tis
written in the sky.

CHORUS:

*It took a miracle to put the stars in
place;*

*It took a miracle to hang the world
in space.*

*But when he saved my soul,
Cleansed and made me whole,
It took a miracle of love and grace.*

2. Though here his glory has
been shown, we still can't fully
see
The wonders of his might, his
throne, t'will take eternity.

3. The Bible tells us of his
power and wisdom all way
through;
And every little bird and
flower are testimonies too.

4. The greatness of the Lord is
seen in everything he made,
But greater far the work he did
when on him my sin was laid.

As early as grade school, when I was a voracious reader and a straight-A student, I identified with being smart. And I believed smart people didn't need religion. As a result, I declared myself an atheist and dismissed people who believed in God as uneducated. In high school, I led a classroom debate team arguing for a godless form of evolution, confident my side would win because "this was science." When the class voted and awarded victory to the creation side, I was dumbstruck. Most people didn't understand science, I figured—either that, or they were unduly swayed by the most popular girl in class. She had a swimming pool in her backyard and threw fun parties.

At the time, I babysat to earn money. One of my favorite families was a young couple; both the husband (a doctor) and the wife were really sharp. One night, after paying me, they invited me to church. I was stunned—people this smart actually went to church? When Sunday morning came around, I told them I had a stomachache. They invited me again the following week, but once more I came down with another phantom stomachache. The more they persisted, the more I struggled to invent convincing excuses. (*You try faking an illness to a doctor.*)

An MIT Professor Meets the Author of All Knowledge

I used to think religious people were ignoramuses. Then I got smart and took a chance on God.

ROSALIND PICARD | MARCH 15, 2019



Just a Phase?

Eventually, the couple tried a different tack. "You know," they said, "going to church is not what matters most. What matters is what you believe. Have you read the Bible?" I figured that if I wanted to be an educated person, I needed to read the best-selling book of all time. The doctor suggested starting with Proverbs, reading one chapter daily for a month. When I first opened the Bible—this was the King James Version—I expected to find phony miracles, made-up creatures, and assorted gobbledygook. To my surprise, Proverbs was full of wisdom. I had to pause while reading and *think*.

I quietly bought a modern translation called *The Way* and read through the entire Bible. While I never heard actual voices or anything to justify summoning a neurologist, I felt this strange sense of being spoken to. It was disturbing yet oddly attractive. I began wondering whether there really might be a God.

I decided to work my way through the Bible again, thinking that perhaps my experience was common for first-time readers. This time I would step back and read it more carefully, the better to debunk it. I also vowed to learn more about the Bible's origins and to study other religions. Maybe, I thought, my culture—in which most people were Christians or Jews—was conditioning me to find Christianity attractive.

A favorite Jewish teacher at my high school ran a “gifted” program that let me devote one class each semester to whatever I wanted. I studied Buddhism, Hinduism, and several other faiths. I visited temples, synagogues, mosques, and other holy places.

More than anything, I wanted to get past this “religion” phase, because I knew I didn’t want religion. But despite my wishes, an internal battle raged. Part of me was increasingly eager to spend time with the God of the Bible, but an irritated voice inside me insisted I would be happy again once I moved on.

There were two passages I found especially troubling: Matthew 10:33 (“But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.”) and Matthew 12:30 (“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.”). I resented what felt like an unwelcome ultimatum. I didn’t *want* to believe in God, but I still felt a peculiar sense of love and presence I couldn’t ignore.

During my freshman year in college, I reconnected with a friend I had met at a summer honors program. He was a straight-A student and a star on both the basketball court and football field—I had never known anyone so smart and athletic. He helped me with difficult physics homework, and then he invited me to his church. This time, I felt fine.

Learning and Exploring

Have you ever tried to assemble something mechanical, and it only *kind of* works? Maybe the wheels spin, but not smoothly. Then you realize you were missing a piece. When you finally put it together correctly, it works beautifully. This is how it felt when I handed my life over to God: I thought it had worked fine before, but after it was “fixed,” it worked exponentially better. That’s not to say nothing bad ever happened to me—far from it. But in *all* things, good and bad, I could count on God’s guidance, comfort, and protection.

Today, I am a professor at the top university (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in my field. I have incredible colleagues who have helped translate my lab research into difference-making products—including a smart watch that helps caregivers save the lives of people with epilepsy. I work closely with people whose lives are filled with medical struggles, people whose children are not healthy. I do not have adequate answers to explain all their suffering. But I know there is a God of unfathomable greatness and love who freely enters into relationship with all who confess their sins and call upon his name.

I once thought I was too smart to believe in God. Now I know I was an arrogant fool who snubbed the greatest Mind in the cosmos—the Author of all science, mathematics, art, and everything else there is to know. Today I walk humbly, having received the most undeserved grace. I walk with joy, alongside the most amazing Companion anyone could ask for, filled with desire to keep learning and exploring.

Rosalind Picard is founder and director of the Affective Computing Research Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The sermon prompted many questions. I started to raise my hand while the pastor spoke before realizing that everyone else was sitting quietly. I nudged my friend: “Can we ask questions?” He hushed me. *How do we learn if we can’t ask?* After the sermon I tried getting answers, but people mostly wanted to socialize. I started coming to Sunday School classes because the teachers let me ask questions. I also kept reading.

One Sunday, the pastor talked about the difference between believing there is a God and following God. I knew Jesus claimed to be “the way” to God, but I had been trying to avoid anything Jesus-related—I couldn’t help hearing his name with the word *freak* attached. But the pastor got my attention when he asked, “Who is Lord of your life?” He discussed what happens when “you, a human being, put yourself on that throne.”

I was intrigued: I was the captain of my ship, but was it possible that God would actually be willing to lead me? From there, I came to a deeper understanding of what it meant to have a relationship with God through faith in Jesus. It seemed silly to pray about this—after all, I still had doubts about God’s existence. But in the spirit of Pascal’s wager, I decided to run an experiment, believing I had much to gain but very little to lose.

After praying, “Jesus Christ, I ask you to be Lord of my life,” my world changed dramatically, as if a flat, black-and-white existence suddenly turned full-color and three-dimensional. But I lost nothing of my urge to seek new knowledge. In fact, I felt emboldened to ask even tougher questions about how the world works. I felt joy and freedom—but also a heightened sense of responsibility and challenge.