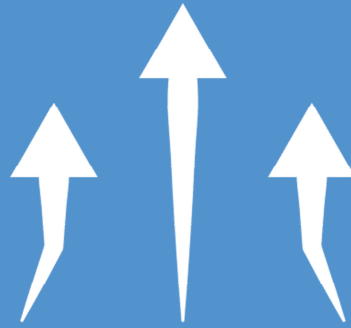


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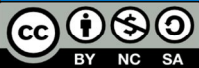


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The Rapture Survival Guide is a comprehensive document focused on the events leading up to and succeeding the rapture of the church. It's designed to guide you through the end times, prove that the Bible is from God and save your eternal life.

What Just Happened!?

Were you unsure about Christianity or even shut out God completely but have since seen millions of Christians and children vanish from earth instantly? This is the prophesied rapture or "harapazo" and it's a biblical event where God pulls His believers from the earth so He can pour out His wrath on the nations to bring the Jews back to Him.

You've missed the bus, but that won't stop you from getting into heaven if you become a born again Christian and follow Jesus' teachings from now on. However it will be an extremely dangerous period of time and Christians will almost certainly be reported and killed for their faith by their friends, neighbors, governments and the antichrist. But isn't eternal life in heaven with God worth dying for? The fact that the Rapture even happened should be substantial evidence that there is a God and the Bible is true. You may have even heard about the rapture previously but brushed it aside as a "tale of mythical proportions" or the "ranting of religious nuts".

With many hundreds of thousands to millions of people on earth instantly disappearing, absolute chaos would have likely ensued across the entire planet as vehicles crash, planes fall from the sky, utilities break down, looting ensues and there's utter chaos and panic everywhere as parents frantically look for their young children who are missing. The lack of people to fulfill jobs will stall production. Transportation across the country will grind to a halt, exacerbated by the array of crashed vehicles on the road. Some important leaders may also disappear, leaving nations leaderless for a period of time. After unsavoury folk realize that millions are missing, looters may likely go house to house in the chance they won't be occupied. Many evildoers and spiritualists will rejoice that the people holding back the planet have been removed so they can continue to 'fix' the planet.

With the withdrawal of the born-again Christians from earth and consequentially the holy spirit who indwells them, the world will get out of hand rapidly as there's no longer salt and light to be found. In the same way that salt slows meat from going rancid, so too will the earth rot and decay faster with a vertical plummet into evil and lawlessness worldwide.

The second the rapture happens, satan will kick his final plan into motion in an attempt to deceive those on earth who remain, to cover up the true reason of the disappearances. The last thing he wants is for people to realize this actually was the rapture and for people to turn back to God. This cover-up will most likely involve an 'Alien Abduction' lie which is initiated by God but will also likely followed up by demons creating deceptive signs in the sky which will eventually lead to the 'landing' of aliens. More on this in the 'Post-Rapture' section below.

I'm writing this in 2018 and I know without a doubt that the rapture will happen at some point in the near future. I don't have a crystal ball, I just put my faith in the word of God which has repeatedly proven itself with past and future prophecies such as Israel returning to the land after 2,000 years. God is outside of space and time and therefore He can see all points of time at once. The way He authenticates Himself to us is by demonstrating an ability unique to Him, in this case writing the future in advance.

The fact that you've been left behind should wake you up to the fact that you aren't currently going to heaven if you die today or even when Jesus returns at His Second Coming. The good news is that you have slightly longer than 7 years from the rapture to commit your life to Him before His final return. However with the devastation to come such as colossal hail, global earthquakes and giant meteors, you likely have much less time to live than that.

This Guide will:

- Explain what just happened across the planet, and where everyone went,
- Help demonstrate that there's a loving God in full control of the planet,
- Help you navigate through these tough times with tact and faith,
- Discuss Bible prophecy and fulfillment,
- Assist you on your path to become a Christian if you aren't already, and
- Equip you mentally and spiritually for the rampant evil and deception ahead.
- It's not intended to help you survive the tribulation so much, but to help you fight the good fight until the Lord calls you home.

I warn you about the coming King and the wrath of God because I am a watchman on the wall as per verse 6 below. If I see the destruction that's coming and don't warn others, God will require the blood of those people from me. Turn from your wicked ways, repent from your sins, believing and accepting that Jesus died and rose again on the third day. He Loves You!

Ezekiel 33:3-6

- 3 When he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people,*
- 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head.*
- 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life.*
- 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'*

I recommend watching the first video on the page below before continuing this document. It will give you the basics of what just happened across the globe and what's coming soon.

- **"After the Rapture":** <https://christianity.fluidicice.com/rapture>

The Rapture



So what is the Rapture and the End Times?

The Rapture, otherwise known as "the Harpazo" is a Christian religious event in which the believers saved in Jesus Christ and those younger than the accountable age vanish from earth instantly ("in the twinkling of an eye") to meet Jesus in the air. Those who aren't saved and were left behind on earth will be subject to 7 years of the wrath of God, known as the Tribulation.

Following the instant disappearance of believers from earth, and consequently the standing aside by the 'restrainer' (the Holy Spirit), there will be utter chaos in the world as people seek to recover from, and understand what happened. If you're one of these people - you have found the answers to what's happening, along with the Bible as your primary source of proof. Be warned that there will be a "lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11) that is so powerful it will deceive even the most intelligent individuals after the rapture. Many Christians believe that this lie will be an alien abduction deception of some sort as it's the only other plausible reason that could explain the disappearances from a secular and scientific viewpoint. However since the Bible isn't explicit on what this 'lie' is, keep all other

Immediately after the rapture, the antichrist (someone who puts himself *in place* of God) will begin their rise to power, gaining notoriety and influence all over the world and solving its problems with ingenuity and force. Once he has gained notoriety on the world stage he will make an existing covenant with Israel even *stronger*, allowing the Jews to build the third temple in Jerusalem and recommence worship again. This covenant initiates the 7 year tribulation which is the period God pours out plagues on the planet in an attempt to bring His nation of Israel and those who dwell on the earth back to Him. Three and a half years into this covenant, the antichrist sits on the throne in the newly built temple and declares himself to be god, initiating the second half of the tribulation, known as 'The Great Tribulation'.

At this point, the antichrist will attempt to slaughter all Jews and newly converted Christians throughout the entire globe and all those who refuse to take his 'mark' - The Mark of the Beast, which will be on *or in* someone's right hand or forehead. The Bible says this mark (666) will need to be 'calculated' and won't be easily identifiable, but it will be his number and not your own personal identification number. (Revelation 13:18) You CAN become saved through Jesus after the rapture happens, but your life will be much tougher with the antichrist hunting down all those who oppose him.

During this tumultuous 7 years, God will be pouring out His just judgements on this increasingly sinful world which will cause utter devastation to the planet and ultimately brings all the nations of the world together to battle God at Armageddon. Then comes Jesus' second triumphant return with those who were raptured previously. Jesus will then obliterate all those who rejected Him and claim His throne in Jerusalem. From there satan and his cohorts will be imprisoned, unable to tempt people while Jesus rules the world for 1,000 years in the period known as the millennium.

After the thousand years are up, Satan will be released to deceive the nations once more for the final rebellion against God. Again, those who allied themselves with the devil are destroyed, and satan and his followers are thrown into the lake of fire to burn eternally. Finally, once sin and evil are done away with, God creates a new heaven and a new earth for His believers to dwell in eternally with Him.

That's the rapture and a summary of the end times as described in the Bible. You don't have to believe it, because it's certainly an unbelievable series of events, but when they start to fulfill themselves, come back and keep reading.

"The only barrier to truth is the presumption that you already have it."
Chuck Missler

This document may be called 'The Rapture Survival Guide' but the title actually aims for more of a "Surviving the rapture to reach the lost for Jesus" mentality since it's unlikely that many will live through the seals, trumpets and bowls to come. However because of this, and my background in preparedness, I feel it's necessary to provide some survival tips so that you can complete the Lord's work to the fullest. Only Jesus knows when our time is up and no amount of preparation or stored resources will change that. This information is given so you can help others survive in a time of great hardship while also being the salt and light, and leading the lost to Christ. Feel free to print, copy, email and disseminate this guide to anyone and everyone seeking truth in these 'biblical' times as there are no copyrights.

The subheadings below provide an outline of the categories so you can jump to the topics you're interested in or are currently experiencing.

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All of the terms in the introductory paragraph above are discussed in greater detail below to help you understand God's plan for the gentiles (non Jews) and the plan for His nation of Israel in the final chapter of earth.

If some of these prophecies such as the rapture have already been fulfilled and you're seeking answers, keep reading! If anything, the events in the book of Revelation can be used to verify that the Bible is absolute truth, given by a loving God *outside of space and time*. It's important that you understand this before continuing on or you'll tend to disregard the essential points. For additional reasons on why the Bible has to be true, see the "RELIGION > Christianity > Evidence for God" section which can either be found below if you're reading the digital version of TRSG, or can be downloaded from www.fluidicice.com/TRSG if you have a printed version. Below are the main verses in the Bible referencing the rapture of the church:

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Essentially, all those who accepted Christ between the cross and the rapture will be raised from the dead and meet Jesus in the sky. All those still alive will be instantly transported as well, leaving their belongings and clothing behind. During this transformation, all believers will be given new incorruptible and sinless bodies.

When will it happen?

As described in the Bible, the "Last Trumpet" will sound when the last gentile (non-Jew) on earth is saved and the "fullness of the gentiles" is complete. We have no idea what this number is, or even how many gentiles are currently saved so the rapture could literally happen any second. Some believe that this 'last trumpet' could be timed with the last blowing of the shofar on Yom Kippur - one of Israel's celebrations around September every year. Some also believe that it's likely to sound on a Jubilee year, however nobody knows the timing of the Jubilees. Others have tried to calculate the date using complex arithmetic and math, but the truth is that nobody knows the day or the hour as outlined in the verse below.

Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

Although with that said, we are also given signs to watch out for and hints depicting the season in which the rapture will occur. However that component has been moved to the bottom of this guide to continue the flow as if the rapture has already occurred. If you wish to read it, head to the 'Addendum > Rapture Timing > Rapture Season' section.

There are plenty of other events which have to be fulfilled in the near future such as the global government and the one world religion.

However these three are very distinct events which will be hard to miss, as they will garner global media coverage when they occur.



The Destruction of Damascus

Damascus will be destroyed and never inhabited again

([Hyperlink to Damascus' destruction](#))



Millions Vanish From Earth!

Jesus calls the believing Christians home, before His wrath

([Hyperlink to 'Left Behind?'](#))



The Attempted Invasion of Israel

Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and Syria will surprise attack Israel simultaneously but utterly fail

([Hyperlink to the Israeli invasion](#))



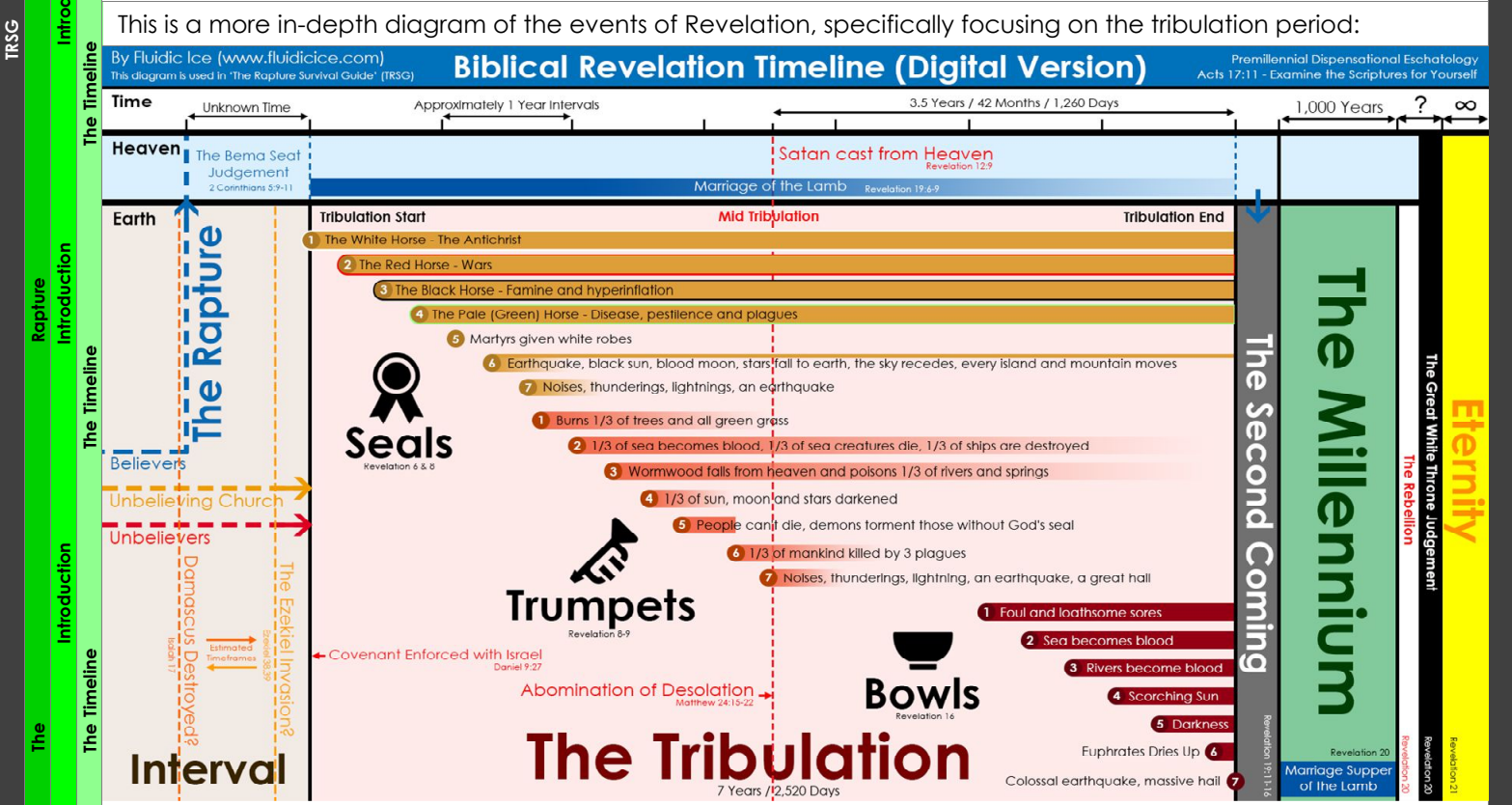
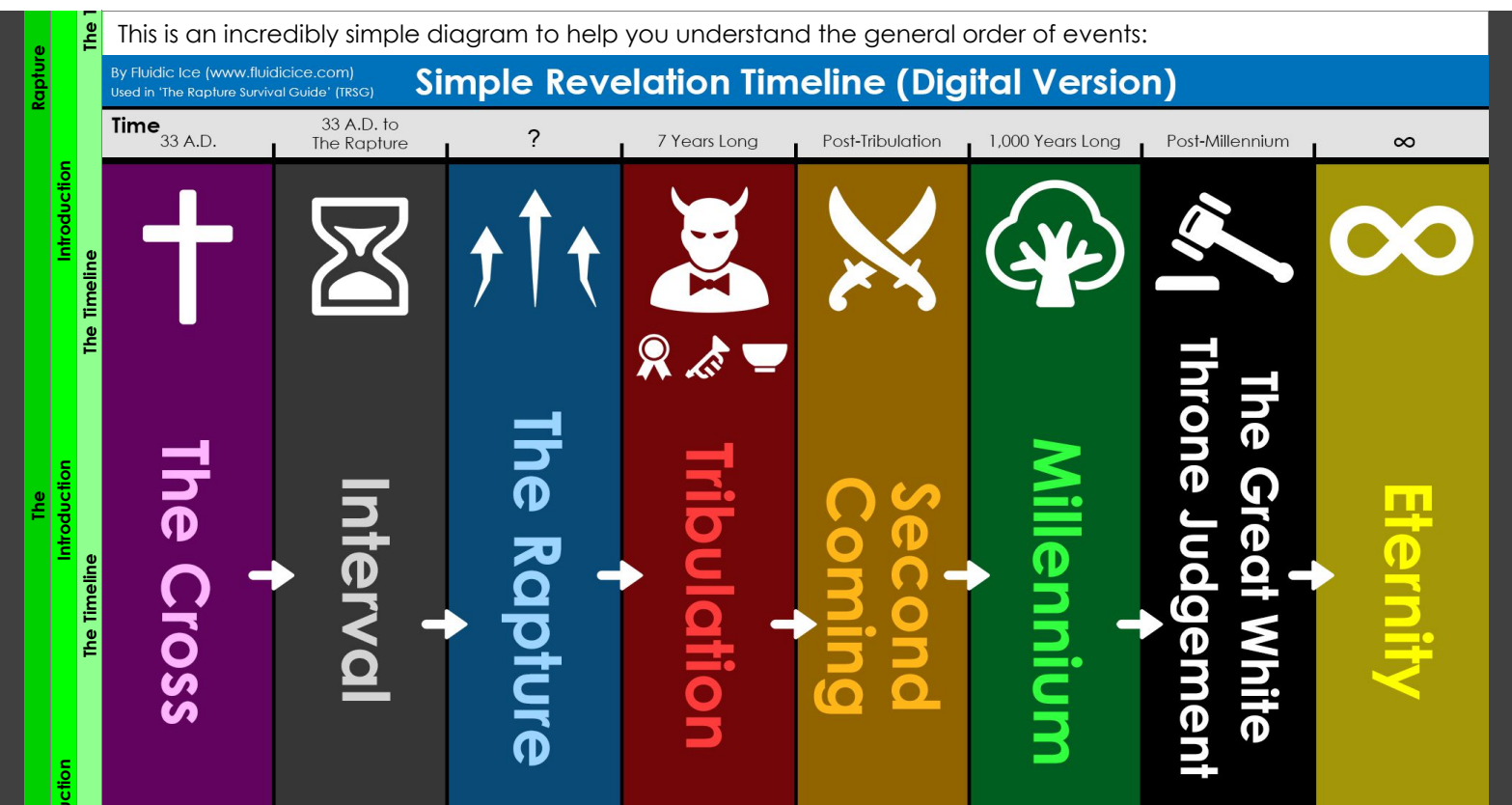
Survival Tips Icon

Throughout the guide you will see this symbol under many of the judgements. These survival tips are designed to help believers in Christ plan ahead for the devastation to come so they may utilize these resources as a witnessing opportunity for the lost. By giving freely and sharing the gospel, the unsaved will experience the love of Christ first hand, and will hopefully become saved too.

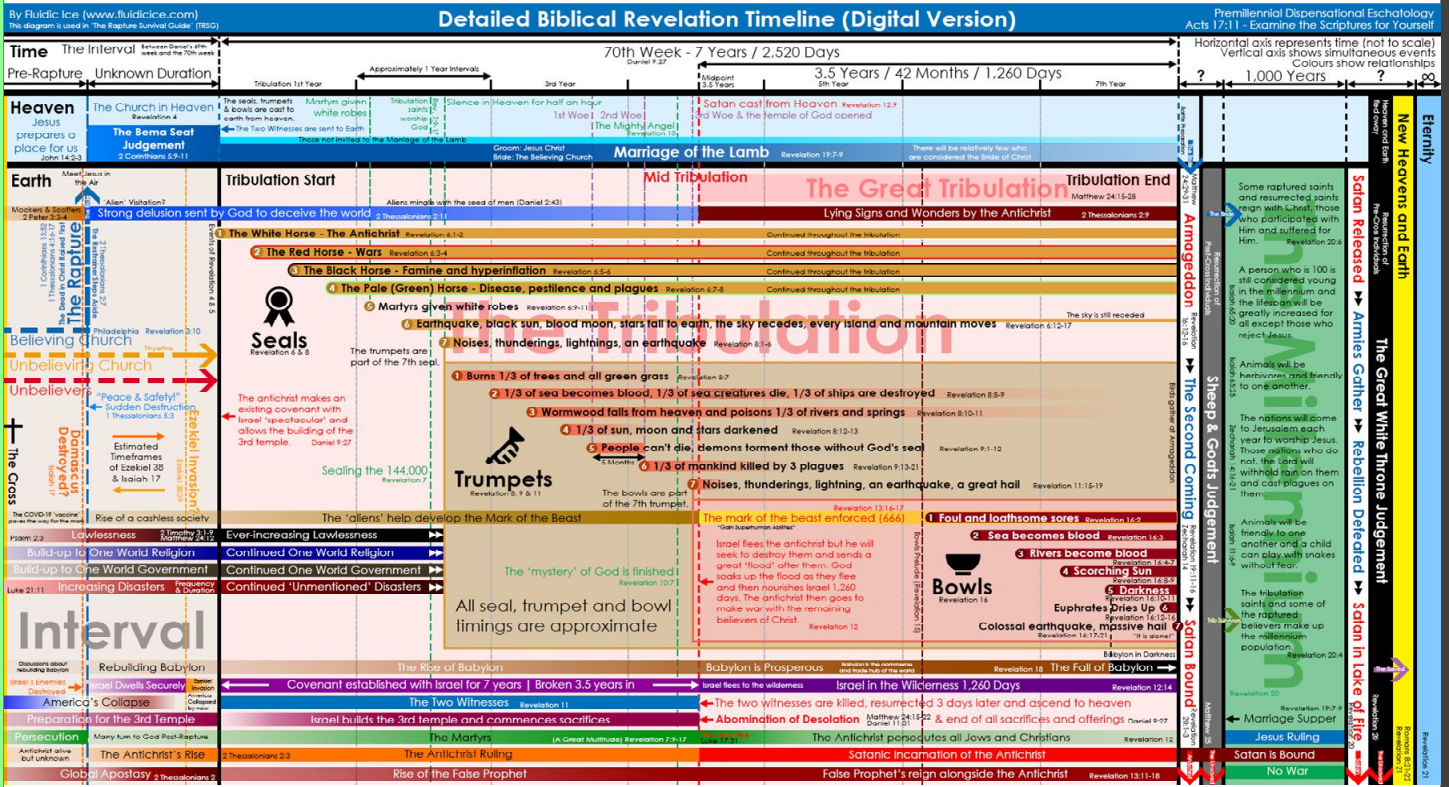
The Timeline

Below are diagrams of how the end times events in Revelation are likely unfold based on a premillennial dispensational view of Christianity. I recommend referring back to them as you read through this document, as you probably won't understand where each event sits without further study or a timeline in front of you. The detailed version of the diagram may be a bit daunting at first glance, but after reading the scriptures (mostly Revelation and 2 Thessalonians) you will slowly be able to work out what each event signifies and where you currently sit in God's timeline.

