

"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

"Signs and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ"

Luke 21:25-28

April 14, 2024

Passion Week

1st month of Hebrew Calendar.
(Exodus 12:2) (March/April)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Jesus arrived in Bethany yesterday (Saturday), and on Sunday the crowds visit Lazarus in Bethany, which Jesus and his leaders (John 12:9-10).	Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey/colt. a.k.a. Palm Monday (John 12:12-13); also see Matt. 21:1-11; Mark 11:27-32; John 12:20)	Jesus cleanses the temple, and the crowd disturbs him, and he is arrested. Jesus' conversation with the high priests and people from Jerusalem as a shortcut to the Temple Mount. Jesus' discourse with the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds (John 12:30-36)	Jesus teaches the crowds in the Temple grounds. Jewish leaders challenge his authority. Jesus' parables to the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees on the Temple grounds (Matthew 21:28-32)	Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare for the Passover meal. Note: Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. The Upper Room Discourse and Jesus High Priestly Prayer. Jesus and Disciples go to Garden of Olives (Gethsemane) and pray. See chapters Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; John 13-18	Early am betrayal and arrest of Jesus. 6 Trials of Jesus (3 Jews then 3 Roman). The Passover day Jews from Galilee (southern Israel) would celebrate Passover on Friday. Sacrifice the lamb. Exodus 12:6 "You shall keep it until the day after sunset, and eat it with bitter herbs." Deut. 16:6	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 2. Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread continues for 7 days	Jesus' body in the tomb Day 3. Jesus is resurrected over the next 40 days to over 500 people

Note 1: Biblical days don't start/enc at midnight. Start/enc for an indication of Sabbath and Judaea start/enc Sunrise/Sunset

Note 2: For details on what happened during the trial and Friday see the below graphic.

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καὶ - "and" – connects past with future.

Past –

False Christs

Wars

Earthquakes

Plagues

Famines

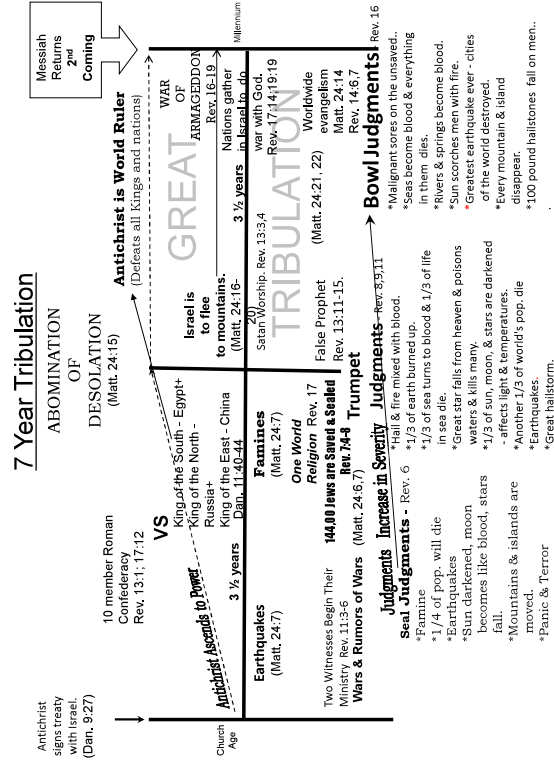
Terrors

Persecution of believers

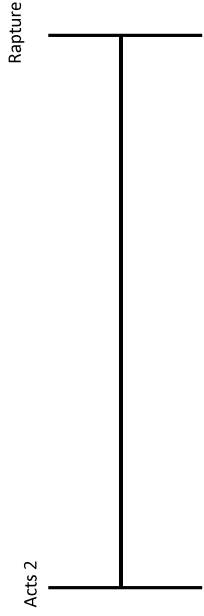
Jerusalem surrounded

"and" . . .

"there will be signs" – never used for the Rapture of the Church.



CHURCH AGE



“We must not confuse this event with His “coming for the church” (Rapture), for that can occur at any moment. We are not looking for signs; we are looking for the Savior.”

