

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the gospel of Matthew.*

Please move to the center of the rows so that those who come after you can find seating at the end of the rows.

***If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.***

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"If something could get outside the will of God, it would become a god unto itself and a rival to God. Such can never be the case. God alone is God; there is no other."

Walter Elwell

# OBH Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 25

After class - 11:20

## Agenda

OBH Prayer

OBH Missionaries

OBH Needs

Misc.

# **7 Reasons for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture**

## **I. The Nature of the Tribulation.**

- It will be a time for the wrath of God upon the earth.

### **Rev 6:16-17**

16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;

17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- It will be a time of God's dealing with Israel.

**Jer 30:3-7**

3 'For behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.' The Lord says, 'I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.'"

4 Now these are the words which the Lord spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:

5 "For thus says the Lord,  
I have heard a sound of terror,  
Of dread, and there is no peace.

6 'Ask now, and see  
If a male can give birth.

Why do I see every man  
With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth?  
And why have all faces turned pale?

7 'Alas! for that day is great,  
There is none like it;  
And it is the time of **Jacob's** distress,  
But he will be saved from it.

## II. The Nature of the Church.

- The Church is the object of God's grace, not His wrath.

### **1 Thess 5:9-11**

9 For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

### **1 Thess 1:10**

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who **rescues us from the wrath to come**.

### **Rev 3:10**

10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, **I also will keep you from the hour of testing**, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

### III. The Nature of the Millennium.

- The Millennium involves earthly people that procreate and have children.
- Those taken in the rapture will be believers who will be given a new “transformed” body which will not procreate.
- All unbelievers will be taken in judgment at the Second Coming.

#### **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

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;

- If the Rapture and the Second Coming occur at the same time, there are no earthly people left with human bodies to procreate.
- So who goes into the millennium??

#### IV. The Nature of the Chronology.

Rev. 19

1. Marriage of the Lamb. (7)
2. Clothed in white linen (rewards). (8)
3. The Church returns with Christ at the Second Coming. (11,14)

#### **Rev 19:7-8,11,14**

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**.

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.

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

## V. The Nature of Christ's Imminency.

- We are to look for the Son – not signs.