The Bible covers this 7 year tribulation period in better detail than any other period in the scriptures, however there are still a few gaps which must be 'estimated'. If you're reading after the rapture I recommend finding where you currently are in the timeline and read on - watching out for the next sign described in the Bible. If anything, it can be used to prove the validity and accuracy of God's word to help keep you strong in the faith. For previously fulfilled prophecies, take a look at the "Christianity > Evidence for God > Fulfilled Prophecies" section.



This one's a very detailed timeline for those who are interested in diving deeper:



For an easier reading experience I recommend downloading the high-definition (4K) diagrams from my website at www.fluidicice.com/TRSG.



The Timeline Link

Quick summary of the "Reading the Timeline" section below: The horizontal axis is time and the vertical axis splits up the events in heaven and on earth. If you draw a vertical line anywhere on the diagram, any horizontal lines that intersect with it may be occurring at that time. Colors have a relationship with anything else that color. Gradients signify intensity and effect duration.

Reading the Timeline

This section will help you understand the timelines above.

To start reading this rather complicated diagram, take a look at the white 'Time' bar near the top. This shows approximate timings for the events below such as the tribulation and the millennium. A little further down in the light blue section are the events that take place in heaven and below that, events happening on earth. Vertical lines spanning heaven and earth show you these events affect both. Any coloured text adjacent to coloured lines shows a relationship. Coloured text is used to link common themes throughout the document, such as satanic influences and events appearing red, events involving raptured believers in baby blue and the events involving Israel being purple. Of course this may not always apply as I ran out of colours to use.

The events on earth have light brown and light red backgrounds. This is the section you will likely be focusing on the most if you've missed the rapture as it contains the seals, trumpets and bowls. I recommend drawing a vertical line on the diagram every so often to keep track of where you are in God's grand scheme. The horizontal gradient lines are themed to particular events, people or groups of people and generally cover most of the timeline. The weaker the gradient - the less it applies.

The events after the tribulation such as the millennium and eternity are more for your general information due to not needing this diagram after the second coming of Jesus. That's about it, if you still have questions on it try reading the referenced scriptures found on the detailed diagram.

The Order of Events

Below is a quick explanation of the order of events in the detailed timeline above by referencing the colors.

The diagram starts before the rapture of the church (left of the blue rapture line) where lawlessness, natural disasters and the persecution of the church will grow ever stronger in an attempt to wake people up from their spiritual slumber and to turn them back to God. Then the rapture happens (the blue line with an upwards arrow on the left) and the restrainer steps aside allowing all hell to break loose on earth. People will loot, steal, murder, riot and cry out in agony as the entire world breaks down. The deception sent by God will fool many into believing 'the lie' and people will be fixed to their televisions in disbelief and shock at what's happening.

Out of the shadows the one who will be called the 'antichrist' will rise to power having the solutions to the world's problems. (the orange gradient at the bottom) He will then establish a covenant with Israel allowing the third temple to be built (maroon line at the bottom), kicking off the tribulation period (the entire light red area in the middle). The tribulation is a time of God's wrath on the world - but particularly Israel, and consists of 21 scroll related events in the form of seals, trumpets and bowls (the 1-7 numbered events) including a few other events mentioned throughout the Bible. The seals are the orange gradients near the top, the trumpets are the red/orange gradients and the bowls are the maroon gradients at the bottom right of the diagram. This is the point at which the seals and trumpets take place, the bowls come after the mid-point.

3.5 years into the covenant with Israel (the red dotted line in the middle), the antichrist will sit on the throne in the third temple and desecrate it with abominations to God. This is known as the Abomination of Desolation which starts the horrific second half of the tribulation known as "The Great Tribulation" where the Jews and Christians are hunted down relentlessly for their faith. (The green gradient near the bottom). At this point the antichrist will mandate a 'mark' that everyone must take to be able to buy and sell and whoever doesn't take it will be beheaded.

The bowls of God's wrath will be poured out on the world somewhere throughout this second half. (The maroon gradients in the bottom right). Near the end of the 7 years the Euphrates river will dry up (Bowl 5) allowing the nations of the world to gather in Armageddon, Israel to fight God. (Bowl 6) Jesus will then come gloriously from heaven with those who were raptured and destroy all those who took the mark of the beast and those who do not believe in Him. (The white vertical bar before the millennium)

Satan will be bound and those Christians who survived the tribulation and those who returned from heaven will live harmoniously in the millennium with Jesus reigning on the throne of David. (The green section to the right). After the 1,000 years have finished, satan will be released once more to deceive the nations for a time before Jesus destroys this uprising. (The white section to the right after the millennium)

After this, earth and heaven will be dissolved. The great white throne judgement then occurs, where all the old testament saints and unbelievers throughout history are raised to life and judged by their actions in life. (The black bar). Once the judgement has passed and everyone has been grouped to either His right hand or His left hand, He will take those to His right hand into everlasting life in heaven and send those to His left hand to everlasting judgement in hell. Finally, a new heaven and earth will be created for us to live in eternally. (The yellow and light blue bars)

List of Events

Below are the chronological events in the detailed diagram including an explanation for each. Indented events occur within the subject above it such as the trumpets and bowls. The colors are matched to the diagrams above.

The Cross	The point Jesus died on the cross and rose again
The Church Age (The Interval)	The period of time from the founding of the church to its removal in the rapture.
The Destruction of Damascus	The <u>likely</u> point at which Damascus is destroyed completely.
The Rapture	The moment the church is removed from the world by Jesus.
The Ezekiel Invasion	The <u>likely</u> point where the 7 country confederacy tries to destroy Israel but are destroyed by God.
The Tribulation Starts	The deal with Israel is made more magnificent by the antichrist.
The Seals	The 7 seals of God's judgement.
• Seal 1	The White Horse - The revealing of the antichrist who goes forth to conquer the nations.
• Seal 2	The Red Horse - The taking of peace from the world, there will be great wars.
• Seal 3	The Black Horse - Releases famine and hyperinflation on the world.
• Seal 4	The Pale Horse - There will be disease, pestilence and plagues released upon the world.
• Seal 5	The martyrs of Jesus are given white robes.
• Seal 6	Great earthquake, black sun, blood moon, stars fall to earth, sky recedes, every island/mtn moves.
• Seal 7	Silence in heaven, noises, thunderings, lightning, an earthquake.
The Trumpets	The 7 trumpets of God's judgement.
• Trumpet 1	1/3 of all trees and green grass is burnt up.
• Trumpet 2	1/3 of the sea becomes blood, 1/3 of sea creatures die, 1/3 of ships are destroyed.
• Trumpet 3	Wormwood falls to earth and poisons 1/3 of all rivers and springs.
• Trumpet 4	1/3 of the sun, moon and stars are darkened.
• Trumpet 5	People can't die for 5 months, smoke blocks the sun, demons torment those without God's seal.
• Trumpet 6	Demons and an army of 200 million causes 1/3 of mankind to be killed.
• Trumpet 7	Noises, thunderings, lightning, an earthquake and a great hail.
Mid Tribulation	The abomination of desolation where the antichrist sits on the throne in the third temple.
The Bowls	The 7 bowls of God's judgement.
• Bowl 1	Foul and loathsome sores on those who have taken the mark of the beast.
• Bowl 2	The entire sea becomes blood, all sea creatures die.
• Bowl 3	All the rivers and springs become blood.
• Bowl 4	The sun scorches men with a great heat, blasphemy against God.
• Bowl 5	Puts the kingdom of the beast (Babylon) into darkness and gives them intense pain.
• Bowl 6	The Euphrates dries up. Demons gather the nations together at Armageddon to battle God.
• Bowl 7	Noises, thunderings and lightning, a colossal earthquake and massive hail. Every mountain falls.
Armageddon	The armies of the world gather at Armageddon to battle God.
The Second Coming	Jesus returns victoriously in the clouds and destroys those gathered at Armageddon.
Satan Bound	Satan is bound for 1,000 years.
Sheep & Goats Judgement	The judgement of those who survived the tribulation.
The Millennium	The period when Jesus reigns the world from Jerusalem on the throne of David.
Satan is Released	Satan is released for a short while so he can deceive the nations once more.
The Rebellion Gathers	Satan's rebellion gathers around God's people.
The Rebellion Defeated by God	The rebellion against God is crushed.
Satan Thrown in the Lake of Fire	Satan is thrown in the lake of fire to burn eternally.

Great White Throne Judgement

The judgement of all those who have not yet been judged.

New Heavens and Earth

God creates a new heaven and new earth.

Eternity

Those who accepted Jesus spend eternity in heaven with Him.

The content that follows is a loose chronological timeline of the 'end times' events described throughout the Bible and summarised above. I recommend printing the diagrams or the list above on an A3 or A4 sheet to follow along with.



Pre-Rapture

The period before the rapture occurs

Introduction

First, to comprehensively explain what will happen after the rapture you need to understand what the Bible says on the rapture and the events leading up to it, even if it's already happened. You would undoubtedly have many questions on current events which the Bible passages below should shed some light on.

It will also help you to be aware of the lie that will undoubtedly be on the news and TV attempting to explain the disappearance of only true Christians and young children. This will likely be some sort of 'alien abduction' narrative, as demons will be working overtime to trick all those who weren't taken after God Himself sets it into motion.

If the believers have already left, jump down to "The Rapture" section to get straight into the main content, then return here later as it's still important to know.

The Term 'Rapture'

Some people say that the word "Rapture" isn't in the English Bible, and they would be right. The word "Jesus" or "Trinity" isn't in the original Hebrew and Greek texts either but does that mean it's unbiblical? No. There have been a few translations of the text since the original scripts were written down by the prophets all those years ago, which is why some of the words had to be changed to make sense in our modern languages. Even though the words are different, the meaning has stayed the same throughout all history.

Since the New Testament was written in Greek, this is the language where we will find the origins of the word "Rapture". It was originally "ἁρπάζω" which, when transliterated [to write or print using the closest corresponding letters of a different alphabet or language] means "Harpazo". Strong's Greek Concordance translates Harpazo to mean:

1. to seize, carry off by force,
2. to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly,
3. to snatch out or away.

Therefore the harpazo is a seizing, 'kidnapping' or forcefully snatching away Jesus' believers to Him. That's the meaning of the word but we still have to connect our word "Rapture" with "Harpazo". This is where the Latin word "raptus" comes in. It means "a carrying off" and is a root of the Medieval Latin word "raptura" which also means "seizure" or "kidnapping". The interpreters translated the Greek "ἁρπάζω" to the Latin "raptus", and over time it became "raptura" and finally the modern English word "Rapture".

Rapture Verses

These are some of the Bible verses mentioning the rapture. I've included the interpretation under each one, however you should only ever trust the Holy Spirit for Bible interpretations, so I recommend looking them up yourself and come to your own understanding. (Acts 17:11)

1 Corinthians 15:52

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

This verse says the rapture will take place in the twinkling of an eye, which, according to Chuck Missler is a reference to the time it takes for light to enter and bounce back out of the iris - approximately 10^-42 seconds. (0.000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,001 of a second)
This is the smallest amount of time possible in our digital universe. At the time of the rapture those who believe in Him who currently have sinful, corruptible and mortal bodies will be transformed to an incorruptible state and given a glorified body.

Luke 21:29-31

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.
30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near.
31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

The fig tree stands for the nation of Israel. When you see it begin to bloom (become prosperous) economically and militarily, and dwelling in their land you know that the kingdom of God is near, in other words - the rapture is close! Israel today is not only blooming but is a mini world superpower in many regards.

Luke 21:34-35

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.
35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

This verse is a reference to the rapture coming at a time when people will be taken up with the cares of their life. The day it occurs will be an ordinary day like any other in the world and nobody will be expecting it. People will be working, getting married and living as if there's a tomorrow.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

This verse assures the church that those who have died will not miss out on His coming in the clouds. The dead will rise first and then the living will be raptured to meet Him in the clouds. How much of a delay that is, we won't know until it happens.

As we get closer to the end times, there will be ever increasing natural disasters, hunger and famine. If you look around the world right now, there are millions of people going hungry, despite God blessing us with a fertile and abundant planet. There will also be major earthquakes which scientists have said are overdue as well as the spread of new diseases. We have noticed an epidemic of new diseases breaking out that we have not been able to control the spread of such as Ebola, COVID-19, bird flu and other strains of the flu.

Many wonder what the worlds current devastation is telling us. Combined, they should be fairly obvious signs of Christ's soon return which will be about 7 years after the enforcement of the covenant by the antichrist or 3.5 years after he declares himself as god in the temple. This gives those who are unsaved a second and even third checkpoint, showing there's not long until His return.

Stage Setting

Meanwhile in the background, the stage is slowly being set for the final act to occur - the tribulation and the reign of the antichrist. It's taken centuries but the world is finally at a place where technology has caught up to what's described in the Bible. Israel is a physical country once again and most of the Jews are back in their land due to the holocaust, World War 2 and the current turmoil of the world. COVID-19, credit cards and cryptocurrencies have paved the way to remove the world's cash and set in momentum the path to a One World Currency. The Pope has been trying to unite the religions of the world under one banner stepping us towards the One World Religion. Israel has all the materials ready to build the third temple, they just need the green light to go ahead. The nations are also considering restoring Babylon to its former glory.

All the chess pieces are inching towards what the Bible prophesies the last days would be like, and the world hasn't even realised. One day soon the stage will be completely set, and when that happens people from across the world will turn on their TV's to shocking footage of people vanishing worldwide and strange and baffling signs in the sky.

America's Collapse

The collapse of America is a prerequisite for the one-world government as long as they continue to be the world's strongest capitalist nation. As of 2019 America is the closest and strongest ally Israel has ever had under Trump. However, nobody is found in the Bible to help defend Israel during the Gog/Magog invasion (Ezekiel 38) leading us to the conclusion that America must lose its superpower status before Israel can stand alone.

For decades now America along with the other first-world countries have been abandoning and replacing the one true God in all aspects of society. So it's no wonder that we're starting to see the wrath of God beginning to strike the nations through civil unrest, lawlessness and insanity. 2020 was crazy enough of a year, but already we see that both 2021 and 2022 made it look like a walk in the park! Currently in April 2022, America has stood idly by as Russia invaded Ukraine, so what would you expect to happen if Israel was attacked by another nation, or a group of nations?

Below are a few additional reasons why America will no longer be a world superpower anymore:

America's Demise could be caused by:

- The Rapture
 - Abandonment Wrath (By God)
 - An Economic Collapse (Global or Local)
 - Communist Takeover
 - (Another) Pandemic or widespread disease
 - Widespread lawlessness
 - A Civil War (Race Conflicts, Left vs Right etc)
 - A Global War (Nuclear Weapons, EMPs, Weapons of Mass Destruction)
 - A Supervolcano (A Yellowstone VEI-8 Eruption)
 - A Mega-Earthquake in the west coast or the centre (America is situated on the ring of fire)
- ...or a combination of them.

The Destruction of Damascus



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Isaiah 17 says that Damascus (in Syria) will cease to exist. That is, completely destroyed and never inhabited again. We can be sure this hasn't taken place yet (in 2022) because the city exists and is called home to about 18 million people. The reason it won't be inhabited again could be a hint at nuclear weapons use which, due to radiation can render any location uninhabitable for decades.

This event could take place before OR after the rapture, so I've included it beforehand just in case. Take the destruction of the city as a warning of what is to come and evidence that the Bible is true. If you're still sceptical, read on for further prophecies of the future, or have a look at the ones which have already been fulfilled.

- This event could be before or after the rapture (but most likely before)

Isaiah 17:1-3

- 1 "Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap.
- 2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks Which lie down, and no one will make them afraid.
- 3 The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, The kingdom from Damascus, And the remnant of Syria; They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," Says the Lord of hosts.

See Isaiah 17 for More

There may be much more to this prophecy than just the destruction of Damascus. It's possible that all the enemies around Israel will also be wiped out in the same conflict - potentially with Neutron Bombs which only destroy living tissue while leaving the buildings and vehicles intact. The reasoning behind this line of thought is simple enough: In the Ezekiel 38 and 39 conflict (found below), Israel is 'dwelling securely' in the land, meaning that there are no threats against them from the surrounding nations.

Currently there are a multitude of countries and people whose sole goal is to wipe Israel from the map. They shoot rockets, missiles and send explosive drones into Israel every other day while refining uranium and constructing nuclear weapons in the background. Once they create that first nuclear weapon, we will be on the verge of the Destruction of Damascus. As of April 2022, Iran has refined 50kgs of weapons grade plutonium. (Source - Amir Tsarfati)

Once Damascus is destroyed, there will likely be worldwide outrage against Israel unless their strike was retaliatory after Syria attempts to destroy Israel with their own nuclear weapons. Alternatively Israel may be conducting attacks on Hezbollah and accidentally hit Syria's nuclear facility, destroying the city, although this doesn't explain how they can dwell securely afterwards so it's not really a viable option. The same line of logic eliminates the possibility of an accidental detonation of Damascus' own nuclear weapons.

Personally I believe (among other teachers like Chuck Missler and Hal Lindsey) that Damascus will be destroyed soon before the rapture takes place. This may allow the first phase of the tribulation covenant to be set up with Israel which will protect their borders and allow them to dwell securely, which also sets up the Ezekiel invasion prophecy.

Cash Phase-Out

This is a prerequisite for the one-world currency to succeed. Cash and other forms of payments will likely overlap the one-world currency for a transition period before it's shut down. We can see the devastating effects that COVID-19 had on the flow of cash since people and companies weren't accepting it for fear of catching the virus. Once cash is phased out and a form of digital currency is implemented (CBDCs - Central Bank Digital Currencies), governments will have full control over how people spend their money and can even set expiry dates on certain amounts of money to force people to spend it.

Power Consolidation

Recently, governments across the world have actively been taking steps towards stealing freedoms from the people, either temporarily or permanently in countries where there's no pushback. Throughout 2020 to 2022 we saw governments across the globe implementing emergency powers all in the name of a 'public health crisis' in order to help prevent the spread of a (lab-designed) disease from which 99% of people would survive.

There will likely be additional future attempts to control the world through 'life threatening' climate change, which could come with its own lockdowns for 'the good of the planet'. This consolidation of government power will also be greatly expanded after the rapture due to the introduction of alien life to earth and will therefore reveal the need for a global committee to represent humanity. Eventually these heads of government will come together to create the One World Government - led by the antichrist himself.

Religious Consolidation

Over the past few years the Pope has been attempting to bring the religions of the world together under one banner to 'coexist' together. He claims that "we're all worshipping the same god anyway" and that "all religions lead to god". There are countless passages in the Bible which refute these claims, however since he is more focused on the 'idea' of religion than the true and living God the Pope will continue to deceive many and even deceive himself. Over time we will continue to see the unification of different religions under one banner, and as a result true Christians will become more and more discriminated against.