- Brian Bell

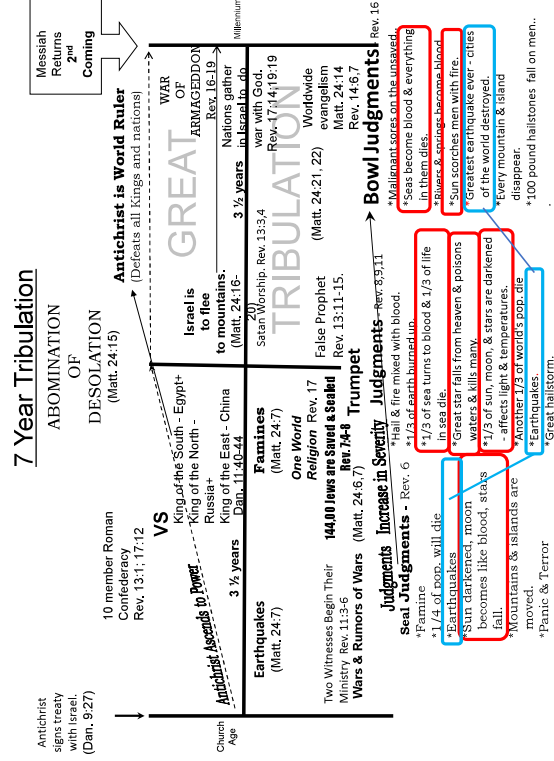
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To right the wrongs of this old earth,
But this we know—He’s left us here
To share good news of second birth.”

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- Notice that God uses His creation outside the earth and upon the earth to bring judgment.
- Let's look at the events . . .

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"perplexity" - "αποπτια" - without a way, being at one's wit's end, not knowing which way to turn, difficulty coping, serious anxiety, consternation, distress, trouble or confusion resulting from complexity, including an inability to deal with or understand something.



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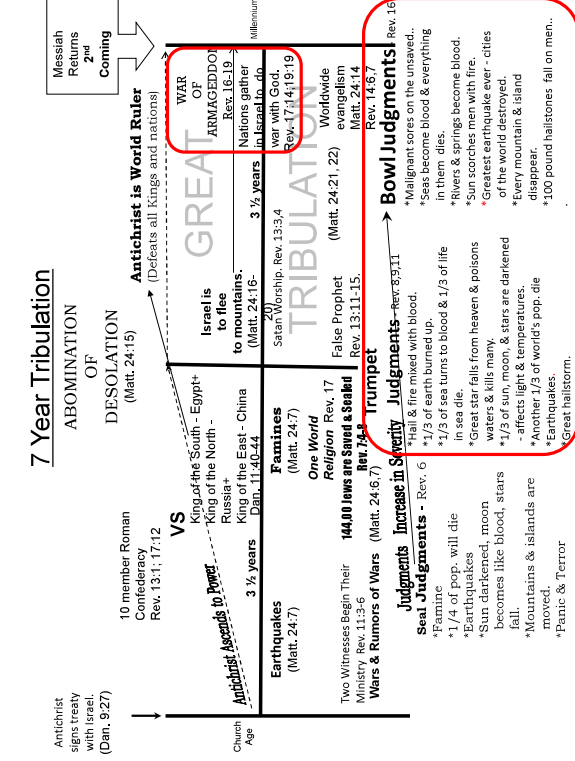
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"powers of the heavens" – "δυναμῖς" - Authorities, powers, supernatural power, ruling power; the demons of Satan in the lower atmosphere who constitute his kingdom in the air.

"shaken" – "σαλεύω" - caused to move to and fro, caused to waver or totter, as the unexpected and disastrous shaking of what would be thought to be stable - earth, planets.

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- The Tribulation will not go on indefinitely.
- It will climax with the War of Armageddon.
- It is at that point when the nations of the world are all assembled together that Jesus Christ and His army will burst through the clouds.
- Lets look at scripture . . .

Rev 19:11-16

- 11 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.
- 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.
- 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."

Glorious Day

1. One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He

Chorus:

- Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day
2. One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

Chorus

2 Thess 1:7-11

- 7 when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,
8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.
- 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed — for our testimony to you was believed.

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- If you have been saved in the Tribulation, follow the signs and timeline in the Bible.
- If you have made it to the end, take courage, lift your heads, the salvation of Israel is near.

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.'"

Rom 11:25-26

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery — so that you will not be wise in your own estimation — that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

26 and so all Israel will be saved;

- This was the major purpose for the 7-year Tribulation – Israel would be tested and purged. What would come forth would be a people, a nation who now recognize and bow before their Messiah.

Application

1. Where can you go from the presence of God?
2. The Second Coming of Christ will be a display of His power, a display of His wrath on evil and wickedness, and a display of His grace and mercy to those who turn to Him.
3. God is faithful to His promises – to Israel and to us.