1 Thess 1:10

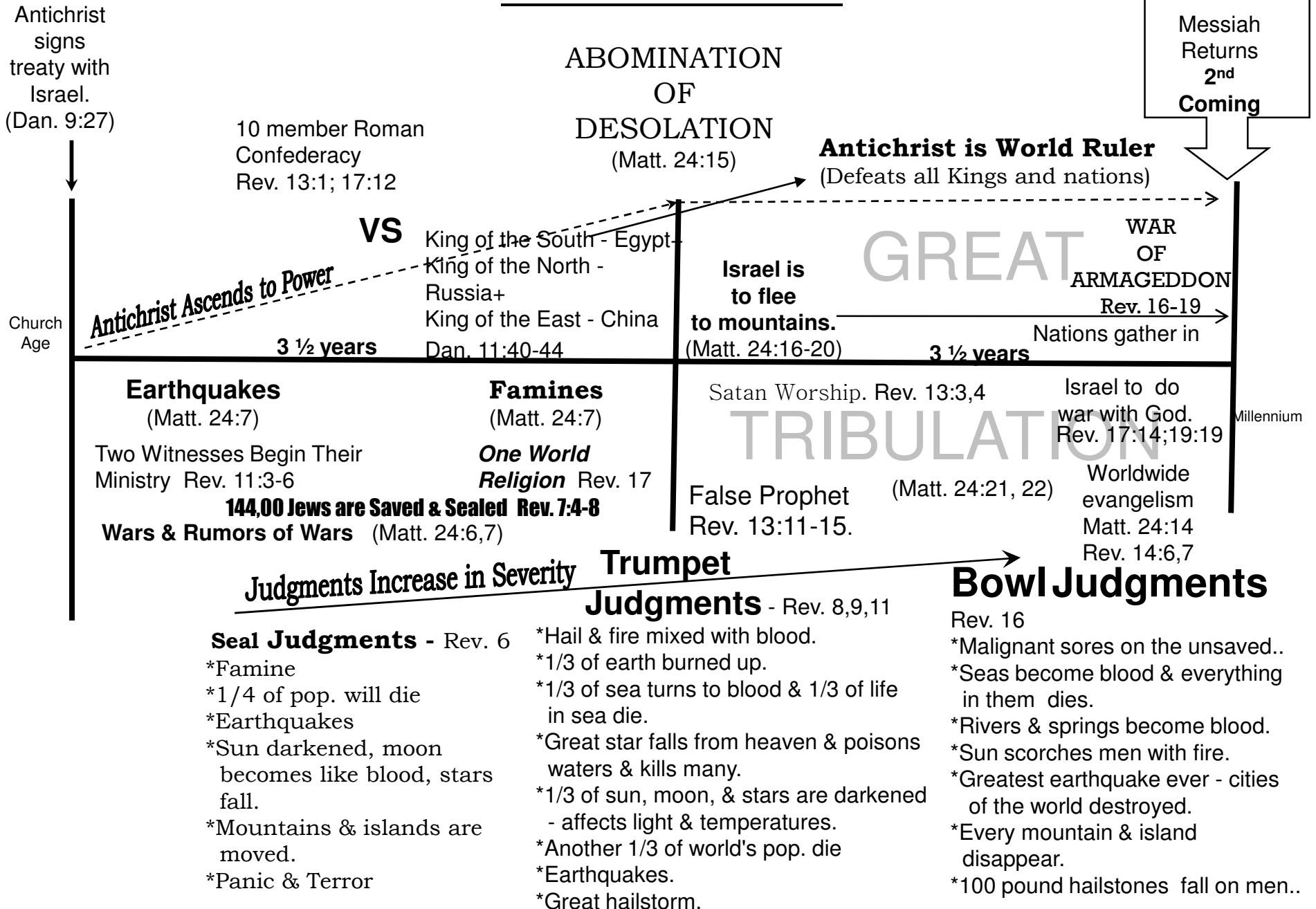
10 and to **wait for His Son** from heaven, whom  
He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who  
rescues us from the wrath to come.

*\*If a foreshadowing of Tribulational signs occurs  
they will be general and not specific and so  
it will be difficult to identify an exact time.*

*\*There are no signs of the times because we are  
not in the time of the signs.*