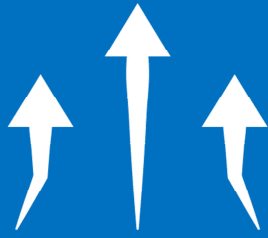
Islamic Power Removed

If the Dome of the Rock is to be destroyed or dismantled for the building of the third temple, there must either be a war with, or a peace agreement with the Muslims to be able to remove it or build next to it. The most likely reason that all the Muslims around Israel are simultaneously destroyed could be during the Destruction of Damascus.

Alternatively the temple could be destroyed during the invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38), by a natural disaster such as an earthquake or purposefully dismantled after an arrangement is made with the antichrist. There's also a chance that the third temple could be built nearby without the dome of the rock being touched.

Rapture Timing

To maintain the flow of this document, the section on the rapture timing has been moved to the addendum. To summarise, the rapture will absolutely occur pre-tribulation because of the multiple passages and biblical 'types' pointing us in that direction.



The Rapture

The instant disappearance of believers and young children

Introduction

This is the point at which the 'fullness of the gentiles' is complete and those saved through Jesus and those younger than the age of accountability are removed from the world instantly. In that moment people who witness the event first hand may think their eyes have deceived them or that it's a trick of the light. However the realization that people have vanished will slowly settle in the pits of their stomach as they look at the clothes and belongings that have been left behind.

Watch For

- The instant disappearance of millions of people from earth - all born again believers in Christ, likely excluding much of the Catholic and other 'apostate' or false churches.
- The disappearance of **all** young children
- A worldwide deception that is 'unimaginable' which *seemingly* explains the disappearances

Suddenly, strange lights and objects fill the sky and all anyone can do is stare up in utter shock and disbelief at what's taking place around them. Many will try to call their friends and loved ones but won't be able to get through due to the sheer volume of data being exchanged.

Drivers will have a lapse in concentration and cause collisions on a massive scale, compounded by raptured motorists. Thieves will start by grabbing wallets left behind and are likely to move on to looting abandoned houses and shops next. In utter urgency many will run out to panic buy anything they can get their hands on, some will turn to drinking and partying, others will turn to self-pleasure and some will cry out to God in desperation. Within an hour of the rapture: communications networks would have gone down; transportation will be gridlocked; the shops will be sold out; lawlessness such as theft, violence and crime would instantly be global; and utilities such as water, gas and electricity will be under stress or may fail completely.

This is the horror I envision after the first hour after the rapture. I cannot convey how absolutely terrifying this day - and the events to come, will be for all those who are left behind. If you are reading this before the rapture - TODAY is the day of salvation!



Survival Tips

Up until the rapture it's assumed that most of this reader base had no interest in the rapture or the Bible and would likely have been caught totally unprepared for an event of this magnitude. If you're reading this pre-rapture you should accept Jesus TODAY! From this point onwards for those left behind, I recommend looking at the survival tips ahead of time so you can be as best prepared as possible for the absolute chaos ahead.

These are the groups of people who **will** be taken in the rapture:

Born-Again Christians	All believers in Christ who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, believing that He died and rose again will be taken. This includes Jews who have accepted Christ even though the majority of Israel will go through the tribulation.
Young Children	Young children who have not yet reached the "age of accountability" will also be taken in the rapture leaving parents frantic.
Unborn Babies	This isn't mentioned in the Bible, however can you imagine a scenario where Jesus calls a believing mother home and not the baby inside her? Fetuses of non-believers are a grey area, but will most likely be taken too as part of the 'young children'. There's going to be a lot of miscarriages and vanishing fetuses at the time of the rapture.

And this is a list of notable people and groups who probably **won't** be taken in the rapture, so don't be deceived by anything they say if they remain behind:

The Pope	Contrary to what the world believes, the Pope is more ungodly and blasphemous than most other people on the planet. He doesn't talk about the blood of Jesus, he doesn't tell people they are sinful and need to be saved and he is trying to align all religions into a One World Religion.
The Catholic Church	The Catholic Church is unfortunately misled by the pope today who picks and chooses what they believe in the Bible. Therefore many people who attend Catholic churches have never accepted Jesus into their life. The Bible explicitly says that the Catholic church (Thyatira) will go into the tribulation if they don't repent. Revelation 2:18-29.
Other 'Christian' Churches	Other apostate Christian churches which believe in Jesus but have strayed from the truth likely won't be raptured. This could include: Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostal Churches, Christian Science believers, Jehovah's Witnesses and more. Overall it comes down to an individual's <u>personal belief</u> in Jesus and not the church they are part of.
All Other Religions	People in all other religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, etc, definitely won't be raptured.
Many Televangelists	"Christians" such as Joel Osteen, Andy Stanley, Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer and Kenneth Copeland most likely won't be taken. You don't want to follow or believe anything a self-professed "Christian" has to say who remains after the rapture.
The Music & Tv Industry	Television stations, musicians and actors who have sold their souls to the devil also definitely won't be taken and will likely have a part to play in the deception of the masses with their influence and followers.

The Alien Deception

At the time of the rapture, God Himself will send a strong delusion to deceive the world, which even the wise will find irresistible to believe. *"That they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."* (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12). It seems that the only plausible way to explain the disappearance of millions from earth (without using the truth) is to blame it on otherworldly beings such as aliens.

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

It's interesting to note that God says that "those who took pleasure in unrighteousness" will be the ones who are deceived. Therefore if you're reading this - you aren't included in this category of people. Anyone who pursued a life of sin and actively pushed away God, won't be able to recognise the truth.

Why Aliens?

There are quite a number of reasons why the most likely cover-up for the rapture will be an alien abduction:

- The lie (2 Thessalonians 2) will need to be something otherworldly since no human technology can cause millions of people to vanish.
- Aliens have slowly been integrated with our culture by satan over hundreds of years. The thought of other life in the universe is now relatively accepted in society and is backed by the lie of evolution which is taught in schools today.
- In the past, demons have frequently disguised themselves as aliens. Those who have encountered them have claimed abduction experiences which share a common theme of demonic possession when studied carefully.
- The Vatican has openly discussed baptising an alien. Because of this, it explains why the Pope and much of the Catholic church will be left behind.
- In 2020, an Israeli space security chief has stated: "They (the aliens) have been waiting until today for humanity to develop and reach a stage where we will understand, in general, what space and spaceships are".
- Daniel 2:43 "...They will mingle with the seed of men..." This implies that 'they' aren't human.
- Governments currently claim that "aliens are real and are secretly in contact with America and Israel".

Have you noticed the sheer amount of Hollywood movies that involve aliens in recent years? How about the fact they usually prefer to take children for themselves?

This is no accident. This lie has been slowly planted in the hearts of those directing Hollywood movies by none other than satan himself to continue the grand deception God sends the world when the born-again believers are taken to heaven.

People may not care about, or might even be thrilled about the disappearance of Christians from the earth, but when it comes to their own children they will be wanting answers!

The media currently lies to us and twists the truth to suit them every day as it is, so why believe the story they, the government, or satan concocts? There will be a lot of conspiracy theories going around, so you should read the Bible and pray daily to stay grounded. God's living word was written over 2,000 years ago with the exact specifications on how these end times would be fulfilled, and judging by history it's been 100% accurate so far and will continue to be.

If you think logically about the rapture and disappearance of Christians from the planet and that this once "unthinkable" event actually happened, what would you say the chance of the rest of the Bible being true is? It's important to come to an understanding yourself that the Bible originates from a loving God outside of space and time. Without your own personal experience of this you're likely to drift away from Him. If you're interested in evidence on why God has to be real, take a look at the "Christianity > Evidence for God" section.

An excellent video explaining how aliens are eluded to in the Bible can be found below. You can also scan the code to the right:

Chuck Missler - Return of the Nephilim Session 2
<https://youtu.be/91wHi-F0oM?t=2557> (Start at 42:37 for the part on aliens)

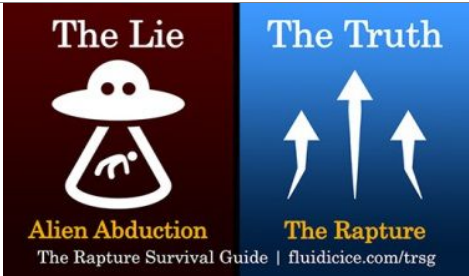
After years of study it's my personal conviction that when we're raptured and meet Jesus in the air, we will shine brightly as many points of light in the sky (Matthew 13:43) all across the globe which will seemingly be extraterrestrial life when viewed from the ground. Each person a different brightness based on the works they did on earth during their life (Daniel 12:3) with Jesus as the brightest light. This could be "the lie" sent by God which explains the disappearances.

Of course it could be something else entirely, that's just my interpretation from studying the scriptures. Remember that throughout the Bible Jesus warns us not to be deceived by anyone, but test what you're told to see if it's of the holy spirit or not. (Acts 17:11) Therefore test my words and study the Bible for yourself to either confirm or deny these things if it's still future.

The rapture, the disappearance of children, COVID-19, global conflict, food shortages, economic crashes, civil unrest and the continuation of natural disasters on the planet will bring the world to its knees in desperation for a leader to end the suffering and to unite the world. Enter the antichrist to provide all the answers people have been seeking and to solve the problems of the world.

Any new Christians after the rapture are going to face extreme hardship and have their faith tested daily. They will most likely be beheaded for their faith or their refusal to take the mark of the beast on their hand or forehead, but their soul will be preserved in Christ and they'll dwell with Him forever. Every soul lives forever, it's just a matter of location, location, location. Whether that's with Jesus in heaven, or burning with the devil in hell. (By the way, satan doesn't 'control' hell, he will be subject to its torment more than anyone else for eternity)

First and foremost, seek earnestly the word of God. Besides, isn't the rapture the ultimate proof that God exists? If you don't believe yet, keep reading to hear about more future events which will prove the Bible. An example is that the future world leader - the antichrist, will have a deadly head/eye wound and a right arm wound which have both been healed. (Zechariah 11:17)



Return of the Nephilim Session 2



Verses on Deception

To emphasize how important it is not to be deceived, here is an incomplete list of where the Bible mentions deception.

Matthew 24:4 & Mark 13:5	4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.
Matthew 24:5 & Mark 13:6	5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
Matthew 24:24 & Mark 13:22	24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
Luke 21:8	8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them.
2 Thessalonians 2:3-4	3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
2 Timothy 3:13	13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
2 John 1:7	7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
1 Corinthians 3:18-19	18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";

1 Corinthians 6:9	9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
2 Timothy 3:13	13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
Colossians 2:4-5	4 Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

Demons & Aliens

If you're unfamiliar with demons - they have the capability to produce signs, shapes, lights and anything else we can see visibly in the sky and satan will likely use these to deceive those who remain on the earth. It's possible that it could be the believers in the sky with the Lord who appear as bright lights, which could be this deception that God Himself sends.

If you wish to study more on demons and how they can interact with our world I recommend the videos below by Billy Crone which can be watched and downloaded for free. Each link has multiple videos in the series which are about an hour long each.

Get a Life Ministries - Billy Crone

UFO's - The Great Last Days Deception	www.getalifemedias.com/video/apologetics/ufo.shtml
The Reality of Satan & Demons	www.getalifemedias.com/video/sw/reality.shtml
The Destruction From Satan & Demons	www.getalifemedias.com/video/sw/reality.shtml
The Temptation From Satan & Demons	www.getalifemedias.com/video/sw/temptation.shtml
The Protection From Satan & Demons	www.getalifemedias.com/video/sw/protection.shtml
The Rapture (Requires Purchase - \$49 USD)	https://vimeo.com/ondemand/therapturedontbedeceived
You can also find Billy's free videos on a range of other Christianity topics here	www.getalifemedias.com/video/video.shtml



Billy Crone's Video Page

Other Deceptions

Apostate Churches

Apostate churches are the ones that do not teach directly from the Bible but rather their own interpretation of it. Pastors who have fallen from the truth, and who are **NOT TO BE FOLLOWED** include: Joel Osteen, Andy Stanley, Kenneth Copeland, Joyce Meyer, Benny Hinn and The Pope among many others. Additionally you do NOT want to follow any "pastors" who are left behind after the rapture as this means that Jesus didn't even know them, therefore they weren't taken.

Instead seek teaching by those who are no longer here and hold true to the word of God such as: Chuck Missler, J.D. Farag, Jan Markell, Jack Hibbs, Billy Crone, Don Stewart, Hal Lindsey, Amir Tsarfati, Barry Stagner, Terry James, Eric Barger, Dr. Mark Hitchcock and Brandon Holthaus. Each of them has sound biblical theology and doesn't allegorize the Bible, but instead takes each passage literally. They fear God and the consequences that He has in place if anyone alters the words of the Bible (verse below), and so do I, therefore I bring you the truth and only the truth.

Revelation 22:18-19

18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;
19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Enlightenment

The Enlightenment Deception

Another likely deception being pushed by satan and his cohorts in an attempt to explain the rapture is the belief by spiritualists that the new 'Age of Aquarius' will bring an age of increased 'global consciousness'. This consciousness or enlightenment will apparently sweep the globe, expanding everyone's minds with the knowledge that they themselves are god, and that these aliens will evolve humanity to the next phase of consciousness. They will push the fact that, "this is the enlightenment of the world - the beginning of the age of Aquarius", and "those who are a burden to the earth have been removed - but are safe".

Personally I think it will be a very hard sell to tell parents that their own children were 'detrimental to the earth' and had to be removed too. They would most likely have to say that 'in order to keep your children safe, they had to be removed'. Although why remove them as well as the believers who were apparently causing the earth's destruction? Lots of questions that can only be answered post-rapture.

In the new-ager's own words the coming age of Aquarius will:

- Provide a lot of worldwide changes triggered by crises and pressure.
- Change society, the ruling structures, and the elite of the world, due to Jupiter joining Saturn in Aquarius. (AKA: The rise of globalism)
- Distribute the resources of the world more equally to everyone. (Basically communism, but the Bible also says this will happen via a 'mark' given to everyone in the future) (Remember the tag-line: "You will own nothing and be happy.")
- Make knowledge, science and astrology the new governing powers of the world. (Rather than religious traditions and biblical values)
- Bring a 'true' democracy to reign on earth (More like an elected dictatorship, since the antichrist will be ruling)
- Open the world up to true equality through a horizontal network of individuals rather than a vertical, tiered one, where the rich are at the top. (Also socialism/communism)

Be sure to read your Bible daily to solidify your faith in the rapture and to avoid the doctrines of demons which will undoubtedly take hold in those days. Whatever happens right after the rapture will be sent by God to give those who rejected Him over to their depraved activities:

2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Another point to note is that the Qanon movement is another group of people who believes that there may be a time coming where everyone on earth will be 'enlightened'. However they are just another medium of deception. Satan is the prince of the power of the air and if one thing is evil today - it's the broadcasts that are making their way into our homes today which can only be described as the mouthpiece of the devil, so stay vigilant and flee from these technological mouthpieces which will flood your home with lies.

Satan will also use the rapture to push for the formation of the one world government and the one world religion due to now needing an 'assembly of earth delegates' to speak for the planet. The devil is the father of lies and he will do everything in his power to cause deception, even to the point of showing sightings of UFOs in the sky for all to see, in an attempt to bring everyone together under one banner.

Since all Christians would have been taken to meet Jesus in the air, and then to heaven, there will be nobody on earth to spread His gospel in a time when people will be most desperately seeking answers. So if you believe the disappearance must have been the rapture and you believe in Jesus, please share this document everywhere possible so that others may be saved. Some recommendations include: Email, Facebook, Gab, Parler, MeWe, Facebook chat, YouTube, Rumble, Twitter, Instagram, Text Messages, Word of Mouth, Mail Drops, printed copies on the street, Reddit, personal websites, blogs, forums, whatsapp, tumblr, pinterest, LinkedIn, snapchat, billboards, TV advertisements and anything else you can think of. For my own tracts head to: www.christianity.fluidicice.com/tracts

The Restrainer Steps Aside

As the Holy Spirit dwells in those believing in Christ, so too will the Restrainer 'step aside' when the harpazo happens. As Christians were the salt and the light of the earth, they slowed the decay of our planet by living to God's standards, and now in a world without Christians the world will plunge so much faster into chaos, sin and rebellion. The Holy Spirit will still be around to indwell and help believers after the rapture, however lawlessness and sin in general will no longer be restrained.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

6 *And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.*

7 *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way."*

The Restrainer (The Holy Spirit)

- The Restrainer is referred to as both neuter and masculine.
- The Restrainer existed in Paul's day
- The Restrainer has been continually and effectively restraining for nearly 2,000 years so far
- The Restrainer is powerful enough to suppress the spiritual powers of darkness seeking to promote the man of sin
- The restraint is global
- When the Restrainer steps aside (in the rapture), the evil in the hearts of man will no longer be restrained



Post-Rapture

The events between the rapture and the tribulation

Post-Rapture

In the period between the rapture and the tribulation, lawlessness will increase daily and the world will become increasingly desperate for answers on what's happening across the planet. Millions of jobs will still be empty which will affect the food supply chains, manufacturing, construction and every other facet of society. The speed of the earth's downward trajectory will increase dramatically and the nations of the world will desperately seek a leader to lift the world out of these debilitating times.

The elite of the world will seek to form a global government to help curb the global chaos in addition to liaising with these 'aliens'. They will destroy people's rights, lock them down, throw them in prison and will kill anyone who resists their agenda. These days will be filled with fear of the alien life, the fear of other lawless people and the fear of the future. If you find yourself living in these perilous times, accept Jesus, because you may not live much longer considering the 'biblical' judgements to come.

Weeks after the rapture, people will be in utter shock at what has happened and is still happening around the planet! First the disappearance of millions of people and then the arrival of extraterrestrial life. By this point the aliens would have likely made contact with humanity 'revealing themselves' as peaceful beings who only wish to 'enlighten' the human race with advanced ideas to help solve the world's problems.

Satan is a master of deception and he's been plotting this lie for centuries to get the majority of the world to believe the rapture was of alien origin. Most people will believe it - since there will be some form of proof visible in the sky worldwide, as well as being broadcast on live TV. These 'aliens' will eventually reveal themselves and will probably speak on live interviews in human languages which they are likely to explain by claiming they've been monitoring humans for centuries. (Which is true since they're demons and fallen angels)

The section is conjecture based off the verse in Daniel 2:43 that says "...they will mingle with the seed of men...". This means that 'they' can't be human. So according to the Bible, the aliens will continue to integrate themselves with humans until such as day they will have sexual relations with human women (and men), just like the days of Noah. Read Genesis 19 paying particular attention to verse 5 to realise that the inhabitants of Sodom wanted to have sexual relations with those angels. Additionally the Nephilim described in Noah's day were born from a fallen angel and a human woman having sex.

Remember that in the Bible, angels are never referred to in any gender other than masculine. Therefore all fallen angels and demons are male and if these 'aliens' are all male too it will prove even that they're demons which have left their first habitation (Jude 1:6). By 'habitation' (or in the Greek "oiketerion"), the Bible means they disrobed from their spiritual body in higher dimensions to be able to enter our dimension.

During this time of clean-up and repair, the world will fall further into disarray and the nations will seek a leader to deliver them from the earth's continual problems. Then upon the scene, the self declared "saviour" of the world will come, making "peace" among nations. He will enforce a new peace treaty (or make an existing treaty even greater) with Israel and allow the third temple to be built. This peace he brings will not be achieved through pen and ink but with the sword, by destroying those nations who do not align with his goals or 'the good of the planet'.

The time between the rapture and the tribulation is unknown, but it likely won't be longer than a few years due to the dark powers that want to unite this planet under a global government for total control, and the sooner they achieve this, the sooner they control the planet. During this time, everyone will be trying to recover from the chaos of the rapture while allowing the antichrist - the mouthpiece of satan himself to rise to power with 'all the solutions'.

Look For

- An individual of prominence, rising through the ranks and solving the worlds problems. (The Antichrist)
- Continual integration of these 'aliens' with human life.
- Discussions of a covenant or a deal with Israel

Steps To Take

So the rapture's happened, and the world is in absolute chaos! What should I do???

What should you do now that the rapture has taken place and you want to start living your life for God? Below is a series of steps for you to kick start your walk with Jesus in these extremely troubling times.

1 Believe

Believe that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Firstly you should be absolutely sure that you believe the disappearance of people was due to the rapture, the same event prophesied throughout the Bible. You can read the "Pre-Rapture" section for the evidence and Bible verses about the rapture's soon fulfillment from a pre-rapture perspective. There will be a lot of deception afterwards which may even deceive the wise (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12), so be strong and read your Bible for the truth!

