



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 book of Hebrews.

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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“SEE TO IT THAT YOU DO NOT REFUSE HIM ”

Hebrews 12:22-29

May 4, 2014

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Ex 19:19-21

19 When the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with thunder.

20 The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

21 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go down, warn the people, so that they do not break through to the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish.

Heb 10:31

31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

2 Cor 5:11

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men,

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- Jesus, mediator of the New Covenant
- sprinkled blood

2 Sam 5:6-7

6 Now the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, and they said to David, "You shall not come in here, but the blind and lame will turn you away"; thinking, "David cannot enter here."

7 Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion, that is the city of David.

1 Kings 8:1,4,5

1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' households of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord from the city of David, which is Zion.

4 They brought up the ark of the Lord and the tent of meeting and all the holy utensils, which were in the tent, and the priests and the Levites brought them up.

5 And King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who were assembled to him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen they could not be counted or numbered.

Ps 132:13-14

13 For the Lord has chosen Zion;
He has desired it for His habitation.

14 "This is My resting place forever;
Here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

Ps 48:1-3

1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, His holy mountain.

2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is Mount Zion in the far north,
The city of the great King.

3 God, in her palaces,
Has made Himself known as a stronghold.

Isa 14:32

That the Lord has founded Zion,
And the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it.

Ps 50:2

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God has shone forth.

Ps 87:2

2 The Lord loves the gates of Zion
More than all the other dwelling places of Jacob.

Ps 99:2-3

2 The Lord is great in Zion,
And He is exalted above all the peoples.
3 Let them praise Your great and awesome name;
Holy is He.

Rev 14:1

14 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

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Ps 68:17

17 The chariots of God are myriads, thousands upon thousands;

The Lord is among them as at Sinai, in holiness.

Deut 33:1-2

1 Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

2 He said,

"The Lord came from Sinai,

And dawned on them from Seir;

He shone forth from Mount Paran,

And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones;

At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

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Rom 8:29

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

Col 1:15

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Col 1:18

18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Heb 1:6

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.

Rev 1:5

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

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Heb 11:39-40

39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

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Ps 68:7-8

7 O God, when You went forth before Your people,
When You marched through the wilderness, Selah.

8 The earth quaked;

The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of
God;

Sinai itself quaked at the presence of God, the God of
Israel.

Isa 24:18-20

18 For the windows above are opened, and the foundations of the earth shake.

19 The earth is broken asunder,

The earth is split through,

The earth is shaken violently.

20 The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard

And it totters like a shack,

Hag 2:6-7

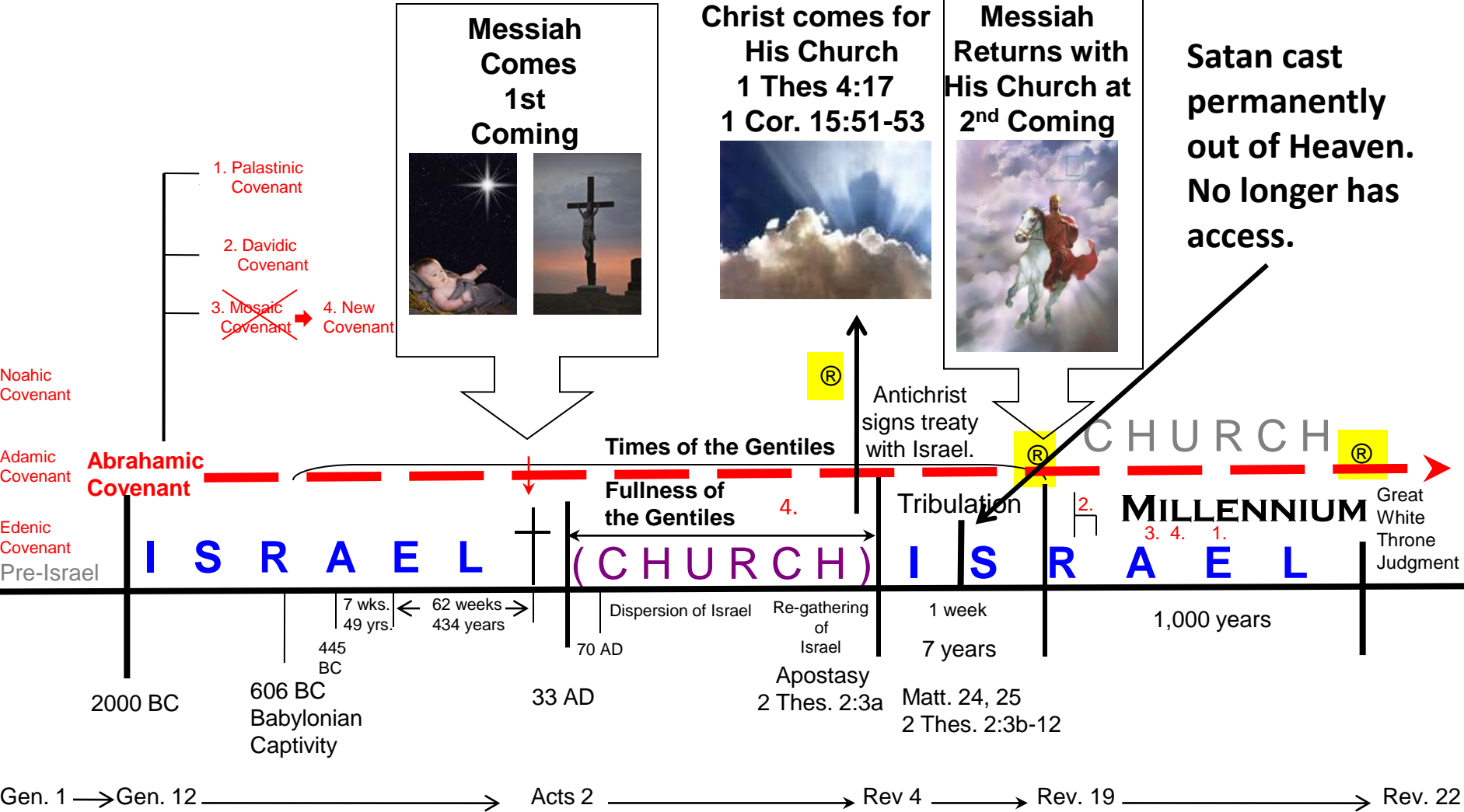
6 "For thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land.