# 7 Year Tribulation



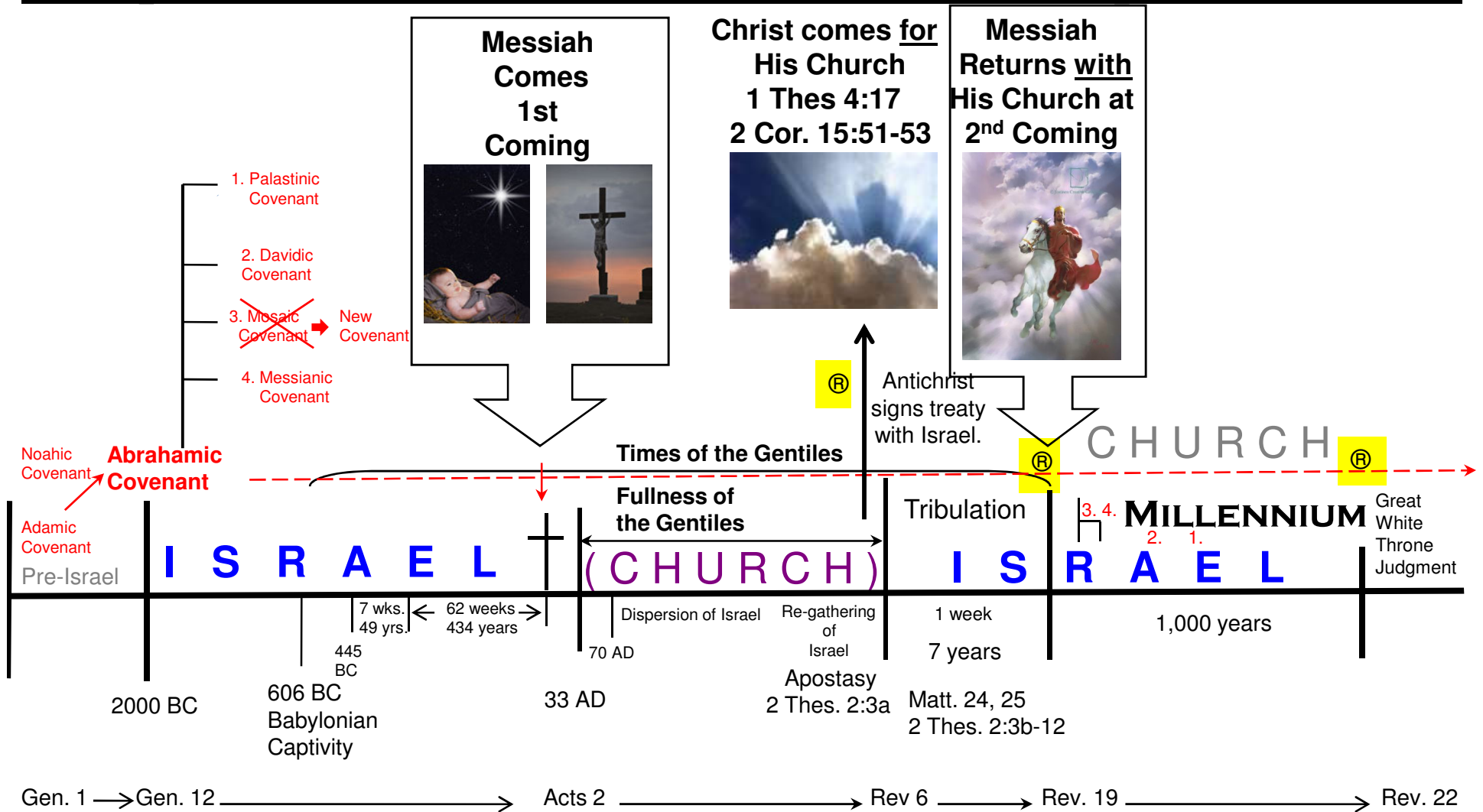
## VI. The Nature of the Context of Rev. 6-19

- Rev. 1-3 – Church Age.
- Rev. 4-5 – The Church in Heaven.
- Rev. 6-19 – The Tribulation.

**\*Not 1 mention of the Church**

- Rev. 20-22 – The Millennium and the Eternal State.

# Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



® = Resurrection

## VII. The Nature of the Jewish Marriage.

1. **Betrothal** (bridegroom left his home and traveled to home of prospective bride to pay a price to purchase the bride).

### **2 Cor 11:2**

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I **betrothed** you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

### **1 Cor 6:20**

20 For you have been **bought with a price**: therefore glorify God in your body.

2. **Bride prepares her wedding garment of white linen.**

### **Rev 19:7-8**

7 . . .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.

### **3. Bridegroom announces he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for them to live.**

#### **John 14:2-4**

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; **for I go to prepare a place for you.**

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.

### **4. In Israel the father determined the wedding day when he was satisfied all was prepared before he gave permission to the son to go get his bride.**

#### **Matt 24:36-37**

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

**5. Bridegroom comes personally for his bride and brings her to his father's house.**

**1 Thess 4:16-17**

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.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

**6. The couple spends 7 days in the place prepared for the honeymoon. The groom is sheltering the bride from the activities of the world.**

**Rev 3:10-11**

10 I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

**7. After the honeymoon, the couple is presented to the world.**

**Rev 19:14**

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

**Rev 1:7**

7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and **every eye will see Him**, even those who pierced Him;

**8. The wedding feast begins in the new home of the bride and groom.**

**Rev 19:9**

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper** of the Lamb.'

## **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 "Son of  
Righteousness"

All of Israel's covenants are fulfilled.

His coming is seen.



## Prophetical Terms

### Abomination of Desolation:

When the Antichrist sits down in the rebuilt Jewish Temple and declares himself to be God, the great tribulation of 42 months will then begin. At the occurrence of this event, the Jews living in Israel are commanded to flee into the wilderness. All tribulation saints will know, from that day on, they must now wait 1260 days before the Lord returns.

(Dan 9:27), Matt 24:15-19).