You should also believe that Jesus is real, and alive today. You should know that God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus are one person (called the trinity by scholars), and that Jesus came and died for your sins on the cross nearly 2,000 years ago, and rose on the third day. I have included the gospel of John among other books in the "Christianity > The Bible" section further below so you can read it for yourself right here. If you still have questions whether God exists you should read the "Evidence for God" section for some remarkable facts about Him and how He left a way for us to authenticate Him through the Bible.

If you haven't already, accept Jesus Christ as your savior. Jump to the 'Accepting Jesus' section for the detailed version on how to be saved. But put simply you need to:

- Admit** you're a sinner in need of a saviour,
- Believe** that Jesus is Lord and that He died and rose again on the third day, and
- Confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord and that you wish to follow His ways putting your old life behind you.

It's that simple, but these aren't just 'magic words' you say to go to heaven, you honestly and truly have to believe every word you say because Jesus looks at the heart. It's never too late to be saved and you can still live with God for eternity, even though it'll be much tougher now. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, so whatever you've done in the past can be forgiven. I've included a lot of other information in the Christianity section which will also help on your journey of discovering God, read through it when you're done with these steps.

2 Study

Study the Word of God.

Read and study your Bible daily, I recommend starting with John (Not 1 John, but the John that comes after Luke) for a great book covering all the important topics from Jesus' ministry. If you don't have a Bible, a few of the books have been included in the "Christianity > The Bible" section of this document.

Once you're done with John I recommend reading Luke, Acts, Romans, Genesis, Revelation, Psalms and Proverbs followed by the rest of the New Testament and then the Old Testament. If you're a visual learner and would like to go through the Word of God with an incredible teacher, I recommend looking up Chuck Missler's 'Learn the Bible in 24 hours' for an incredible introduction to the Bible and how it all fits together. After this it would be beneficial to go through Chuck Missler's study on either 'The Rapture' or Revelation as there's quite a large overlap in the content discussed.

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours: <https://christianity.fluidicice.com/learnthebible>

Before and after reading His word I recommend a time of worship to praise the Lord of the universe for all the gifts, love and compassion He's showered us with. Singing the Psalms are a great way to praise Him! If you don't understand something particular in the Bible, bring it to Him in prayer that He may open your eyes so you can see what He means.

I have a collection of worship songs with lyrics on my site here: <https://christianity.fluidicice.com/worship>

If you're unfamiliar with the Bible, the last book - Revelation, contains most of the information about the end times and the antichrist. However there are many other books of the Bible with end times significance such as Daniel, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Revelation can be difficult to comprehend without sound knowledge of the rest of the Bible (since it's in code), therefore I recommend looking up Bible commentary pastors such as Chuck Missler to assist in the decryption of any books you're struggling with, since some of the old language can be perplexing.

Next you should learn all you can about the tumultuous times coming ahead to prepare yourself. Further below, starting from "The Tribulation" heading is a summary and interpretation of the events in the book of Revelation which outlines each of God's judgements on the earth. If anything, each of these can be used to verify the Bible is true and to help others believe His word. For further study on how the world descended into the darkness and evil we see today I recommend reading my "Modern Values and Ethics" article which can be found on my online archive. It contains sections comparing the biblical values and modern values today on topics such as marriage, love, sex, homosexuality, abortion, God, evolution, satan and lots more.

Then watch some of the content in the 'Christian Content' section in 'Next Steps' further below as these are bible-based truth seeking individuals who don't compromise on the word of God. There are hours and hours of free, downloadable content which will teach you everything there is to know about the Bible and God. But don't forget to read the Bible for yourself!

3 Know

Know what's coming soon.

This period on earth will be the most destructive the world has ever seen, with man-made wars, 8.5+ magnitude earthquakes, volcano's, seas turning red, mountain sized meteors falling from space and much more. To top it off the antichrist will seek to kill all Jews and Christians during the last 3.5 years of his reign - after he sits in the temple and calls himself god.

He will behead those who don't take his mark on their forehead or right hand, so unfortunately the odds are greatly against you surviving until the second coming of Jesus. But I can guarantee you one thing, if you stand firm in the faith no matter what happens to you, you will live eternally with Jesus - the King of the universe - forevermore! As you go to your death for Christ, know that you are mere seconds away from seeing Him face to face! I pray that you have courage and you stand by your commitment to the Lord in those dark times that He gives you strength, boldness, wisdom and peace. Remember the verse below through any troubles of hardship you face, another good one is Psalm 23.

Matthew 10:28 "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

DO NOT TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST!

The Bible explicitly says that you won't enter heaven once you take this mark, as it's a sign of allegiance with the devil. This mark will be one that the world leader (the antichrist) mandates everyone on earth must receive on/in either their forehead or their right hand, allowing them to buy and sell. This mark is probably some form of chip implant or electronic tattoo to allow seamless and instant digital transactions. It's interesting that you can lose your salvation by taking this mark. Scholars have considered the possibility that it changes your DNA structure, converting you into something that's non-human and therefore putting you outside the scope of salvation.

Revelation 20:4 "Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

For a wonderfully uplifting video about holding fast when facing persecution and potential execution, watch:

Interview with Former Iranian Prisoners Maryam Rostampour and Marziyeh Amirizadeh
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH_12pxMnM0

If you can, get a copy of Corrie Ten Boom's book 'The Hiding Place'. It's an incredible story of her faith in God during the Holocaust. It also teaches you to never give up and to trust God in all situations because His eternal plans will outshine temporary suffering.

4 Group

Find a group of individuals who love the Lord.

There's certainly strength in numbers and this still applies in the last days. Your journey will be made much easier with a team of like minded individuals on the same journey together. Satan is like a roaring lion, seeking who he may devour, and a believer all alone is an easier target than a group of 3 or more believers.

Unfortunately not everyone will be accepting of the Lord or the gospel in these lawless times, so it may take some effort to find a group. However once you have, it will be such a rewarding experience being able to study, pray, worship and spread His love together. You will be able to delegate duties to each member to help the group survive as a whole. Be sure to stay physically and spiritually close to everyone and quickly solve issues that arise so the devil can't divide you.

Even if you are alone on this journey you will always have Jesus who you can pray to at any time. I'm sure that if you ask Him for another Christian companion to support you (and if it's within His will), you will find someone. There will be a multitude of tribulation saints (Revelation 7:9-17), so you certainly aren't alone.

5

Prepare

Prepare for the turmoil ahead.

Due to the desolation and 'biblical disasters' to come it would be wise to look ahead and prepare so that you can be an effective witness to the lost in the last days. Remember that you won't be stocking up for yourself, but using it as a means to bless and guide your family, friends and neighbors towards Christ. It will certainly be more difficult to be self-sufficient after the rapture due to the panic buying that would likely have ensued, but with God's help you can establish a garden, a water purification system and provide much needed resources to others.

To start on your preparedness journey (after you read the 'Post-Rapture Survival' section below), read through 'The Preparedness Encyclopedia (TPE)' which I compiled as a Christian themed survival guide for times such as these. I would start with the 'Introduction' section for the basics and then head to the different sections you need from there. Additionally most of the judgements in the sections below have specific survival tips attached which won't be included in TPE due to being extremely specific.

Some of the ways you can prepare now are:

- Collect Bibles and download digital Christian media before they are burnt and erased,
- Study the Word of God and memorise as much as you can,
- Learn about preparedness and how to survive with what little you have,
- Put together a Bug-Out Bag for situations you need to leave quickly,
- Start growing, foraging, hunting, storing and preserving food for the difficult times ahead,
- Find ways of purifying large quantities of water or buy manufactured water filters if they are available,
- Live minimally because you may have to leave at any moment due to disasters or the global police (antichrist) coming after you.

6

Equip

Equip yourself spiritually.

You're about to head into battle in the most destructive time in all of history, against a spiritual foe who cannot be harmed by mortal weapons, who only Jesus can conclusively defeat. Satan is the father of lies and there will certainly be a LOT of them circulating after the rapture.

Put on the armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) so you can resist the devil's attempts to take you down. The armour is explained in the Christianity section if you don't understand it immediately. Equip it and teach those around you about the greatness of the Lord Almighty!

- **Belt of Truth:** Spread truth to counter the deception and lies spewed by the father of lies.
- **Breastplate of Righteousness:** Protects the vital organs. Jesus has imputed the Righteousness of Christ to us so that we may be righteous.
- **Footwear of Peace:** The footwear protects from the snares of the enemy since as advance into satan's territory with the gospel.
- **Shield of Faith:** Protects against satan sowing doubt about the faithfulness of God.
- **Helmet of Salvation:** Blows to the head can be fatal. Know you're saved through Jesus Christ and that your eternal future is secure.
- **Sword of the Spirit:** Your weapon against the enemies of God. A sword can also be used defensively, so memorise as much as you can.
- **Prayer:** The heavy artillery. Pray for yourself and those who are lost.

If you don't already, you should find some like-minded individuals who are on the same Christian walk as you and want to live for Him too. Having companions on this journey makes the journey much easier and you can support each other through times of hardship, and praise God together.

7

Proclaim

Proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord!

It's time to head out into the world to fulfill His purpose for your life by living for Him and spreading His gospel to all those who are lost in the world. Pray for all other Christians in these troubled times that they may stand strong and be resilient against the devil. Pray that those who are questioning the rapture won't take the mark of the beast and won't be led astray by the lies of the elites and the media.

Read your Bible consistently to learn and memorise His word whenever you can - because it's very likely that Bibles will be banned. Give praise and worship to Jesus daily. Help those around you who need assistance or food and spread the gospel and this guide to whoever needs it. Live a life worthy of God by emulating His example to us while He was here. Feed those in need, assist anyone needing help, give with no thought of return and above all preach the gospel to everyone so that all might be saved!

Do not be afraid because Jesus has overcome the world, He knows the end from the beginning and He has already defeated satan at the cross! Everything happens in His timing and all the events across the world are under His control. He sees everything happening at all points in time, from the ant carrying a breadcrumb in Dubai to the person in jail desperately crying out to Him in Ireland.

He works in mysterious ways and can turn around events that may seem evil from our point of view to acts that glorify Him. An example is COVID and the current chaos in the world, which upon second glance is bringing thousands of people to a saving knowledge of Him. He chooses the weak in the world to demonstrate His power and to confound the strong, such as David against Goliath. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Do you *really* know Him?

John 16:33

33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Deuteronomy 31:6

6 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:9 *"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

1 Corinthians 16:13 *"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."*

Philippians 4:13 *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

Post-Rapture Survival

The information below is given so you can help yourself and others survive in a time of great hardship while also being the salt and light in the world. You should use the skills in the document below to bless others by providing food, water, shelter, electricity and other basic needs to anyone in need. We've been given this knowledge of the future to not only verify the Bible but to prepare for what's to come and share with others the blessing of the word of God.

Always remember that only God knows when our time on this earth is up and no amount of preparation or stockpiling of resources will change that. So that you don't become over prepared and complacent, remember the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:13-21) who had stored many years worth of food away for himself, but then God demanded his life that very night.

Again, I have to mention 'The Preparedness Encyclopedia (TPE)', a document I compiled on everything preparedness related through a Christian perspective. It's around 2,000 pages of survival, preparedness and self-sufficiency knowledge to help get you through almost any catastrophe on this earth. It's topic searchable and contains information on everything from finding water, to building a log shelter, to hunting for food. It took me thousands of hours to compile but is completely free.



Download TPE

You can either click on the website link below, scan the QR code to the right, or find links to my off-site backups in the 'Next Steps > Christian Content' section. You can also check the backups area if my main site ever goes down.

<https://fluidicice.com/tpe>

This section makes a few assumptions:

- The rapture has already occurred and the world is in utter chaos. (Therefore there's no 'preparing' for the chaos to come)
- You are a born again believer in Christ and are living for Him and His glory. (You're not just trying to stay alive for your own ends)
- You are ready and willing to die for Jesus and aren't concerned about saving your own life over serving Him.
- You are an ambassador for Christ which means you will put yourself last in this world and give freely to all those who need it. (You won't be winning souls if you fight someone over the last can of beans in a supermarket)

Throughout the rest of this document I will include a Survival Tips window on every major event to help you prepare for what's coming. You will have a significant advantage in the tribulation by knowing, and being able to prepare for what's coming. Use this knowledge to bless others in need, in order to lead them to the Lord.

Post Rapture Scenario

It's hard to accurately summarise the chaos that will occur once the rapture takes place, but let's start with what's happening at the moment and extrapolate from there. In April 2022 (the time of writing this section) we're currently witnessing manufactured food shortages, rising fuel prices, rapid inflation, electricity crises, business closures, life threatening 'vaccine' reactions, the potential for global war, increasing crime, corrupt politicians, worker strikes and the continual effects of COVID plaguing the world.

Assuming that all of these problems will escalate and compound on one another we might be seeing global starvation, scarcity in all consumer products, proliferating family and small business bankruptcies, a completely devastated economy, inflation approaching hyperinflation and a flattening or a decline in the population on earth within a year or two.

On a more local level, crime will have shot right up as people become desperate for food, water and fuel, and there will be few (if any) items on the shelves. What remains will be prohibitively expensive - for the luxuries, and barely affordable for the staples of daily life. It sounds like a horrific dystopian future, but unfortunately this disaster will have actualized and it will still only be the *beginning* of the turmoil. At this point the stage will be set for 'the man with the answers' who solves the world's problems with ease, bringing stability and a false peace to the planet.

But first, the *rapture*.

When the believers are taken out and God reveals 'the lie', all of the disasters above will kick into overdrive. Everyone will freak out, either buying or stealing what they can from the shops. Crashed vehicles may litter the streets. People will stop turning up to work (if they can get there at all) which will cause every supply chain to instantly break. Internet and phone networks will likely fail. Electricity, gas and water may stop flowing. Some people will drink themselves into oblivion, others will cave to the desires and lusts of their hearts, and a few will fall on their knees and turn to God. If you're reading this then you're probably one of the ones who turned to God.

When disaster strikes, many across the world will seek answers to what's going on through the elites, celebrities and the media, but particularly through religion. This will truly be the best time to spread the love of Christ to the lost, depressed and angry people in the world by being kind, generous and selfless to those around you. However, in a world without the true Church the lie will eventually spread that those who were taken were the 'unbelievers' or those who were holding back humanity - particularly by these aliens, the false pastors and the 'enlightened' in the world.

I can't state enough how dangerous and misguided ANY self proclaimed 'religious' teachers will be after the rapture. The reason they were left behind is because they never knew Jesus Christ and therefore weren't raptured. *'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'* Matthew 7:23. They will claim that since they're still on earth it couldn't have been the rapture. Likely candidates to say this would be the Pope, Joel Osteen and many other televangelists. Above all else, read your Bible and trust in Jesus alone. If you need help understanding passages, look to the teachers who have been raptured or read my list of pastors near the bottom of this guide.

Unfortunately in such a deceptive age I wouldn't count on Christian material (particularly on the rapture) to stay on the internet for very long, especially after the antichrist rises to power. Try to download as much content such as books, videos and podcasts as possible from trustworthy pastors before it's deleted. I have uploaded a tidy collection of sermons and discussions on a variety of topics including the rapture on my website which is also backed up in multiple places online. Again, you can download the backups from the 'Next Steps > Christian Content' section in this guide, or head to my website in the footer of this guide.

Surviving in a Post-Rapture World

Firstly if you haven't already, you should invite Jesus to become your Lord and Savior if you believe His claims to be God and that He died and rose again. Without this, the rest of the document is useless to you because it all points to living for Him and not for yourself. Something which almost everyone else on the planet will be doing during this chaotic time. Additionally, with all the disasters set to be unleashed on the earth, you probably won't live to see the end of the tribulation.

The period between the rapture and the second coming will be **THE** most deceptive time on earth, which is why I recommend firstly studying the word of God thoroughly right after you become a believer. This will: help water the seed that God placed in your heart; assure you of the promises He has for you; prove that He is real and can see the future; and show you that there were many other seemingly hopeless periods in the Bible where He was still in full control. I also recommend cutting out worldly distractions from your house, particularly the television. That's not to say you shouldn't keep up to date with what's going on in the world - just set a limit and stick to it otherwise you will be glued to it with the sheer number of 'Breaking News' headlines as these 'aliens' make contact and integrate with human life.

If you can, try to meet up regularly with like-minded individuals who are on the same walk as you. You will definitely need a believing friend or even a whole group in these trying times to keep you on track when you stumble, and to learn from each other. Try to contact your friends and family members who either once believed the Bible or who now feel that it was probably the rapture and try to start studying the Bible together.

Once you're established with a small group of spiritually well-equipped believers it's time to start reaching the lost. Create and print (or manually write) some tracts to distribute in your area. Look for and fill any needs in your community such as handing out food, helping a neighbor or inviting those without shelter into your home. Pray at every opportunity for those around you that they may come to know the Lord, that they will be clothed, fed and sheltered and that they won't be deceived by the world.

This next advice goes against all survival instincts and certainly won't be adopted by most people alive during this period - especially preppers, but if done for the right reasons you will be rewarded by your Father in heaven.

1. Give at every opportunity to those in need

You might have a single can of beans to feed your family for the day, but if there's another unsaved family out there with nothing, your gift of a meal will show them that Jesus cares so much for them. Don't forget to tell them why you're being so generous. Remember that if you die, you know where you're going - others don't, which is why their survival should come first.

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." **Proverbs 11:24-25 ESV**

2. Assist the disabled and outcasts

The Nazi's saw the elderly, infirm, disabled and the Jews as a blight on society and actively tried to eliminate them. As believers in Christ we are to love, assist and be generous to those who are probably struggling more than regular people in times of crisis. Go out to those sleeping on the streets and invite them into your home. Cook meals for those in retirement homes and tell them about your Savior. Lend a hand to disabled individuals of the community whenever they need it. Jesus loves them as much as the rich who are currently living in their mansions protected by armed guards with seemingly infinite money.

3. Get to know your neighbors

Building connections with those around you in a time of utter insanity will be invaluable. You can offer support to each other, institute a neighborhood watch, trade what food and other supplies you have, teach them some survival and preparedness skills, help with repairs and discuss the events of the world. Eventually you may have the opportunity to share Jesus with them.

4. Bless and protect the Jews

The Jews are God's chosen people and the whole reason for the tribulation is so they can turn their attention back to Him and realize they put the true and living God to death 2,000 years ago. They will be hunted mercilessly by the antichrist after the abomination of desolation and will require all the help they can get. If there are any Jews in your local area you should provide for them, protect them, bless them and love them as Jesus commands. You may have to run a Corrie Ten Boom style house to keep them safe from the eyes of the enemy. (Read 'The Hiding Place')

This guide will now continue with the order of events as described in Revelation. Next in the post-rapture order of events you are likely to see the One World Currency, the One World Government and the One World Religion begging to take shape:

One World Currency

A currency exclusively used globally is a prerequisite for the one world government. If no one can buy or sell without the mark, then there must be a one world currency, which as the Bible describes will be a mark (possibly a chip) either in the right hand or forehead.

A one world currency could be something like Facebook's Libra or a CBDC (Central Bank Digital Currency) but ultimately the world will ditch the plastic credit cards and put the technology straight into the hand or forehead.

Today, one way that the demonic forces are driving everyone towards the One World Currency is by causing colossal asset and stock bubbles, the likes of which the world has never seen before. You may have already heard of this phrase from the World Economic Forum (WEF), 'You will own nothing and be happy'. To achieve this goal their aim is to inflate these bubbles to unheard sizes in order to bankrupt as many hard working citizens as they can when they decide the time is right.

They are also promoting 'buy now, pay later' schemes which are currently causing, and will cause many to become bankrupt after they raise the interest rates in order to combat their own inflation. When the world is plunged into chaos by the collapsing economy they can swoop in to 'save the day' with Universal Basic Income and eventually the One World Currency.

Look For

- The continual removal of cash from the planet.
- Schemes such as 'Universal Income' implemented.
- CBDC's rising to influence.
- The crash of uncontrolled currencies such as Bitcoin.

Revelation 13:16-17

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

One World Government

As the world grows darker and God's foundational laws are no longer upheld, nations will join together under a one world government, supposedly to bring peace to the world and to help prevent both man-made and natural disasters from occurring. The Bible then prophesies that this antichrist will take control of the One World Government and use this to his advantage.

This government may sound like it will solve the problems of the world, but will only cause havoc and the collapse of many nations. Today, we can see this government forming slowly, with the driving forces behind it being the World Economic Forum, the United Nations, global disasters such as COVID-19 and the need to solve 'climate change'. This government will most likely stem from the United Nations which already has its own army and goals of controlling the nations of the world all in the name of 'peace'.

This one world government will likely reach its final phase swiftly after a catastrophic, global disaster such as the rapture, an 'alien visitation', an economic collapse or global war. As described in the Bible this government will begin with 10 leaders and will slowly be reduced down to 3, not including the antichrist. The antichrist will then 'subdue' the remaining three and become the sole power of the government of the world. This is found in **Daniel 7:24-25** with the horns being 'kings'. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in **Daniel 2:41-42**, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue.

