

"WHAT IS FAITH?"

PART III

Hebrews 11:1

January 19, 2014

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1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

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13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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Resurrection

John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,

1 Cor 15:51,52

- 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,
- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

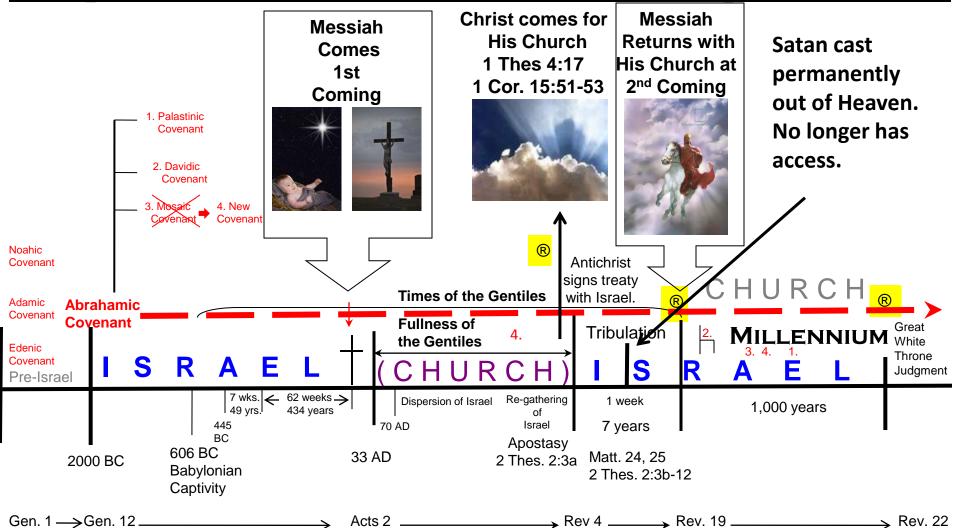
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- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
- 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- 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.

Phil 3:20-21

- 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;
- 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory,

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



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Heaven

John 14:2,3

- 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.

1 Peter 1:4

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

Rev 21:2-4

- 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,
- 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

The Four Crowns of Scripture



The Crown of Righteousness

* II Tim. 4:6-8

* I Cor. 9:24-27



Faithfulness in accomplishing God's will for your life.

The Crown of Life

* James 1:12

* Rev. 2:10

Faithfulness in trials.



The Crown of Joy

* I Thes. 2:19

* Phil. 4:1

* I Cor. 3:12-15



Faithfulness in witnessing and discipleship.

The Crown of Glory

* I Peter 5:1-4

* I Cor. 3:12-15

Faithfulness in correctly shepherding the flock of God.

Rewards

Luke 6:22-23

- 22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.
- 23 "Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6:35

35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great,

1 Cor 3:8

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

Rev 22:11

12 "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.

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The majority of the Bible is made up of commands and examples, which are designed to move the believer to spiritual maturity. Armed with the promises of God's Word and a firm belief in God's sovereignty and providence, the believer is equipped to face any situation, problem, calamity, or crises.

The purpose of Heb. 11 is to deepen your confidence in God and His promises and as a result, like our O.T. heroes of the faith, live a bold, radical lifestyle that is free from the things of this world and is willing to risk all for your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.