

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"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 Kingdom of God"

Part 2

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October 15, 2023

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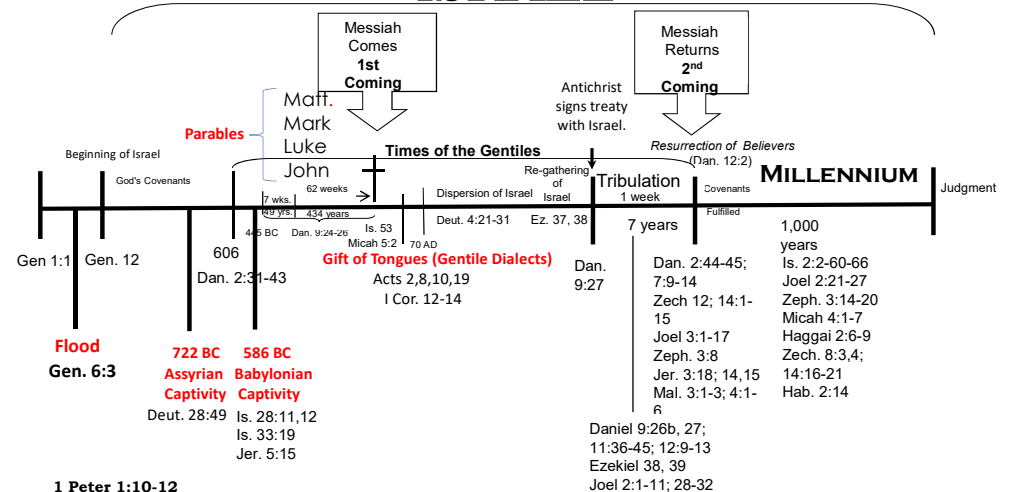
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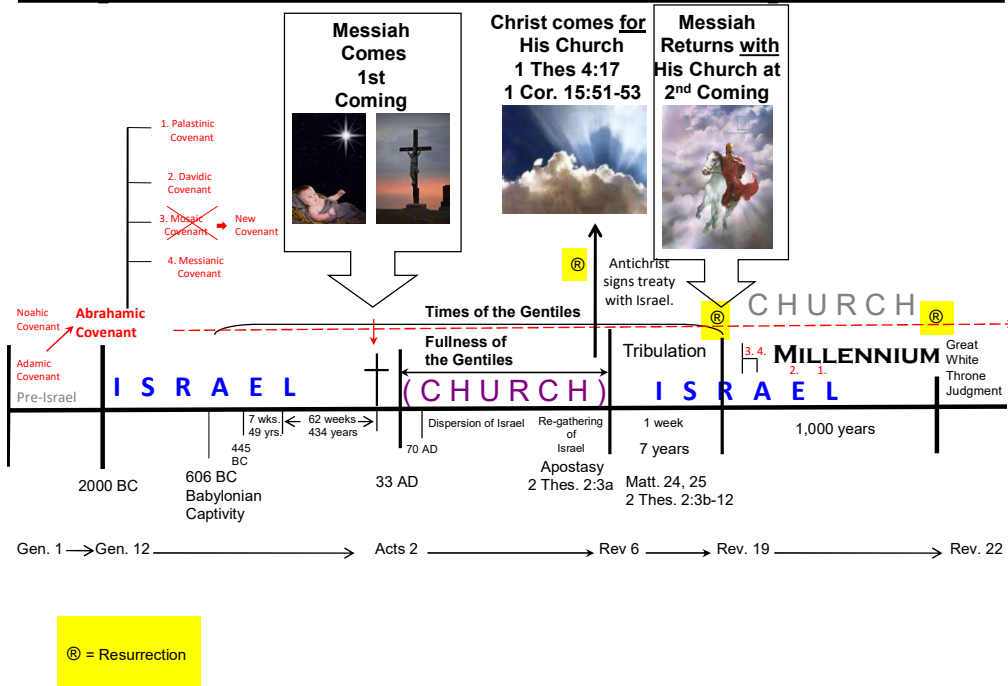


1 Peter 1:10-12

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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- Once the "Abomination of Desolation" takes place in the middle of the 7 year Tribulation, it will be time to flee.
 - If you are on your housetop, no time to get your stuff in the house.
 - If you are in a field, no time to go back and get your coat.

Matt 24:15-18

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.

32 "Remember Lot's wife.

- What a warning! We never knew her name nor anything she said or did.
- Here is what we need to remember about Lot's wife:
 - She had great privileges.
 - Her husband was righteous.
 - Abraham was her uncle.
 - She heard and witnessed God's miraculous workings in the life of Abraham.
 - She saw the perverseness of sin.
 - Angels warned her to get out of Sodom.
 - She saw the angels strike the Sodomite men blind.
 - Angels took her by the hand and led her out of Sodom.
 - She was warned not to look back.
- But she LOOKED BACK!
- Demas was Paul's companion; Judas Iscariot was Jesus' disciple and though both were given great privileges, they could not detach themselves from the world.

Matt 26:14-15

14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests

15 and said, "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out **thirty pieces of silver** to him.

2 Tim 4:9-10

9 Make every effort to come to me soon;

10 for Demas, **having loved this present world**, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica;

- Lot's wife looked back. Her longing and her heart were still in Sodom.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

Phil 3:13

13 but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

32 "Remember Lot's wife."

- Lot got his wife out of Sodom but he couldn't get Sodom out of his wife.
- The warning here is not– “don't imitate”. “don't copy” but it is to remember.

“She becomes a memorial for the preservation of evil, a warning to all who might see her frozen in her half-turned gaze of longing.”

“Oh, if I must be damned, let it be with the mass of the ungodly, having always been one of them; but to get up to the very gates of heaven, and to perish there, will be a most awful thing!”

- Spurgeon

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- Like Lot's wife, we are not to hang onto this world. If we do, we will lose our life forever in hell.
- Rather we are to detach ourselves and our lives from the world and we will preserve our lives for a future in heaven.

34 "I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.

- Now the attention shifts to the second coming of Christ.
- When Christ returns after the 7 year Tribulation and just before the establishing of the Kingdom of God, a judgment will take place and a division will take place.
- If you are on earth when it is night, 2 will be in a bed.
- 1 will be taken in judgment, 1 will be left to go into the Millennial kingdom.

Matt 24:37-40

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.

Matt 25:31-35

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.'

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- Here are 2 people who are working during the day – 1 taken in judgment and 1 left to enter the Kingdom.

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- Brackets mean this verse is not in the earliest and oldest manuscripts.
- Missing from: Papyrus 75 - late second or early third century is by far the oldest copy we have of this passage. The verse was also absent in Codex X and Codex B (early fourth century).

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Application

1. I am Lot's wife. We all are Lot's wife.

"I preserve deep within me a memory of sin savored in years past. I see my sin, but I do not hate it. I linger on the idea of re-engaging it, even in my newfound freedom. And I risk spreading it to the lives of those around me."

2. If your spiritual gaze were frozen at any moment of the day, on what would it be fixed?

3. Does the coming of Christ have any affect on your life?

Joy
Fear
Concern
Anticipation

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- This is a reference to the aftermath of the War of Armageddon.
- King Jesus breaks through the clouds with His Church and slays His enemies.
- The dead bodies are then consumed by the vultures.

Rev 19:15-18

15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

- So before the Kingdom of God is ushered in, judgment falls on the earth.
- Just because you are a Jew or a son of Abraham is no guarantee you will be in the Kingdom.
- Therefore before you can think about the Kingdom, you need to figure out how you are going to escape judgment.