Revelation 13:16-17 describes some sort of satanic mark which will be required in order to buy and sell. This means anyone who refuses the mark will be unable to buy food, clothing or other necessities of life. No doubt the majority of people in the world will capitulate to this mark simply to survive, but will ultimately meet their demise at the return of Jesus. Again, verse 16 makes it clear that this will be a universal system of control where everyone, the rich and poor, great and the small will bear the mark on their right hand or forehead.

Look For

- The rising of a global government initially consisting of 10 leaders.
- In the tribulation, the antichrist will overpower 7 of the leaders and subdue the last 3 until he is the leader of the planet. (Revelation 17:12)

One World Religion

The One World Religion is described in Revelation 17 as "the great harlot" and will be part of the end-times scenario. The term harlot is used throughout the Old Testament as a metaphor for false religion. The actual identity and makeup of the religion has been debated for centuries and has resulted in a number of different views among Bible commentators and theologians. There are convincing arguments for the one world religion being Catholicism or some form of religion combining all the major parties.

Look For

- Further pushes to unite the religions of the world, specifically by the Pope.
- Increasing attacks against Bible believing Christians who won't take part in this reunion of the faiths.
- A strong alliance between the rising world leader and the leader of the One World Religion.

The most likely world religion is one that reigns in a number of different religions, sects, and isms that are around today which may also include parts of environmentalism, cosmology, evolution and 'wokeness'. If churches today have invited these doctrines into the Church, why couldn't the One World Religion? One thing is for sure though, this 'religion' will be absolutely Blasphemous to the one true God and any adherents should be taught the truth with the true Word of God.

Revelation 17:1-2

"1 "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication."

Revelation 17 gives us several characteristics of the one world religion. It will dominate all the "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" of the earth, meaning that it will have universal authority, no doubt given by the antichrist, who rules the world at that time. Verses 2-3 describe the harlot as committing adultery with the "kings of the earth," referring to the false religion's influence among the world's rulers and influential people.

The reference to being drunk with the wine of her adulteries may refer to those who are drunk with the power they receive from worshiping the false god of the false religion. Satan frequently ensnares those whose lust for power drives them away from the worship of the true and living God. The alliances forged by the false religion will unite church and state like never before.

Revelation 17:6

"I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement."

Verse 6 describes the harlot as being "drunk with the blood of the saints" and the blood of those who testify of Jesus. Believers who are on the earth during the tribulation will experience the wrath of the harlot and her power source, the antichrist. Those who oppose the worldwide religion will be killed, and those who refuse to worship the Antichrist by accepting his mark will be unable to buy and sell, thereby making survival very difficult (Revelation 13:16-17).

Be sure not to fall into the trap of becoming a member of the "One World Religion". For many reasons this is likely to be a warped form of Catholicism and this is **not** how God wants a relationship with you. We are to adhere only to the God-ordained scriptures and not twist it to fit our own perspective as all the other religions have done. "Take heed that no one deceives you." Matthew 24:4, Matthew 24:24, Luke 21:8, Mark 13:5, 2 Timothy 3:13-14.

The Catholic church controlled by the Pope is currently trying to reign in all the other denominations of Christianity as well as the other religions of the world, while claiming that we are all worshiping the same God. However there is only ONE way to God and that is by accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, any other way is a deception and will only lead you to hell. You need to be a born-again Christian with a life dedicated to God and a solid belief that Jesus came as the messiah to die for your sins on the cross, then raised to life on the third day. You don't need a priest to be able to talk to Him, as you have an open connection 24/7.

Acts 4:12

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we can be saved."

The Attempted Invasion of Israel



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Ezekiel 38 and 39 say that Russia (Magog), Iran, Turkey, Sudan, Libya and Syria will launch a combined surprise attack against Israel to claim their spoils, which is likely to be their vast reserves of natural resources such as minerals, gas, oil, technology, gold and even water. However, God will destroy these armies in the mountains of Israel and will **rain fire on Russia** and those who 'dwell securely in the isles'. This event will likely occur after the destruction of Damascus and even the rapture.

This invasion will likely speed up the need for a world saviour (the coming 'antichrist') to solve the world's turmoil and wars, unless it's the antichrist that launches this attack himself at the mid-point of the tribulation.

- This event could be before or after the rapture, but is most likely after.

Look For

- A (very) wealthy Israel.
- Vast armies gathering in the Middle East. (This may not be noticeable since Israel doesn't expect it)
- The supernatural and complete destruction of these armies.
- Fire/Meteors raining down on Russia and 'the isles'.

Ezekiel 38:1-6

1 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
 3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal.
 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.
 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet;
 6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you.
See Ezekiel 38 for More.

Ezekiel 39:1-8

Gog's Armies Destroyed
 1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;
 2 and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel.
 3 Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.
 4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.
 5 You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord God.
 6 "And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.
 7 So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel.
 8 Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord God. "This is the day of which I have spoken."
See Ezekiel 39 for More.

Ezekiel 38 and 39 foretells a massive future invasion of Israel by the armed forces of six nations. Five of those nations are identified in 38:5-6 with the names they had in Ezekiel's time. The first nation, Persia, is now the modern state of Iran. The second nation, Ethiopia, isn't the same as modern Ethiopia but is currently known as Sudan. The third nation, Libya, the western neighbour of Egypt, is also an Islamic nation today.

The people of the fourth nation, Gomer, were also known as the Cimmerians. They lived north of the Caucasus Mountains in Eastern Europe. The people of the fifth nation, Togarmah, settled in Cappadocia, now eastern Turkey.

All of these nations except for Russia and Turkey are currently ruled by Islamic fundamentalist governments who have openly declared their commitment to the annihilation of Israel. However the present government of Turkey is being threatened by Islamic fundamentalists.

As a result, some leaders fear that Turkey could become another Iran. If that happens, all the nations named in Ezekiel 38:5-6 will be characterized by a militant Islamic hatred of Israel.

The five nations of Ezekiel 38:5-6 will be led by a sixth. God gave three identifying marks for that leader. The leader is identified as "the chief prince" or ruler "of Meshech and Tubal" (Ezekiel. 38:2; 39:1). This group settled in the area of Armenia, "where the borders of Russia, Iran and Turkey converge."

The people of Tubal were located in the central part of Turkey immediately west of Togarmah. Gog's location is "the north parts" (38:15; 39:2). The Hebrew word translated "parts" means "extreme or uttermost parts." Since Ezekiel was a Hebrew prophet, he would refer to geographical locations from the vantage point of his homeland. Thus, his statement in 38:15 indicates that when Gog leads the six-nation attack against Israel, he will come from his location in the extreme or uttermost parts directly north of Israel.

From what has been described, it appears that Russia will lead the invasion against Israel as foretold in Ezekiel 38-39. Their driving force is initiated by God Himself through the lure of incredible wealth, resources and for the Islamists, the chance to finally obliterate Israel. This is described in verse 4 where God proclaims that "I will turn you around and put hooks into your jaws".

When will it occur?

In Ezekiel 38:8, 16, God declared that this future invasion of Israel would take place "in the latter years" and "latter days". That would be after Israel has been regathered from the nations to its homeland and feels so safe and secure that it will have no defences of its own (vv. 8, 11-12, 14). There has been an amazing regathering of Israel to its homeland since its re-establishment as a nation state in 1948, but certainly Israel does not feel so safe and secure there today that it has no defences of its own. Today it perpetually has to stay on high alert to shoot down the rockets, missiles and terrorist attacks which threaten them on a daily basis.

Since the Scriptures indicate that there will be no warfare during the future reign of the Messiah (Ps. 72:7; Isa. 9:6-7; Mic. 4:3-4), this invasion cannot take place during the Millennium. Is there any time between now and the Millennium when Israel will feel so safe and secure that it will not maintain its defences? It appears so.

According to Daniel 9:27, at the very beginning of the future seven-year Tribulation period, the Antichrist will enforce a strong covenant with Israel. It will so strongly bind Israel to the Antichrist that he will regard that nation as an extension of himself and his empire in the Middle East. As a result, through that covenant, the Antichrist will guarantee Israel's national security. Israel will feel so safe and secure that it will discontinue the costly burden of maintaining its defences.

This feeling of security will not last long, however. In the middle of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will begin to desolate Israel (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15-21); thus, the nation will feel safe and secure only during the first half of the seven-year Tribulation. It appears then, that the invasion of Israel by Russia and its Islamic allies will take place during the first half of the Tribulation, perhaps shortly before its midpoint. The invaders will believe that since Israel has let down its military guard, it will be their opportune time to strike and plunder its resources (Ezek. 38:10-13). As a result, they will launch such a large invasion force that it will seem like a massive cloud covering the land (38:9, 15-16).

God's initial action will be to pull these invaders into Israel for His own sovereign purpose (38:4, 16; 39:2). When they attack, His attitude toward them will be characterized by fury, jealousy, and fiery wrath (38:18-19). He will then actively intervene to destroy the invading force through a fierce earthquake, landslides, pestilence, excessive rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone (38:19-22).

The destruction of the invading army will be so extensive that the mountains and open fields of Israel and a valley near the Dead Sea will be congested with corpses. God will bring fowl and beasts to eat many of them. It will take Israel seven months to bury the remainder of the dead and seven years to consume their weapons (39:3-5, 9-20). If this invasion takes place shortly before the middle of the Tribulation, this destruction of weapons will continue into the early part of the Millennium.

God's purpose for all of this will be to glorify Himself before Israel and all the nations—to so impress them with His existence and power that He will have life changing influence on them (38:16, 23; 39:7, 13, 21-22). No doubt the fulfilment of the Ezekiel 38-39 prophecy will be one of the means through which God will bring people of that time to Himself.

Taking a closer look at the verse in Ezekiel 39:6:

6 "And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.

So who exactly are those who dwell 'securely', or 'in false confidence' in the isles? There are a couple of contenders, but we can't really know until the invasion is about to fulfil itself. The closer we are to fulfilment, the more pieces are in place and the more clearly we can see how it will play out.

Chuck Missler believes God will rain down meteors on America as part of an overdue judgement. Other scholars believe it's representative of an exchange of ICBMs or other long range weapons between countries. Personally I believe it will be meteorites raining down on the region of Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand due to being so far out from the main world stage that they live 'carelessly', oblivious and inattentive to conflict in the other parts of the world. We can only wait and see.



The Rise of the Antichrist

Now that the rapture has occurred there's no reason why the antichrist can't show his face on the global stage and start his final rise to power as he may already be in a position of minor power. (Revelation 13:1-8)

The antichrist will begin by rising up among the ten leaders of the new world order (the global government). Seven of them will drop out and he will subdue the last three. (Revelation 17:12) The world will 'marvel' and be amazed by the antichrist, at the ideas he puts forward and the actions he takes, as this will certainly be a very charismatic, intelligent and yet deceitful man. There's also the possibility he might be an alien...

Look For

- A man of great influence rising on the global stage.
- Someone with vast intelligence and charisma, who solves the worlds problems easily
- See below for the physical description of this individual.

Revelation 13:1-8

1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the **sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.

6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.

7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Bible even includes a physical description of the antichrist:

**The Description of the Antichrist
Revelation 13:3**

"And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast."

Zechariah 11:17

17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock!
A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye;
His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."

Revelation 17:12-13

12 "The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast.

13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast.

These verses describe that there will be a one world government comprised of 10 leaders not including the antichrist.

Daniel 7:24

The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, And shall subdue three kings.

Here the Bible describes that the antichrist will rise to power amongst the other 10 world leaders and will eventually subdue the remaining 3 so that he becomes the sole leader of the planet. It's also interesting to note that the phrase "He shall be different from the first ones" could imply that he is not of this world...

The Rise of the False Prophet

The false prophet is a religious leader and the 'beast which rises from the earth' who performs great miracles and causes people to worship and follow the antichrist - the beast that rises from the water in the second half of the tribulation. (Revelation 13:11-18) The False Prophet will be able to rain fire down from the sky on command, however this power is from the devil and not God.

He uses these demonic abilities to deceive many and will cause people to believe that the first 'beast' (the antichrist) is in fact the messiah of the Jews, and a god to the gentiles. The false prophet may already have a powerful position when the rapture occurs (such as the Pope), and will ally himself with the antichrist to gain even more power.

Revelation 13:11-14

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the **earth**, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.

12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived."

Do not be deceived by the false prophet who performs wondrous signs, as he will lead you down the path of death and away from Jesus Christ. However there will also be two witnesses sent by God who will preach His word during the first half of the tribulation and will be able to cast plagues on the earth as often as they like. Although the antichrist will have them killed at the midpoint of the tribulation, they will be resurrected by God. But more on them further below.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

There will be many who claim to be the Messiah and many will claim to have the answers for a troubled world. In Matthew 24, Jesus gave a warning specifically for our generation. In this passage Jesus, warns us that false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. These false prophets (not the two sent by God) in the tribulation aren't working with sleight of hand illusions but have actual demonic powers.

You must be on guard and ask yourself who these sinister prophets and messiahs are, and where they are trying to lead you. The Bible warns us that these are no ordinary men. In the end times, people will be crying desperately for leaders to deliver them from the turmoil, and they will seek mystics and religious leaders who claim to have deeper knowledge about the events that have transpired.

The Bema Seat Judgement

Meanwhile, in heaven after the rapture, Christians will come before the Judgment Seat of Christ otherwise known as the "Bema Seat". The purpose of this seat is to examine a Christian's life. The Bible tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). The term used here refers to a summing up and estimation of the total pattern of a believer's life. The overall focus of this should keep us from worrying over every small things we've ever done, or thoughtless sin we have committed. It's a time of reward, not punishment.

Though we won't be condemned for our sins, our present lives do affect what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ. It's important that we pay attention to the Bible's prophetic passages and study God's plan for the future. Though we don't know the date, time or hour of the Rapture, we can be cognizant of all that is going on around us so that we are living the life God intended for us in Christ. When we study and understand the Rapture, we will be better prepared for what is to come. Christians should be on guard, watching and praying until the day of the Lord.

The Bible says in **Luke 21:34-36**:

34 *But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.*

35 *For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.*

36 *Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."*

"Our present lives affect what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ."

Reconstruction of Babylon

At some point before, or in the tribulation, the city of Babylon will be built and serve as the residence of the antichrist. It will likely take many years to construct and therefore means it could be started well before the tribulation begins. Babylon will likely be constructed around Al-Hillah in Iraq where the previous Babylon empire was located. To find it, you can also paste the coordinates to the right into a map.

Babylon Coordinates

32.478642, 44.451235
or (32° 28' 43.1" N,
44° 27' 4.4" E)

Look For

- The construction and restoration of a major city around 'Al-Hillah'.



Survival Tips

Try to avoid the whole area of Babylon no matter how alluring and beautiful it might seem. It will be a cesspool of evil and will ultimately be completely destroyed at the judgement of the 7th bowl.



The Tribulation

The 7 year period of wrath on the planet

The tribulation is a 7 year period of time initiated by a covenant (a peace treaty) between Israel and the current world leader - known as the antichrist. During this period he allows the Jews to rebuild their temple, on or around the spot where the Dome of the Rock currently stands. The tribulation can only begin after the rapture takes place since God's judgement isn't meant for His church.

Look For

- A great leader creating a covenant, or making an existing covenant with Israel greater than before. The covenant is set to last 7 years. It may not be covered by news outlets.

The first half of the tribulation is a time of false peace among men where the world will seem to be improving. All the while the planet is being subject to the wrath of God in the form of seals and trumpets. The second half of the tribulation is a time when the antichrist claims to be God and attempts to kill anyone who opposes him while the earth is also being subject to the 'bowls' of God's wrath.

Rebuilding the 3rd Temple

Right after the covenant with Israel is established, the third temple in Jerusalem will start to be constructed by the Jews. They already have everything ready to go, including the red heifer, the ark of the covenant and the menorah of pure gold - they just need the green light. In Israel from earlier than 2018, there have been ads on TV which actively promote, and push for the third temple to be rebuilt, the Israeli's certainly want to see it built in their lifetime.

Look For

- The third temple being constructed on the mount next to - or in place of the Dome of the Rock. It can be found at: 31°46'40.9" N, 35°14'07.3" E.

The Two Witnesses

The two witnesses sent by God from heaven will begin to preach for 3.5 years (42 months) in the first half of the tribulation after the covenant is established. (Revelation 11:1-6) They will be wearing 'sackcloth' and have power from God to prevent rain from falling, the ability to turn water to blood and power to strike the earth with plagues whenever they want. Anyone who tries to harm them will be killed by fire proceeding from their mouths.

Look For


- Two people spreading the word of God from the start of the covenant with Israel, up to the abomination of desolation. (3.5 years total)

Revelation Summary

This is a summary of God's judgements on earth, in the form of the seals, trumpets and bowls found throughout Revelation. These judgements can only take place in the tribulation, and the tribulation can only begin once the church is removed from the earth - hence the pre-tribulation rapture. The seals and trumpets most likely occur in the first half of the tribulation and the bowls probably take place in the second half.


This section doesn't include non-seal events such as the sealing of the 144,000. For those, view the diagram at the start or continue reading further below for the detailed list of events.

The Seals

	1st Seal	The White Horse - The revealing of the antichrist who goes forth to conquer the nations.
	2nd Seal	The Red Horse - The taking of peace from the world, there will be great wars.
	3rd Seal	The Black Horse - Releases famine and hyperinflation on the world.
	4th Seal	The Pale (Green) Horse - There will be disease, pestilence and plagues released upon the world.
	5th Seal	The martyrs of Jesus are given white robes.
	6th Seal	A powerful earthquake, black sun, blood red moon, stars fall to earth, the sky recedes, every island and mountain moves.
	7th Seal	Silence in heaven, noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake.


The trumpets occur in the first half of the tribulation:

The Trumpets

	1st Trumpet	Hail and fire mingled with blood falls to earth burning 1/3 of all trees and all the green grass.
	2nd Trumpet	A fiery mountain falls into the sea, 1/3 of the sea becomes blood, 1/3 of sea creatures die, 1/3 of all ships are destroyed.
	3rd Trumpet	A burning meteor falls from space contaminating 1/3 of the rivers and springs. Many people die from poisoned water.
	4th Trumpet	1/3 of the sun is dark, 1/3 of the moon is dark, 1/3 of the stars are dark. 1/3 of the day and night don't occur.
	5th Trumpet	People can't die, the air is filled with smoke, the sun is blocked by smoke, demons torment those without God's seal.
	6th Trumpet	An army of 200 million and demons cause 1/3 of mankind to be killed.
	7th Trumpet	The temple of God is opened in heaven, noises, thunderings, lightning, an earthquake, a great hail.

The bowls occur in the second half of the tribulation, likely closer to the end:

The Bowls

	1st Bowl	Sores and pain for those who have the mark of the beast or worship his image.
	2nd Bowl	The entire sea turns to blood, all sea creatures die, all fishing stopped.
	3rd Bowl	All rivers and springs become blood.
	4th Bowl	The sun scorches men with great heat, blasphemy against God.
	5th Bowl	Puts the kingdom of the beast into darkness and gives them intense pain.
	6th Bowl	The Euphrates dries up allowing armies access to Armageddon. The nations gather together at Armageddon to battle God.
	7th Bowl	Noises, thunderings and lightnings, a catastrophic earthquake. Every mountain falls, islands move out of place, huge hail.

I recommend familiarising yourself with the plagues of Egypt as there's a very strong link between the plagues and these judgements. They can be found as a list in the Christianity section, or in the Bible starting at Exodus 7:14.



Seals

The 7 seals of God's judgement



The seal judgements begin when the covenant with Israel is formalised by the antichrist and ends after about 1.75 years into the tribulation. The seals - (unlike some of the trumpets and bowls) will likely continue through the entirety of the tribulation, so for seal 2 - wars will continually be fought through the tribulation, and in seal 3 - famine and hyperinflation will be ongoing as per the layout in my Revelation Timeline diagram. Contrary to what those opposed to God may think - a world without Christians (and the restrainer) will be the most catastrophic time in the history of the planet.

The picture above is a depiction of the four horsemen of the apocalypse which represent the first four seals below.

Summarised Seal Survival Tips

Throughout the seal judgements there's a common thread of man-made disasters such as the conquering antichrist in the 1st seal, the continual wars in the 2nd seal, the hyperinflation and scarcity of food in the 3rd seal and the diseases and plagues in the 4th seal. Overall these primarily affect the day to day working of society, so expect the supply chains to quickly fail due to a lack of workers who have been drafted to war, killed or fallen ill. Aim to grow your own food, both for your own household and enough to share with others. Additionally try to preserve it as much as possible for the increasingly difficult times ahead. Seek ways to purify your own water and reinforce your residence to help protect against stray bullets and missiles.