7 'I will shake all the nations;

Isa 13:13

13 Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,
And the earth will be shaken from its place
At the fury of the Lord of hosts
In the day of His burning anger.

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® = Resurrection

7 Year Tribulation

Messiah Returns
2nd
Coming

Antichrist signs treaty with Israel. (Dan. 9:27)

10 member Roman Confederacy
Rev. 13:1; 17:12

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Matt. 24:15)

Antichrist is World Ruler
(Defeats all Kings and nations)

Church Age

Antichrist Ascends to Power

VS
King of the South - Egypt+
King of the North - Russia+
King of the East - China
Dan. 11:40-44

Israel is to flee to mountains. (Matt. 24:16-20)

GREAT

WAR OF ARMAGEDDON
Rev. 16-19

3 1/2 years

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Nations gather in Israel to do war with God.
Rev. 17:14; 19:19

Millennium

Earthquakes
(Matt. 24:7)

Famines
(Matt. 24:7)

Satan Worship. Rev. 13:3,4

Worldwide evangelism
Matt. 24:14
Rev. 14:6,7

Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry Rev. 11:3-6

One World Religion Rev. 17

False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22)
Rev. 13:11-15.

144,000 Jews are Saved & Sealed
Rev. 7:4-8

Trumpet

Bowl Judgments - Rev. 16

Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6,7)

Judgments Increase in Severity - Rev. 8,9,11

Seal Judgments - Rev. 6

- *Famine
- *1/4 of pop. will die
- ***Earthquakes**
- ***Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.**
- ***Mountains & islands are moved.**
- *Panic & Terror

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
- *1/3 of earth burned up.
- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
- *Great star falls from heaven & poisons waters & kills many.
- *1/3 of sun, moon, & stars are darkened - affects light & temperatures.
- *Another 1/3 of world's pop. die
- ***Earthquakes.**
- *Great hailstorm.

- *Malignant sores on the unsaved..
- *Seas become blood & everything in them dies.
- *Rivers & springs become blood.
- *Sun scorches men with fire.
- ***Greatest earthquake ever - cities of the world destroyed.**
- ***Every mountain & island disappear.**
- *100 pound hailstones fall on men..

Ex 19:18

18 Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; and its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

Matt 24:7-8

7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Rev 6:12

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

Rev 8:5

5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Rev 11:13

13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Rev 16:18-20

18 And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of His fierce wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 20:11

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Rev 21:1

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 Peter 3:10,12,13

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

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Application

1. The choice is yours: You either come to the blackness and terror of Sinai where you will be judged by the law and condemned and therefore consumed along with your good works by fire OR you come to Zion for grace, forgiveness, & celebration in the presence of God, and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the angels and believers from all ages.
2. Are you worshiping the unshakable God with His unshakable kingdom, or are you worshiping the shakable things of this world? Is God your treasure, or is the world your treasure? Is God your security, or is your bank account, your home, your possessions your security? Do you worship God with reverence and awe or does your dress, casual-carefree attitude resemble more of the secular than the sacred?