### Antichrist

*Anti* means “against” or “in place of.” Antichrist, therefore, may refer generally to any apostate teacher who is against Christ or who claims to be Christ (Matt. 24:23-24; 1 John 2:18; 4:3). The Antichrist refers to the final and evil world ruler of the Tribulation. He is one who stands both against Christ and who seeks to usurp Christ’s place as the false Messiah of the Jews (1 John 4:3b; Rev. 13:1-10).

### Armageddon:

Armageddon comes from the Hebrew word meaning "the Mount of Megiddo." This ancient fortress is located in northern Israel, across the Plain of Esdraelon from Nazareth. Armageddon will be the gathering place for the final great battle, which bears its name.  
(Rev 16:16).

## **Day of Christ**

The Day of Christ is that period of time which begins with the rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:14-18) and includes the events which follow in heaven as the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage of the Lamb (1 Cor. 1:8; 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16). The Day of Christ is a time of reward and blessing for the Church following the Rapture.

## **Day of God**

The events of the Day of God include the dissolving of the old heavens and the old earth (2 Pet. 3:10-14).

## **Day of the Lord**

This is the period of time which begins with the Tribulation judgments and extends through the millennial reign of Christ on earth through the destruction of the heavens and the earth and into the ushering in of the new heavens and earth and the eternal state. 2 Peter 3:10 gives authority for including everything from the Tribulation through the Millennium. This day begins as a thief (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10) being instituted by the signing of the peace treaty of Daniel 9:27 with mankind believing a new time of peace and safety has been ushered in.

## **Daniel's Seventieth Week**

This is another title or Scriptural reference for the Tribulation. It refers to the last seven years of the seventy weeks of years (or 490 years) prophesied concerning the nation Israel in Daniel 9:24-27. The seventy weeks of years concerns God's program for the nation, beginning with the time of Daniel and extending to the second coming of Christ. The first sixty-nine weeks (483 years) were from 445 BC to the time of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (29 AD). The last week (seven years) is yet to be fulfilled and can't be until the fullness of the Gentiles is complete and the Church is removed by means of the Rapture. It will begin with the signing of the peace treaty with Israel by the prince that will come, the final world ruler who rises out of the revived Roman empire (Dan. 9:26-27).

## **Eschatology**

The doctrine of “last things” or “things to come.” The word eschatology comes from the Greek, *escatos*, 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.

### **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)

### **Fullness of the Gentiles**

This refers to the completion of God’s purpose in the church age during which time God is calling out from among the Gentiles a people for His name, namely the Church (Acts 15:14; Eph. 1:22-23; Rom. 11:7-32).

### **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)

### **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).

## **Hell (and related words)**

**Hell:** In common usage, this term refers to the place of future punishment for the wicked. The word properly translated “hell” in the New Testament is the Greek *Geenna* or *Gehenna*, a place in the valley of Hinnom where human sacrifices had been offered and where continuous burning of rubbish made it an apt illustration of the eternal lake of fire (cf. Matt. 5:22).

**Sheol:** The general idea of this Hebrew word is “the place of the dead” including the grave (cf. Num. 16:30,33; Ps. 16:10), and the unseen place of those who have departed from this life, the place of departed spirits or both the righteous (Gen. 37:35) and the wicked (Prov. 9:18).

**Hades:** This word is basically the New Testament Greek counterpart of *Sheol*. It refers to the unseen world in general, but specifically to the abode of the unsaved dead between death and the final judgment at the great white throne (cf. Luke 16:23 and Rev. 20:11-15). It differs from hell in that it is temporary while hell is permanent.

**Lake of Fire:** Refers to the eternal state of the wicked who are forever separated from God and consigned to a special abode of suffering because of their rejection of Christ or their lack of the righteousness of Christ. It is equivalent to and identified with the second death in Revelation 20:14.

## **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).

## **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). The Greek word for “judgment seat” is bema which once referred to the platform where the umpire for the Greek games would sit and issue rewards to the athletes. Thus, the purpose for the judgment seat is not to determine whether the one judged is a believer or not, but rather to publicly assess, whether acceptable or worthless, one’s works (outward) and character (inward) for rewards or their loss.