1st Seal

<p>The First Seal (The Conqueror) The White Horse</p>	<p>The first seal sets loose a rider on a white horse who comes to conquer nations. The rider is <u>not</u> Jesus because He is the one opening the seal therefore He cannot be part of the seal as well. The rider is the antichrist who comes to earth to deceive the nations and proclaim that he is christ.</p> <p>The riding of a white horse is evidence that the antichrists aim is deception to fool people into believing that he is God. Some readers are confused by this but it only takes a little further reading about the type of person this is to come to the conclusion that he isn't Jesus. Jesus comes on a white horse in Revelation 19:11 to claim His throne. (see below) This seal will begin as soon as the covenant with Israel is signed.</p>	<p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A false 'saviour' who conquers nations. • Someone with a withered arm and a blinded right eye. • Someone who creates 'peace' and solves the world's problems with seeming ease. • A very suave and charismatic individual. • He will confirm a covenant with Israel to allow the 3rd temple to be built. • He mandates that everyone receives a mark on their forehead or right hand. • He <u>may</u> not be human.
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Revelation 6:1-2

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see.
2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

Compare that to the below, when Jesus actually returns:

Revelation 19:11-13,16

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

The antichrist will create a false peace by using violence and destroying those peoples and nations who don't align with his ideals. His reign and control over the world will be one achieved by fear and coercion. He will remain on earth for the entire duration of the tribulation, after which he is thrown into the lake of fire at the second coming of Jesus. This individual will be extremely suave, intelligent and charismatic albeit having some kind of battle injury on his arm and right eye. The 'deadly wound' he has sustained is one that people would normally die from, however he survived and all that remains is scarring or some kind of disfigurement.

How did he receive this deadly injury? The only option that the Bible has left open is that it's some kind of battle wound. But what battle? Is this an earthly battle or a heavenly battle? That question might be more easily answered once the individual has been revealed.

I cannot emphasize enough that you should never take the mark of the beast on your right hand or forehead. If you do, you've allied yourself with the devil himself and you will certainly be going to hell when Jesus returns, or when you die, which may be soon considering the judgements that are coming.

Not to mention that the first bowl says that all those with this mark will get painful and putrid sores all over their bodies. You may not be able to buy anything but if you commit yourself to Jesus and live for Him, you will be with Him for eternity in heaven. To clarify, the mark of the beast is most likely enforced 3.5 years into the covenant with Israel, when the antichrist declares himself as god.

Again, here's the physical characteristics of the antichrist if you missed it above:

Zechariah 11:17

17 "Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock!
 A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye;
 His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."

Revelation 13:3

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

Revelation 13:16-18

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

So this is a man who has seen battle or conflict and has wounds on his arm and his right eye.



Survival Tips

Do not be deceived by this individual or believe anything he says. His only goal is to rule the world and be worshipped by man. I believe that COVID-19 was the testing grounds for global fifth-generational warfare, designed to alter people's mindset to prepare them for this coming 'New World Order' and the satanic and Godless society they are fabricating. Throughout the tribulation the separation of fact and fiction is going to get increasingly blurry as these tools of mass disillusionment and control become even more mainstream. Trust only the Word of God in all things. Question everything you're told by others and the media and stay alert to your surroundings.

For a great teaching on the 1st Seal by Chuck Missler, see the hour long videos below:

- **Behold a White Horse - Part 1:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7witCMZ-U0
- **Behold a White Horse - Part 2:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-V9wB92XuA

Related Verses

The Antichrist

- Revelation 13 "...And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns..."
- Zechariah 11:17 "...A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded..."
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 "...and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God..."
- Daniel 7:7-8 "and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots."
- Daniel 9:27 "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering."
- Daniel 11:37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."
- Daniel 7:24-25 "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law."
- Revelation 13:3-5 "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast."
- Revelation 17:1-18 "...one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition."
- Revelation 19:20 "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."
- 1 John 2:18 "...it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming..."

2nd Seal

The Second Seal (Wars) The Red Horse

The second seal speaks of wars that will occur throughout the earth. Peace will be taken from the nations of earth and humanity will kill each other in great number. This stacks with the first seal in which the antichrist goes out to conquer nations in the name of 'peace'.

This seal should start a few months into the tribulation.

Look For

- Global Wars
- Ceaseless Fighting
- World War 3 or 4

Revelation 6:3-4

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."
 4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

These wars will continually escalate throughout the tribulation, pulling nation upon nation into the conflict until the world is consumed by war. This war is likely to be deemed 'World War 3' (or 4) by those around the globe. This war will be nothing like previous wars... World War 2 was fought with relatively low-tech equipment compared with what we have at our disposal today. Imagine if all 13,410 nuclear weapons we have stockpiled in 2020 were used in a war today.

Our Modern Weaponry

- Nuclear Weapons (Both high and low yield will be used across the globe)
- Hypersonic weapons
- EMPs used disable power grids
- AI and combat oriented robots
- Unmanned aircraft and drones will be used to remotely eliminate targets
- Weaponized viruses may be unleashed
- Nerve, blister and blood agents may be utilized
- Drones and micro-drones which can be breathed in to kill from the inside
- False flag attacks and disinformation will be commonplace
- Cyberwarfare will disable strategic utilities remotely



Survival Tips

Avoid all major cities and suburbs during the tribulation period as these may be military targets and will certainly be dangerous to live in with high densities of starving people throughout them. In addition you should avoid military bases, hospitals, airfields, docks, farmland and utilities such as electric plants, pipelines, water plants and dams. However, if you're well equipped (and are called to do so) you could hang around and use this as an opportunity to hand out food while sharing the gospel.

During this war, nations may target satellites and space stations to destroy communications networks, therefore don't rely on technologies such as GPS, satellite phones or satellite internet services such as starlink. CB radios will be perfect for most of your needs.

For a great teaching on the 2nd Seal by Chuck Missler, see the hour long videos below:

- **Behold a Red Horse - Part 1:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZND9AXQ07s
- **Behold a Red Horse - Part 2:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DaM5iAK8C8

Related Verses

Wars

- Matthew 24:6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."
- Mark 13:7 "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet."
- Luke 21:9 "But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.""
- Revelation 16:16 "And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

3rd Seal

The Third Seal (Famine) The Black Horse

The third seal releases famine upon the earth so that food is scarce. In todays society it speaks of hyperinflation where the value of money goes down exponentially, having less and less purchasing power each day. This seal again, stacks with the first two because if there's endless wars, countries will be spending huge budgets on fighting and will have to create more and more money to finance the war.

The third seal should begin about 6 months into the tribulation.

Look For

- Famine
- Destroyed crops
- Hyperinflation
- Shrinkflation
- Supply chain disruptions

Revelation 6:5-6

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.
6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

Typically a quart of wheat is the minimum amount that someone requires to survive each day, and the price shows us that it costs 8 to 10 times more than normal. So a \$4 USD loaf of bread today (in 2019) would cost around \$32 USD. This verse may not reflect actual prices, but it could just mean that someone will work all day and come home with only enough to feed themselves for a single day. If you're reading this ahead of time, it would be wise to stock up on some canned, freeze-dried and other long life foods. You should also remember that God knows exactly what you require to stay alive as per Matthew 6:25-34, Proverbs 10:3 and many other verses, so don't go overboard.

There could also be global natural disasters which destroy huge areas of crops and livestock across the globe, with the possibility of secondary consequences such as locust swarms which rise from flooded areas. Additionally, communistic governments may pay farmers to till over their crops or sabotage food facilities like they did in the Great Depression and are currently doing through America in April 2022.



Survival Tips

It would be wise to start growing your own food long before this seal is triggered so you can live off your crops while blessing others with fresh food. Learn how to preserve food via different methods to help get you through the cold months. Find ways to stretch your food as much as possible and learn to go without every second day if possible. Share what you have with those in need and tell them about Jesus. Try to forage wild edibles in your local area and learn what 'weeds' you can eat. Be sure to positively identify any unknown edibles before you consume them, if you're unsure you can initiate the survival edibility test.

For a great teaching on the 3rd Seal by Chuck Missler, see the hour long videos below:

- **Behold a Black Horse - Part 1:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfAXHCiHA2k
- **Behold a Black Horse - Part 2:** www.youtube.com/watch?v=WICSXjuDpgk

Related Verses

Famine & Pestilence

- Ezekiel 5:12 "One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst;"
- Matthew 24:7/Mark 13:8/Luke 21:11 "And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places."
- Genesis 12:10 "Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land."
- Exodus 9:3 "behold, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence."
- Genesis 41:31 "So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe."
- Job 5:20 "In famine He shall redeem you from death, And in war from the power of the sword."
- Revelation 18:8 "Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine."

4th Seal

TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	4th Seal	<p>The Fourth Seal (Death) The Pale (Green) Horse</p> <p>The fourth seal releases death and hell to kill a quarter of the earth with hunger, disease and beasts of the earth. People globally will go hungry and perish due to a lack of crops, food and from the beasts of the earth. This seal is the logical next step after the 'famine' seal since food prices will be unaffordably high, the result would be deaths by the millions due to starvation.</p> <p>This seal may begin about 8-9 months into the tribulation.</p>	<p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Disease ● Pestilence ● Plagues
				<p>Revelation 6:7-8 7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.</p> <p>Keep in mind that these 'beasts of the earth' may not necessarily be large animals such as bulls and snakes, but could also be microscopic creatures such as bacteria and viruses. When the famine and inflation comes in this seal, people likely won't be able to afford common hygiene items and will therefore make the effects of this seal worse.</p> <p>COVID-19 is a trivial pandemic that shouldn't even be compared to real disasters such as the 1918 Spanish flu which infected a third of the world's population (500mil of 1.5 billion people) with a death rate of 14% for whoever contracted the virus. COVID-19's death rate is around 0.01%-0.05%, but this is being concealed under the guise of population control and power. The point is that this seal will utterly devastate the planet and considering that people will be so over lockdowns and isolation by then, this could spread much quicker than anticipated. Assuming the population of the world will be about 8 billion, that means 2 billion will die.</p> <p>It's possible that these 2 billion deaths could be related to the COVID-19 vaccinations. Upon re-exposure to a wild coronavirus after taking a COVID vaccine, a 'cytokine storm' effect may occur causing massive internal trauma killing the individual quickly. Since over a quarter of the population of the world has taken this self proclaimed 'vaccine' people are likely to die by the millions.</p>	
TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	4th Seal	<p>Survival Tips</p> <p>These plagues are likely to be much deadlier than anything experienced on earth before, don't treat them lightly. Keep fit, eat healthily if possible and get lots of sun. Give what food you have to the lost so you can be a light in these dark days and lead people to the Lord. Remember that you're already saved and you know where you're going when you die - everyone else doesn't.</p>	
				<p>For a great teaching on the 4th Seal by Chuck Missler, see the hour long videos below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behold a Livid Horse - Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=75IbYm0dME ● Behold a Livid Horse - Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBGgaTYWIs 	
TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	4th Seal	<p>Related Verses</p> <p>Disease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exodus 9:8 "and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt." <p>Pestilence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exodus 9:3 "behold, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence." ● Ezekiel 5:12 "One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst;" ● Matthew 24:7/Mark 13:8/Luke 21:11 "And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places." <p>Plagues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Of Egypt (Exodus 7-12) Blood Waters, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Disease, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, Firstborn Death 	
				5th Seal	
TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	5th Seal	<p>The Fifth Seal (Martyrs)</p> <p>In the fifth seal Jesus gives those who were slain for the testimony of God a white robe and are told to wait a little longer. Be wary of the difference between the sealing of those who are killed for Jesus in the tribulation (this seal) versus the sealing of the 144,000 who are Jews.</p> <p>The fifth seal should occur in the second year of the tribulation.</p>	<p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing - This seal likely has no effects visible on earth.
				<p>Revelation 6:9-11 9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed."</p> <p>It's quite shocking that this early into the tribulation there are already many who have been killed for their faith. It really shows the reality that Christians likely won't live long in the tribulation, especially the second half of it. On the other side of the coin - the longer you wait to accept Jesus, the more likely you are to die from the judgements and go to hell for eternity! Accept Him Now!</p>	
TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	5th Seal	<p>Related Verses</p> <p>White Robes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mark 16:5 "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed." ● Luke 9:29 "As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening." ● Revelation 4:4 "Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes;" ● Revelation 7:9-14 "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 	
				6th Seal	
TRSG	The Rapture	The Seals	6th Seal	<p>The Sixth Seal (Powerful Earthquake)</p> <p>The sixth seal starts with a great earthquake, the sun will go black, the moon will turn to blood, the stars of heaven fall to earth which could be meteors or representative of demons. The sky will recede as a scroll then <u>every</u> mountain and island will move out of its place.</p> <p>This is likely to be the most devastating sequence of natural disasters in human history so far and will be an absolute sign that the Bible is true and you must repent. Spread the word of God to everyone and everyone because the worst is yet to come. This seal should start about 2.5 years into the tribulation.</p>	<p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A <u>great</u> earthquake ● Black sun ● Blood red moon ● Stars fall to earth ● The sky recedes ● Every island and mountain moves from their place

Revelation 6:12-14

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood."
 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.
 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place."

A Great Earthquake

There's a lot to deconstruct in this seal. Firstly a great earthquake is fairly straightforward, it's an quake that has a higher magnitude than what the world is typically used to, which could be anything from magnitude 8 to 11. Earthquakes always have an epicentre which could hit almost anywhere on earth, but will most likely occur on a plate boundary. For any large earthquake there are bound to be aftershocks of diminishing size at the epicentre and along the plate boundaries which may continue to travel around the globe as its energy is expended.

A Black Sun

Secondly 'the sun becomes as black as sackcloth of hair' could mean the sun turns black in the same way you turn down the brightness of an item in image editing programs, rendering it black. True black implies that there's no light being reflected off it, but being the sun, it gives off light which brings us to our first contradiction, so this option couldn't be accurate.

It could also mean that only the rays from the sun that are directed toward the earth can't be seen, rendering the sun black. This could be achieved by a massive object such as a rogue planet passing between the sun and the earth. From earth this would make the sun look black as you would be able to see the sun's corona with a large black circle in the middle.

A planet-wide black sun has never occurred that we know of and would certainly be a shock to all those on the planet, particularly if it comes as a surprise. Generally it's the moon which passes between the sun and the earth giving us a total eclipse for a tiny slice of earth. This seems like the most plausible option and will probably cause the most fear as you will be able to see how black the sun is.

The duration of this blackened sun isn't permanent either, because the sun is darkened in the 4th trumpet which means it has to reset at some point.

The Blood Moon

When the earth is somewhere between the sun and the moon, the moon can glow red due to scattering the light of all other colours by earth's atmosphere. That's the simple part, however we have to remember that the sun will be 'black' at the same time. This is where the 'rogue planet' comes in again.

If a rogue planet is lined up perfectly between the sun and the earth and the earth is 'mostly' casting a shadow on the moon, the sun can be black and the moon would appear twice as red as a normal blood moon (albeit half as bright) due to the extra filtering of colours from the rogue planet in addition to the earth. Don't rule out the ability for God to simply turn the moon red by His own power - He turned the Nile to blood, and He can do it again!

The Stars Fall to Earth

The stars falling to earth is a little harder to explain. Throughout the Bible stars are referred to as angels such as when satan draws a third of the stars of heaven (Revelation 12:4). This passage might be referring to demons falling from heaven to earth. We know it couldn't mean literal stars falling to earth because they're balls of flaming gas which would eliminate all life on earth if even one came too close to us. It also can't mean stars falling literally because in the 4th trumpet the stars become darkened, hence they are still around and in their place. So the most likely interpretation could be that it's meteors falling from space into earth's atmosphere, showing up a bright glowing streaks.

The Sky Recedes

Probably the hardest to explain. Firstly for the sky to be rolled up like a scroll you need a higher dimension, a fourth dimension. We have proven there's quite a few higher dimensions out there and that's all we need for this to work. God Himself could roll up our universe, making it smaller. What this looks like in person, I have absolutely no idea, except perhaps the most distant galaxies and stars disappearing as if they 'fall to earth'.

Every Island and Mountain Moves

Every island and mountain will move from their place. This is another tricky one because it doesn't say explicitly that it's caused by the earthquake which also happens in this seal. Something has to shake the entire earth which could either be the earthquake or the sky receding.

If it's the earthquake, the magnitude would have to be in the range of 11-12 to be felt 'strongly' all over the planet. Keep in mind that 1 extra unit on the Richter scale equals 10x the amount of shaking and 33x the amount of energy released. The area at the epicentre of the earthquake would be absolutely decimated for thousands of kilometres to be able to shake the other side of the planet. This leads me to believe that the receding sky is the cause of the shaking due to the fact that it's part of the same verse. Unfortunately I have no idea how the sky can shake... perhaps in the same way that the earth shakes on land, so too can space 'shake' or quiver.



Survival Tips

Since you know a great global earthquake is coming sometime after effects of the 4th seal, try not to spend long periods of time in built up cities or unstable buildings since they may collapse. Remember that earthquakes always have aftershocks, some being almost as powerful as the original which could further destabilise structures. Stay away from the shorelines due to the potential for tsunamis to destroy a good few miles inland around the epicentre. Additionally watch out for volcanic activity which can often precede and follow large quakes. A darkened sun is likely to cause a drop in the temperature on earth which in turn will make it more difficult to grow food, therefore grow what you can beforehand and preserve it.

Combined

- Joel 2:31/Acts 2:20 "The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."
- Matthew 24:29/Mark 13:24 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

Earthquake

- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth."
- Zechariah 14:4 "And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."

Related Verses

Black Sun

- Amos 8:9 "That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight;"
- Luke 23:45 "Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two."
- Revelation 9:2 "So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit."

Blood Moon

- Joel 2:31 "And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."
- Acts 2:20 "And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."

Stars Fall

- Revelation 8:10 "And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch"
- Revelation 9:1 "And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit."
- Revelation 12:4 "His [satan's] tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."

Sky/Heavens

- 2 Peter 3:10 "in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."
- 2 Peter 3:12 "...because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?"

Islands and Mountains

- Revelation 16:20 "Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."

If you understand the way the Bible is set out with its heptadic structure there could be a potential time gap here between the 6th and the 7th seals.

Sealing of the 144,000

Sealing of the 144,000

144,000 Jews receive the seal of God on their foreheads so that they will not be harmed during the tribulation. These Jews are specifically chosen so there are 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes who will survive the tribulation.

Look For

- This event doesn't seem to have any visible signs on earth so it can't be used as a marker.
- 144,000 Jews on earth during the tribulation, since there can never be less than this number.

Revelation 7:3-5

3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

Revelation 7:6-8

6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;
7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;
8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

7th Seal

The Seventh Seal (Silence)

The seventh seal brings silence to heaven for about half an hour. Afterwards an angel throws a censer filled with fire down to earth and there are noises, thunderings, lightnings and an earthquake. These events (such as the noises, thundering and lightnings) may be heard and seen on the earth worldwide but they could also only apply to a single region of the planet such as Israel. Chuck Missler often humorously quips that: "Since there's silence in heaven, there can't be any women there". He's joking of course. This seal should occur the end of the second year.

Look For

- Noises
- Thunderings
- Lightnings
- An Earthquake

Revelation 8:1-6

1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

What I'm interested in is these 'noises'. What sort of noise are they? Will they be heard worldwide? There are obviously more than one noise as it's a plural, so perhaps it's the prayers of the saints echoed around the world as described in the verse?

Related Verses

Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake

- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 8:1) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth."

Prelude to the Trumpets

There should be more than enough evidence that the word of God is true by now if you've made it this far into the tribulation, if not, you don't have long left to repent. You're only one third of the way through the wrath of God. Accept Jesus as your saviour now.

Below is the series of seven trumpets. This follows after the seven seals but precedes the seven bowls. The trumpets occur as part of the 7th seal and aren't a new set of events. Likewise the bowls are contained as part of the 7th trumpet and are therefore part of the 7th seal as well. This is known as a heptadic structure where a set of items are contained within another. Below is a visual example of the heptadic structure in the Bible:

- 1st Seal
- ...
- 7th Seal
 - 1st Trumpet
 - ...
 - 7th Trumpet
 - 1st Bowl
 - ...
 - 7th Bowl



Trumpets

The 7 trumpets of God's judgement

The trumpet judgements begin approximately 1.75 years into the tribulation and end around the 3.5 year mark just before the abomination of desolation. They are often called the 'judgements of the thirds' since most of them affect one third of the earth, whereas the bowls affect the entire earth. Trumpets are often used as a warning throughout scripture and the same seems to apply here since the bowl judgements are much more devastating than the trumpets.

Summarised Trumpet Survival Tips

Throughout the trumpet judgements there's a common theme where the sun is blocked or darkened likely leading to failing crops and colder temperatures across the planet. This occurs in the 1st Trumpet due to widespread smoke, the 4th trumpet due to the sun being darkened supernaturally and the 5th trumpet due to either demons or a massive volcano. Since these events follow each other you should be ready to deal with a continual lack of sunlight and colder temperatures than normal.

There are also multiple judgements which affect the oceans, rivers and springs from this point on, so obtaining potable water will be much more difficult. As always, try to buy, hunt, forage and grow as much food as possible and preserve it for the difficult times ahead - and to share with the lost. When the trumpets are over the mark of the beast will be unleashed so you won't be able to purchase anything (not that there would be much on the shelves anyway), you will also be hunted relentlessly for your faith, so stock up what you can.



1st Trumpet

The First Trumpet (1/3 Vegetation Struck)

The first trumpet rains hail and fire down mixed with blood, burning a third of the trees up and all the green grass.

The first trumpet should begin at the end of the second year of the tribulation.

Look For

- Hail and fire falling
- Global forest fires
- All grass burnt up

Revelation 8:7

7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

The first trumpet seems to describe meteorites entering earth's atmosphere. These meteors will have to be large enough to make contact with the ground to start fires, while also being able to hit every nation on earth since all the grass is burnt up. It's hard to explain how the grass will be burnt up, while also *only* burning a third of the trees.

Then there's the detail that it also hails. Hail is composed of water which would eventually have to melt. Wouldn't this have the reverse effect and extinguish the burning grass? I'm not sure how blood could be mingled with all of it and what effects that would have on the earth. If there's anything you should be grateful for in the tribulation it's that you get to see God's word fulfil itself, seeing exactly what He means by each of the prophecies.

Even though the Bible explicitly says that all grass will be burnt up, this also can be expanded to mean all vegetation. Fire isn't very picky what it consumes and therefore most crops, plants and fields will be destroyed too. Because of how widespread these fires will be, there will be a constant blanket of smoke in the atmosphere which will reduce the penetration of the sun to the surface. This will make it harder to grow food and will also likely lower temperatures across the planet.

Since all the green grass will be burnt up Australians will have nothing to fear since our grass is always brown. (Haha, sorry I had to add that one)

Survival Tips

Try to avoid grassy plains, areas with excessive leaf litter and forests during this period. If you live remotely, store up water to be able to extinguish any fires which may threaten your house. Have an escape plan in the event of an oncoming grass or forest fire such as moving to a lake until it passes. Clean up anything that can be burnt from your property and establish a burn-proof ring of about 30m+ (100ft) wide around your house and anything you don't want destroyed. If you live in a cold climate, stock up on firewood and store it appropriately (fireproofed), because it will be very hard to get after this trumpet. Watch out for the falling meteorites.

Food will also become scarce and even more expensive than it already is due to the burnt crops, the smoke cutting down the sunlight and the animals which die in the fires. If you have electricity, buy some LED grow-lights to replace the sun and to bolster your plants growth in these tough times. There are more judgements coming which affect the sun so craft some kind of metal fireproof shield to hold above yourself to protect from the cinders and hail if you need to move around outdoors. Don't forget to pray for protection.

Related Verses

Hail & Fire Falling

- 7th Plague (Exodus 9:24) "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail..."

Hail

- Joshua 10:11 "...the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah"
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:17) "And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great."

2nd Trumpet

The Second Trumpet (Sea Meteor)

The second trumpet calls something like a large mountain or meteor on the ocean and turns a third of it to blood. A third of all living creatures in the sea die and a third of all ships are destroyed.

This trumpet may begin at the start of the third year of the tribulation.

Look For

- Something like a mountain falling into the sea and turning the water to blood
- 1/3 of sea creatures dead
- 1/3 ships destroyed

Revelation 8:8-9

8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.
 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Sea Meteor Impact

This judgement being a meteor is important to note because it says a third of all ships will be destroyed. The destruction of so many ships can only occur from a huge tsunami overturning and sinking them. For approximately one third of all ships on earth to be destroyed by a tsunami in 2022 (about 18,000 vessels), requires it to either strike the North Pacific Ocean or the North Atlantic Ocean. Depending on the size of the meteor some boats further from the impact zone may be shaken violently but not destroyed.

To further complicate matters, generally objects hurtling towards earth are monitored by space agencies prior to impact and will (hopefully) warn the public so people can evacuate. This means that either the meteor somehow surprises everyone on earth, or they wilfully hide the fact it's coming.

To view marine traffic take a look at: www.marinetraffic.com. I recommend turning on the density map to see the most common routes and then clicking 'playback' to remove the current ship markers. Your guess to where it will strike is as good as mine.

If it strikes the North Pacific Ocean, the tsunami will cover more sea than anywhere else. Countries such as: America, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Japan, China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand are likely to experience the catastrophic effects of the wave striking the mainland.

If it strikes the North Atlantic Ocean, the tsunami will cover less ground than the Pacific but the Atlantic contains more sea traffic. Countries such as: America, Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Brazil, Mauritania, Senegal, Western Sahara, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, France, Ireland, England, Iceland and Greenland are likely to experience the catastrophic effects of the wave striking the mainland.

The countries in both these lists are America and Canada, so be prepared if you live on the shore in either of them. Also remember that God works in mysterious ways and it may still strike the unlikely of seas like the Indian Ocean or the Mediterranean Sea, so search the scriptures. (Acts 17:11)

The different types of ships sailing the ocean today include: Military Vessels, Cargo Vessels, Tankers, Passenger Vessels, High Speed Craft, Tugs, Fishing Ships and Pleasure Craft (Cruisers). If the ships only carrying people are destroyed, people will die, but if one of the oil tankers or cargo ships sinks oil and debris will pollute the ocean harming all types of ocean dwelling animals. This could be part of the reason why 1/3 of ocean dwelling creatures perish, alongside whatever blood-like compounds were in the meteor which leach into the water - further killing sea life.

Blood

The more literally we interpret the Bible, it seems the more it makes sense, therefore the blood is therefore likely to be real blood (along with every other blood-related judgement in Revelation). An important factor to note is that in Exodus when the waters were turned to blood, it included small ponds and lakes which were separated from the main body. The waters stunk and those in Egypt disdainfully drank the water.



Survival Tips

Stay off boats for a while. Watch out for a massive tsunami if you live on the coast of the Pacific or Atlantic ocean. Get to higher ground and at least 30kms (31mi) inland if you confirm the impact site has a direct oceanic line of sight to your location. Ideally you want to get as far away from low lying land as possible and in the best case scenario up a mountain which is at least 300m (984 ft) above sea level, or 500m (1,640 ft) above sea level if you're on the coast. The further inland you go the less altitude you need to be to be safe.

If you're reading this before it happens, create an evacuation plan early just in case it affects you. Tsunamis travel about 700 km/h (500 mph) so calculate your distance to find out how much time you have to evacuate, keeping in mind that you may have received the impact notification late. If you live on a tiny island in either the Pacific or Atlantic such as Hawaii - I would leave for the mainland if possible unless you have a mountain over 1.5km (4,921 ft) tall which you can flee to. Seafood will also become rare after this trumpet since 1/3 of all sea life will now be dead, so you may have to adapt your lifestyle if you're fishing for food.

Related Verses

Mountain & Fire

- Exodus 24:17 "The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain..."
- Deuteronomy 4:11 "Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness."
- Deuteronomy 32:22 "...And set on fire the foundations of the mountains."
- Hebrews 12:18 "For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire..."
- Psalm 83:14 "As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,"

Blood

- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the moon became like blood."
- 2nd Bowl (Revelation 16:3) "...and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died."
- 3rd Bowl (Revelation 16:4) "...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood."
- 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) "...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."

3rd Trumpet

The Third Trumpet

(Wormwood Meteor)

The third trumpet releases "Wormwood" - which seems to be a large meteor that falls on the rivers and springs of the earth making them poisonous.

This trumpet should occur in the third year of the tribulation.

Look For

- A burning meteor (or demon) falling from space, landing on the rivers and springs
- Many people dying from drinking poisoned water

Revelation 8:10-11

10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.
 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter."

Wormwood

Like the second trumpet this seems to be another meteor falling from space. It's hard to understand how this 'meteor' can only land on rivers and especially springs - because springs come from underground and the meteor would have to break up into smaller pieces long before impact to contaminate 1/3 of the worlds rivers. However demons are often called 'stars' throughout the Bible and this demon's name could be 'Wormwood'. Meteors generally don't have names (which aren't scientific concatenations of letters and numbers) and this one is also capitalised thus making it more likely to be a person rather than a named space object. Other uses of the word 'wormwood' in scripture refers to the 'bitterness' or poisoning of the waters and thus isn't capitalised, so it's likely to be Wormwood the demon who poisons the rivers and streams.

Unlike the previous trumpet there doesn't seem to be any visual changes to the water which explains why so many people die. We don't know exactly how many die from the water but it could potentially be millions. I can't ascertain what the poison is and whether or not it can be filtered out by modern purification methods, so it's best to avoid drinking from rivers and springs.



Survival Tips
 It seems there's no visual way to verify whether a water source is poisoned or not, and it's not known whether the toxin can be filtered out of the water supply commercially or with hand purifiers. Therefore it would be best to store as much water as possible prior to this judgement and watch the news until they identify the poison.
 If you didn't store any water and aren't sure whether a source is safe or not - pray about it and use the survival edibility testing method to ascertain whether it's safe or not by slowly increasing the amount you drink over many hours and watching for any adverse reactions. Generally, distilling water is a safe way to remove all pathogens - including from seawater, although it's quite slow to achieve any decent amounts.

Related Verses

Fell/Fall From Heaven

- Job 1:16 ""The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them;"
- Daniel 4:31 "While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven:"
- Matthew 24:29 "the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

Stars/Demons

- Revelation 9:1 "And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit."
- Revelation 12:4 "His [satan's] tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."

Wormwood

- Deuteronomy 29:18 "and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood:"
- Proverbs 5:4 "But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword."
- Jeremiah 9:15 ""Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink."
- Amos 5:7 "You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"

4th Trumpet

The Fourth Trumpet
 (1/3 Heavens Struck)

The fourth trumpet strikes 1/3 of the sun, 1/3 of the moon and 1/3 of the stars so that a third of them was darkened. Days are 1/3 shorter.
 The fourth trumpet should occur about 3.5 years into the tribulation.

Look For

- Days are 1/3 shorter
- 1/3 of the sun is dark
- 1/3 of the moon is dark
- 1/3 stars are dark

Revelation 8:12
 12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

Darkened Sun, Moon and Stars
 This trumpet is also difficult to try and comprehend. Keep in mind that in the 6th seal, the sky receded. It's very likely that the sky still remains 'rolled up' even partially. This trumpet could be a further progression of the 'receding' universe. However for this scripture to be noteworthy the events can't already be happening, therefore the blackened sun, the blood moon and the stars should have returned to their regular states since then. An example is that in seal 6 the stars fell to earth, but now in this trumpet the stars seem to be back in their places. This rules out anything actually happening to the stars back in seal 6 and probably means there's more happening than meets the eye.

A third of the sun 'was struck' or 'smitten' (ἐπιλήγη) and will be 'darkened' (σκοπισθη). Could this refer to the total time the sun is shining? Such as going from shining 24 hours a day to 16 hours a day by turning on and off like a light? If this were true it could only apply to one side of the planet (such as Israel). Also this method couldn't easily be accomplished when looking into the physics of it and doesn't align with scripture very well.

So perhaps 1/3 of the sun is blocked for the duration of the trumpet in the same way eclipses occur. This could be achieved by a slow rogue planet passing between the earth and the sun, blocking up to a third of it for an extended time. This doesn't seem likely at all since the planet would have to be absolutely massive to block a whole third of the sun based on its proximity to earth.
 The last option is that the entire sun's intensity is diminished by a third or 33.3%. This is the most likely option as the Bible seems to imply that the whole sun will be darkened equally on its surface by a third. Joel 2:10 (right) sheds a bit more 'light' on this trumpet which seems to be referring to this event. Overall we can see that scriptures refer to a reduction in the brightness of the sun, moon and stars by about 33.3%, 24 hours a day for the duration of this trumpet.

Joel 2:10
 "The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness."

Days are 1/3 Shorter
 To find some answers for the passage "A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night" we have to look deeper into the reason for the tribulation, which is to bring Israel to salvation. This could be the key to explaining why a third of the day did not shine and likewise [became] a third of the night, because it could only apply to Israel. This is just my interpretation but Israel could have 1/3 less sun on an average day (becoming 8 hours) and somewhere else on the exact opposite side of the world (the pacific ocean) will have 1/3 more sun (becoming 16 hours), hence potentially explaining the verse.

Another possibility to consider is that the previous trumpet meteors (the 2nd trumpet in particular) could have impacted earth so hard that its rotation speed increased up by 1/3, making days a third shorter, and when combined with the 1/3 dimmed sun could explain both passages together.

The last option I will present is that days are 1/3 'shorter' simply because there's less sunlight making it to earth, thus the sky will get darker quicker after it disappears below the horizon.

To sum up, it looks like the sun, moon and stars will be 33.3% (1/3) dimmer and due to the darkened sun the daylight will be gone 1/3 sooner than it would normally.

During the period of the darkened sun, it doesn't mean that the sun's heat will also be reduced by the same third, but there's always the chance that it will be. If this happens then we're looking at a new mini ice age where crops will die and weather phenomena will become extreme.



Survival Tips
 Since the sun is darkened again expect colder weather and poor performance for crops. By now the agriculture industry will be on its knees considering that in the first trumpet all vegetation was burnt up worldwide. If you're reading this in advance, stock up on long life food for you and those around you. Celestial navigation will be much more difficult during this period. Have some firewood and warm weather clothes stocked up in case the weather takes a turn.

Related Verses

- Combined**
- Joel 2:10 "The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness."
 - Matthew 24:29 "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."
- Dark Sun**
- Luke 23:45 "Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two."
 - Revelation 9:2 "So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit."
- Dark Moon**
- Isaiah 13:10 "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine."
- Dark Stars**
- Isaiah 13:10 "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine."
 - Ezekiel 32:7 "When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light."

The First Woe

Revelation 8:13
 13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

The three woe's in the passage above refer to the coming 5th, 6th and 7th trumpets. The intent is to warn the inhabitants of the earth of the devastation that is coming. The use of 3 woes is used in the same content that angels say "Holy, Holy, Holy" to refer to God as three in one. A point to note is that the word "angel" is mistranslated here - it should actually say "eagle".

5th Trumpet

The Fifth Trumpet
 (Locusts & Torment)

The fifth trumpet fills the air with smoke from a pit which blocks out the sun. Locusts (demons) come from the pit and torment those without the seal of God for 5 months. Nobody can die.

This trumpet occurs near the end of the third year and will last exactly 5 months, ending sometime early in the fourth year.

- Look For**
- Nobody dying
 - A huge volcano erupting
 - Air filled with smoke
 - Sun blocked by smoke
 - Extreme pain on those without God's seal

Revelation 9:1-11

1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.
 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit."
 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.
 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.
 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.
 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.
 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.
 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months.
 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

Ephesians 6:12
 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

Smoke Fills the Air
 The smoke can't be a metaphor for demons because demons are called locusts in this passage. The smoke is a separate entity. The phrasing of verse 2 seems to imply that the smoke can visibly be seen and it actually blocks the sun and fills the air densely. Due to this I believe it's referring to a volcanic eruption - or multiple eruptions, particularly a VEI-8 or VEI-9 supervolcano which can cover HUGE areas with tephra, smoke and ash. A VEI-7 volcano projects at least 100km³ of tephra which can fall at around 1,300 kilometres away (2,600 km Ø (diameter)). Keeping this proportion, a VEI-8 would project at least 1,000km³ of tephra which can probably fall between 5,000-7,000 km (10k-14k km Ø) away, covering about half of the planet in various depths of ash.

Whatever causes it, the effects of the smoke blocking the sun would be devastating to all crops, livestock and humans. There's no doubt that it would have a dramatic cooling effect planet-wide, and again, like the 4th trumpet above will cause destructive blizzards and other natural disasters.

The Locusts' Command
 The locusts represent demons released from the bottomless pit which will have the power to torment people who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. We know that 144,000 people from the tribes of Israel are sealed, but I'm not sure if they can harm Christians or not.

As the locusts were commanded not to harm the grass, the trees, or any green thing implies they have the capacity to do so, but not the authority. Only real locusts have a built-in mechanism requiring them to consume flora, trees, weeds and grass. However they can't be anything like the locusts we know today since they can torment people as per the verse "They were given power" and they come from the bottomless pit. These are therefore demons coming from the pit.

- The Locusts' Appearance**
 The appearance of the locusts even further confuses things:
- Shape - "Like horses prepared for battle"
 - Head - "Crowns of something like gold"
 - Face - "Like the faces of men"
 - Hair - "Hair like women's hair"
 - Teeth - "Like lions' teeth"
 - Wearing - "Like breastplates of iron"
 - Wing Sound - "Like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle"
 - Tail - "Like scorpions, with stings in their tails"

There's too much to deconstruct about the appearance of the locusts so I'll just summarise. Each fact about the locusts has the word 'like' which means the writer was describing them the best they could in their ancient language. Many of the facts don't make sense when you think of a conventional locust. How can a locust have a golden crown, women's hair, teeth like a lion and also wear armour? The most plausible explanation is that these 'locusts' are a otherworldly creatures which look nothing like any creature we know today, especially since they have a king over them.

Additionally they come from the 'bottomless pit' which (for obvious reasons) isn't located on earth. What we can ascertain is that these creatures are likely to be about the size of a locust as we know them today and we also know they can fly. We don't know if they are visible or whether or not they can move through walls. They seem to be able to affect every person without God's seal for the whole 5 month duration regardless of their location on earth or whether there are six sealed walls around them or not. Abaddon/Apollyon is likely one of Satan's underlings, a destroying demon and one of the "rulers," "authorities," and "powers" mentioned in Ephesians 6:12.

People Can't Die

This can't be explained with science. You would think being shot in the chest by a tank would kill you. Think again. This won't be a time of celebration however, the Bible says that people will seek death because of the pain but won't be able to die. They will be tormented day and night for five months.

When this trumpet takes effect, people will be so shocked at the pain that many are likely to lose concentration on what they're doing and crash cars, fall over and drop items causing a lot of destruction. People are likely to scream out at the unending pain and their cries will last five months. Considering the amount of pain that those without God's seal will be in, they won't want to leave their house, they will find it hard to sleep and factories and workplaces may be absent. There may also be mass suicides once this trumpet ends.



Survival Tips

Again, the air will be filled with smoke which reduces the amount of light reaching crops likely causing them to wither, if they're still alive at all. Volcanic ash is hazardous to the lungs so wear eye, nose and mouth protection if you're outside in the ashfall radius. Leave your home if you're near the eruption epicentre since ash can easily collapse a roof, particularly if it rains as well. It can also destroy electronics, jam moving parts, kill foliage, destroy aircraft engines and prove lethal to grazing animals.

Ash can block water filters quickly so use prefilters to get rid of as much of it beforehand. Take care not to ingest ash as it contains a lot of chemicals such as flouride which you can overdose on. Additionally you should disconnect any pipes connecting your roof to your water tanks to prevent ash making its way inside. Supply chains are likely to collapse entirely if they haven't already due to everybody being in pain, so buy what you need before this point.

Related Verses

Smoke

- Genesis 19:28 "Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace."

Locusts

- Proverbs 30:27 "The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;" (These locusts have a leader - Abaddon)
- 8th Plague (Exodus 10) "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt"

Seal Torment

- 1st Bowl (Revelation 16:2) "and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:10) "and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain."
- 6th Plague (Exodus 9:9) "...and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast..."

6th Trumpet

The Sixth Trumpet
(1/3 of Mankind Killed)

The sixth trumpet releases four angels to kill a third of mankind using an army of 200 million. The army will utilize modern machines of war such as tanks and helicopters which, from an ancient perspective shoot fire and smoke from their 'mouth'.

This trumpet happens around the start of the fourth year of the tribulation.

Look For

- An army of 200 million who have armour coloured red, blue and yellow
- 1/3 of Mankind Killed

Revelation 9:13-21

- 13** Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14** saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.
- 15** So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.
- 16** Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.
- 17** And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.
- 18** By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.
- 19** For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.
- 20** But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.
- 21** And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The Four Angels

These 'angels' seem to only have one purpose, to kill a third of mankind when they are loosed. Angels who obey God have no need for restraints which is why many believe these are demons. Demons also seem to be territorial and like to attach themselves to objects, which could explain why they are fixed at the Euphrates river.

The Army

Currently the only countries of the world who have 200 million or more population in 2020ⁿ are: China (1.43 Bil), India (1.38 Bil), U.S.A (331 Mil), Indonesia (273 Mil), Pakistan (220 Mil), Brazil (212 Mil) and Nigeria (206 Mil). Therefore the only countries which could have an army of 200 million or more are China and India.

However this army is more likely to be the combined force of multiple countries such as the United Nations peacekeeping force which could eventually become the army of the new global government. Interestingly the UN's armour is a hyacinth blue, so in time they may merge with another army such as the Chinese army. In 2014ⁿ the total size of the UN's army was 104,062 people, far off the required 200 million, therefore something drastic will have to happen if it's the army mentioned in the scriptures. It may also be allegorical and refer to an unseen army of demons.

It is sweet to know the Book of Revelation and what God intends to do, but when we find out that judgment is coming to the Christ-rejecting world around us, we cannot rejoice in that. The prophecy becomes bitter.

Revelation 10:8-11
8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."
9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book."
 And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."
10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.
11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

The Witnesses Killed

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(See the 'Tribulation Overview' section above for the arrival of the witnesses)
 The antichrist rises against the witnesses once they have completed their testimony, he will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for three days and will not be buried. Those on the earth will rejoice over their death, partying and sending gifts to one another because of the torment these witnesses inflicted on the earth in God's name.

Look For

- A televised event of the slain witnesses
- A worldwide party celebrating their death
- They will not bury their bodies

Revelation 11:7-10
7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.
8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.
10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

The Bible doesn't say in what manner the witnesses will be killed but we can guess it has to be something that visually confirms their death such as gunshot wounds, missing limbs or anything else that people can easily see and agree that nobody can survive that type of wound. If you didn't catch it above, the witnesses are likely to be Elijah and Moses for various reasons.

The Witnesses Resurrected

The Witnesses Resurrected

After three and a half days of laying in the street, God will breathe life into them and they will be resurrected. The witnesses then hear a loud voice from heaven and ascend in a cloud.
 Their enemies see this (on television) and in the same hour a great earthquake strikes the city where a tenth of it falls. About seven thousand people are killed in the earthquake and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Look For

- The saints resurrected after 3 days and ascend into heaven
- A huge earthquake in Jerusalem where about 7,000 people are killed
- A mass repentance in Jerusalem

Revelation 11:11-13
11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.
12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.
13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.



Survival Tips
 Avoid Israel but particularly Jerusalem during the period the witnesses bodies lie in the street, since the earthquake will kill 7,000 people.

The Mystery of God is Finished

Revelation 10:5-7
5 The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven
6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer,
7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."

This verse is incredible to come to grips with, because it basically says that everyone on earth, without a doubt will KNOW that there is a God and that these judgements are sent by Him. This is further verified in the 4th, 5th and 7th bowls where the earth dwellers blaspheme against God and will even come together to BATTLE against Him at Armageddon after the 7th Bowl. How deceived and delusional will these people be to actually believe that they will be able to defeat God Himself!?

7th Trumpet

The Seventh Trumpet (Kingdom Proclaimed)

The seventh trumpet proclaims God's kingdom and the temple of God was opened in heaven resulting in lightnings, noises, thunderings and an earthquake and a great hail.
 This trumpet should occur just before the abomination of desolation, 3.5 years into the tribulation.

Look For

- Noises
- Thunder
- Lightning
- An Earthquake
- A Great Hail

Revelation 11:15,19
15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!
19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

The hail must be quite damaging to be called 'great' even by God. To meet this definition I would estimate the hail to be about the largest size recorded to date, but much more widespread. Currently the heaviest hail ever recorded was 1.02kg (2.25lbs).

"The heaviest hailstones on record weighed up to 1 kg (2 lb) and are reported to have killed 92 people in the Gopalganj area of Bangladesh on 14 April 1986."



Survival Tips

Earthquakes and hail are localised disasters so they probably won't affect the whole world. However you should secure your house just in case they do reach you. Make sure your foundations are stable and your belongings are secure with nothing likely to fall and break. Since this is a 'great' hail it's likely that it will be hail that the world has never seen before. You may want to cover your windows with wooden planks, bring your vehicle undercover and avoid dwelling near windows for the duration.

With lightning being mentioned it's probably fairly dangerous, keep in mind that the power may drop out and avoid sheltering under trees and near metal structures. This is your last chance to purchase items you need before the antichrist mandates the 'mark' to be able to buy and sell.

Related Verses

Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake

- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "*And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.*"
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "*And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.*"

You're now 2/3's of the way through the tribulation which should be definitely more than enough evidence to prove the accuracy of the Bible by now, repent and accept Jesus as your saviour today because you may not live much longer. The hailstones in the 7th bowl alone each weigh about 34.2kg (75.3 lbs) each and (at minimum) could be the size of a rounded briefcase to a small car.

Third Temple Complete

The third temple in Jerusalem should be completed by now with worship to God and sacrifices re-established. There will be a small amount of time between the completion of the temple and the abomination of desolation as some sacrifices and worship will occur.



Mid-Tribulation

The middle of the tribulation period

The mid tribulation is a marker which can be used to identify the middle of the tribulation period. The abomination of desolation (discussed below) signifies the turning point in the tribulation and separate the first 3.5 years and the end 3.5 years of the 70th week of Daniel. This point on until the end of the tribulation is known as "The Great Tribulation".

Up until this point the antichrist was a man (or alien) who followed satan's instruction, however from the abomination of desolation onwards satan himself will indwell him directly. He will also gain satanic supernatural powers to deceive the world and to reign in the nations with brutal force while attempting to behead all Jews and Christians and those who don't follow him.

Look For

- The antichrist desecrating the Jewish temple with unclean sacrifices
- An all-out assault against the Jews and Christians of the world
- The mandating of a 'mark' everyone on earth must take
- Beheadings for those who refuse the mark

Do NOT take the mark of the beast!

Revelation 13:16-18

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,
17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

This is likely the point when the antichrist will likely mandate the taking of the mark of the beast on either your right hand or forehead. If you take it, you have allied yourself with the devil himself and you are guaranteed be going to hell for eternity, either when Jesus returns or you die. Which may be soon considering the insane "world-ending" judgements that are coming. Not to mention that the first bowl says that all those with the mark will get painful sores all over their body. You may not be able to buy anything, but if you commit yourself to Jesus and live for Him, but you will be living with Him for eternity in heaven. God is the provider of all your needs.

Revelation 13:17 makes it sound like those taking the mark have a choice between receiving it on their right hand or forehead as well as deciding whether they want this mark as a digital code, the name of the beast or just the number of the beast's name. You cannot be tricked into getting this mark since it will be equivalent to signing your soul to the devil and you will be pledging allegiance to the antichrist over everything else, including God. So if anyone takes the mark, they will be doing it willingly and those who refuse will be beheaded. I'm going to assume that anyone who takes the mark will either have, or grow to have a vicious hatred of Jews, Christians and those who fear God. Once they possess the mark, there's nothing you can do for them, they are eternally lost, so it's best to avoid them to prolong your life and reach those who haven't taken it.

This will play out almost identically to the COVID-19 'vaccine' experiment, except denying their lies this time will result in their beheading - likely because some new manufactured plague was unleashed on humanity with this 'mark' being the only way to protect others. Something else to point out is that this mark will be the number of the antichrist and not a personal identification number such as a bank account number. This number will be related to him and will have the ciphered number 666 hidden within it.

The mark will allow you to purchase items for free as part of the antichrist's socialist/Marxist agenda. The mark may also give those who take it demonic powers such as curing sickness, disease, boosting your IQ, 'enlightening you', strengthening your muscles or more. However none of these are worth the price you pay for it - AN ETERNITY IN HELL. This temptation will be just like Adam and Eve in the garden when satan deceived them by saying:

Genesis 3:4

4 "You will not surely die. **5** For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So essentially satan says: "You won't die (spiritually) if you take this mark, but instead your eyes will be opened and you will be enlightened and empowered." Pretty incredible huh? He's still up to his same old tricks.

The reason why taking the mark of the beast is irreversible could be that it alters your DNA permanently thus removing you from the scope of being human. Jesus died on the cross ONLY for the sins of humanity and since their DNA will be changed permanently, His death won't cover anyone who takes this mark - even if they try to remove the external mark and repent. However I don't see anyone trying to remove the mark as they will probably be blinded to the truth as soon as they take it.

The reason why the COVID-19 'vaccine' still allows you to be saved by Jesus - even if it alters your DNA, could be because the coming antichrist isn't human. Therefore this 'alien' will probably combine their own demonic DNA with the mark of the beast, enhancing any human who takes the mark but turning them into a demonic hybrid of a fallen race - just like the Nephilim in Noah's day. (Genesis 6:4) This 'mark' will likely take the form of a Luciferase Quantum Dot RNA vaccination with 'palisade' type spikes on the bottom so it's small and painless to administer. This 'vaccine' will be readable with scanning technology or trackable from the 5G Internet Of Things (IOT) network.

Abomination of Desolation

In the Bible, the abomination of desolation is the act of the antichrist sitting on the throne in the recently rebuilt temple and declaring himself as god. When this act is witnessed worldwide on television, Jews and any other Christians in the area will flee from Israel immediately - not even going into their homes to grab items. This starts the second half of the tribulation where those without the mark of the beast are hunted and beheaded and Jews are persecuted, causing 2/3 of them to eventually perish. Assuming there's about 7 million Jews living in Israel, that means about 4.67 million of them will die by the end of the tribulation.

This is the point in which the antichrist (satan-incarnate) is given satanic powers such as raining fire from heaven. (See Revelation 13)



Survival Tips

NEVER take the mark of the beast, as this would be equivalent to signing your eternal death certificate and that's the exact opposite of what this guide is for. With the antichrist now attempting to murder all Jews and Christians on the planet you need to take your ministry underground. Hopefully you have found yourself a small group of believers who will continue to survive to reach the remaining lost. This is a critical time to tell people not to take the mark of the beast or they will lose their ability to be saved!

During this time you may have to choose between losing your life for Jesus but saving a soul, or fleeing to try and continue to save souls. The Lord will put on your heart what is right to do in the moment. There are a few examples in scripture where believers had to flee to ensure the continuation of the line of David. Remember that those who survive the tribulation will populate the millennium, so according to God's word, there MUST be some who live through these events - so never give up.

Since you will be hunted by the antichrist from this point forwards, you should dispose of any technology which can be tracked. This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and ANY devices with Bluetooth, WiFi or GPS capabilities. Each of these technologies can be tracked in one way or another using various methods. Only keep something if it's absolutely essential to your survival or you've 'debugged' it by using privacy friendly operating systems or have destroyed the transmitting or recording capabilities.

Every function your mobile phone has can be replaced by other technologies or non digital techniques. You should utilize these wherever possible as the internet will be thoroughly controlled and vetted by the one world government. Have a physical Bible over a digital one!

The Jews Second Exodus

The Jews flee from Israel and will be hunted and killed by the antichrist for the remainder of the tribulation. They will flee into the desert - to Petra, for 3.5 years where they will be protected and sustained by God. Bibles were concealed somewhere in Petra hundreds of years ago in preparation for their arrival so that they may come to know Jesus Christ - the God they rejected.

Hosea 5:15

I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

Notice that He says 'return to my place'. This implies that He left heaven, and He did, when He came to die on the cross for our sins 2,000 years ago.

Matthew 24:15-18

15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),
16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains."
17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.
18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

Mark 13:14-21

14 "So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
15 Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.
16 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."
17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
18 And pray that your flight may not be in winter.
19 For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.
20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.
21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it.

Luke 21:23

23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14 comment "Let the reader understand". If you read this you should look into the meaning of the "Abomination of Desolation" in the first temple, but for simplicity I've added a quick description below:

History of the Abomination of Desolation

In 167 B.C. a Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanies set up an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt offerings in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He also sacrificed a pig on the altar in the holiest Temple in Jerusalem. This event is known as the abomination of desolation. The same thing will occur again, this time committed by the antichrist, but likely even worse.



Bowls

The 7 bowls of God's judgement

The bowl judgements begin approximately 5-6 years into the tribulation and end around the 7 year mark. By this point most people would likely have chosen to either take or reject the mark of the beast. Since those who have taken the mark are going to hell there's no point preaching to them or sharing your resources with them. They will be able to buy and sell, but you won't, so your efforts are best used trying to find those without the mark who still aren't saved, and trying to stay alive yourself. Your best opportunity to find these people is during the first bowl when the loathsome sores cover only those with the mark.



Summarised Bowl Survival Tips

The bowl judgements seem to be the most devastating to earth and the most difficult to prepare for considering everything that has already transpired. Every river and body of water will be turned to blood which makes it nearly impossible to find clean sources of water to drink. All sea creatures die which now eliminates the most abundant source of food, since the fires in the first trumpet probably killed most of the animals.

The final mega-quake and massive hail will literally decimate cities across the planet, but ideally you would be living far from major cities by now. Additionally you will be hunted by the antichrist for not taking the mark, therefore you won't be able to show your face in public without being in danger.

1st Bowl

The First Bowl (Loathsome Sores)

The first bowl pours out foul and loathsome sores on everyone with the mark of the beast or who worshiped the antichrists image. The sores are unique to those with the mark of the beast - which could be due to a biological oversight when designing this 'mark'.

Be warned that as a Christian during this period you will easily stand out due to your lack of sores. The antichrist himself probably won't have the mark of himself and therefore might not be subjected to these sores.

The first bowl may begin around the sixth year of the tribulation.

Look For

- Sores and pain for those who have the mark of the beast and worship his image

Revelation 16:2

2 So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

It sounds like these sores cover the whole body of those with the mark and not just the area around the mark. They will also be foul, meaning that they will both look putrid and smell revolting. Mark-bearers won't want to come near each other because of the stench and many contact based jobs will have to be suspended.

Sex will likely be avoided until the sores are gone. Loathsome could imply that people will utterly hate these sores on their bodies and will seek to remove them by any means possible. It is unknown how long this bowl judgement will last and if the sores will remedy themselves or last through to the end of the tribulation.



Survival Tips

During this period you will easily stand out as someone who hasn't taken the mark, so it may be wise to stay concealed for the duration since those who have these sores are already destined for hell. However this will also be a great way to find people who haven't taken the mark and are potentially open to accepting Jesus as their savior.

Related Verses

Sores & Pain

- 5th Trumpet (Revelation 9:5) "And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man."
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:10) "and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain."
- 6th Plague (Exodus 9:9) "...and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast..."

2nd Bowl

The Second Bowl (Sea Turns to Blood)



The second bowl turns the entire sea to blood and every living creature in it dies. This bowl occurs around 6.5 years into the 7 year tribulation.

Look For

- The entire sea is blood
- All sea creatures die
- All fishing stopped
- Seafood becomes non-existent

Revelation 16:3

3 Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

TRSG	The Bowls	2nd Bowl	<p>A while after death, blood separates into a clear watery top layer with a thick red under layer. This could be what the Bible refers to by 'blood as of a dead man'. This judgement will kill <u>everything</u> that was still alive in the sea after the second trumpet when 1/3 of all sea creatures were killed. After people realize that everything in the ocean is dead, fishing will likely stop for the remainder of the tribulation. Seafood will become non-existent with the only fish remaining being in man-made tanks.</p> <p>By reading the text carefully it sounds like the sea creatures died due to the sea becoming blood which eliminates the possibility that the dead sea creatures caused the sea to turn to blood. It's unknown whether the entire sea will become blood at the exact same time or it will originate from a point and spread. It's also possible that the waters will stink, just like in Exodus.</p> <p>For further reading I recommend looking at Exodus 7:14-25 where Moses turns the waters to blood.</p>
			<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Survival Tips</p> <p>Avoid living near the ocean from this point on as it will smell putrid and there will be carcasses of dead sea life floating on the surface. Avoid scavengers and other meat eating birds near the ocean as they will spread disease rapidly. If you're reading this ahead of time you shouldn't depend on fishing as a food source anymore because the next bowl also likely eliminates fresh water life too. Instead try to hunt wild animals and preserve home grown foods. Ideally you should have preserved food years ago to last through this period.</p> </div> </div>
TRSG	The Bowls	2nd Bowl	<p>Related Verses</p> <p>Blood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the moon became like blood." • 2nd Trumpet (Revelation 8:8) "...and a third of the sea became blood." • 3rd Bowl (Revelation 16:4) "...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood." • 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) "...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."
			<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Bowl</p>
TRSG	The Bowls	3rd Bowl	<p>The Third Bowl (Waters Turn to Blood)</p> <p>The third bowl turns all the rivers and springs to blood because the evil have spilt the blood of saints and prophets.</p> <p>This bowl most likely starts late into the 6th year of the tribulation.</p> <p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rivers, springs and lakes are blood
			<p>Revelation 16:4-7</p> <p>4 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.</p> <p>5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things.</p> <p>6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due. And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."</p> <p>In the same way that the previous bowl turned the seas to blood, this one will turn the rivers, springs and subsequently the lakes to blood as well. Since it's difficult to explain how this happens because rivers generally come from rain and springs from underground, so let's just say it's done by God's divine power. The scripture doesn't mention that the life in the rivers and springs dies, but one would assume they do since the last bowl killed all life in the ocean. With that said, eventually the dams that supply cities will turn to blood also, however it's unknown whether the blood can be filtered out of the water with modern methods.</p> <p>For further reading I recommend Exodus 7:14-25 where Moses turns the waters to blood.</p>
TRSG	The Bowls	3rd Bowl	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <p>Survival Tips</p> <p>Again, try to avoid spending time near rivers and springs as there may be an increase in disease if everything in the rivers and lakes also dies. Clean water will become the biggest issue and conventional water purifiers may not remove the blood completely. You should store clean water in as many containers as you can prior to this judgement, even if it's not filtered - since you can do that later or use it for bathing. Distillation or Reverse Osmosis are probably your two best options to filter blood from water.</p> <p>It's not known how long this polluted water will last, but you should have enough water to give out generously to those who need it. A difficult question arises at this point which I can't answer... "Should you give water and supplies to those who have taken the mark of the beast, since they are going to hell anyway?"</p> </div> </div>
			<p>Related Verses</p> <p>Blood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the moon became like blood." • 2nd Trumpet (Revelation 8:8) "...and a third of the sea became blood." • 2nd Bowl (Revelation 16:3) "...and it [the sea] became blood as of a dead man." • 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) "...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."
TRSG	The Bowls	4th Bowl	<p style="text-align: center;">4th Bowl</p>
			<p>The Fourth Bowl (Men Are Scorched)</p> <p>The fourth bowl causes the sun to scorch men with great heat. Those alive won't be able to cool themselves easily due to all of the natural waters being blood as per the second and third bowls.</p> <p>The fourth bowl probably occurs early into the seventh year.</p> <p>Look For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brutal sunlight • Extremely hot days • Blasphemy against God • Possible wildfires
TRSG	The Bowls	4th Bowl	<p>Revelation 16:8-9</p> <p>8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.</p> <p>9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.</p> <p>For the sun to be able to scorch people with a great heat, the effects of the 4th trumpet where 1/3 of the sun was struck must have been undone. Since the previous sun-altering judgements, the world will have cooled down greatly, particularly in the 5th trumpet when the sun was blocked by thick smoke. This bowl would likely counter those lasting effects and semi-stabilize the planets temperature, that is until it overheats.</p> <p>It's hard to tell just how powerful this scorching will be from scripture, but I would imagine that if sunlight made contact with your skin even for a few minutes it would cause a first degree burn. It's conjecture on my part, but I have a feeling that this heat could also render the international space station inoperable and destroy many of our satellites. A belief that God's judgement can't affect you because you're in space is naive.</p> <p>During this bowl the residents of earth blaspheme God directly, this implies that they KNOW there's a God and that this is His judgement on the world. The actual point at which God is revealed to the planet is right before the 7th Trumpet. The Bible says in Revelation 10:7 that "in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."</p>
			<p>Revelation 16:8-9</p> <p>8 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.</p> <p>9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.</p>



Survival Tips
 Stay out of direct sunlight for the duration of this bowl or risk being severely burnt. It may be wise to construct some form of handheld shield to hold above you in areas where there's no shelter. (Umbrellas may not suffice). In addition, have some Vitamin D tablets handy to stay healthy and avoid a deficiency. The only reprieve you'll get from this bowl is at night, so you should work through the night and sleep during the day. Since your body temperature is lower when you sleep, it will help keep you cool.

Construct a shelter over your plants or bring them inside to help preserve them. Avoid your body temperature getting over 37°C (98.6° F) by drinking plenty of fluids, spraying yourself with water occasionally, fanning yourself and using a wet cloth on shallow veins. Avoid exerting yourself, but if you need to - know the signs of hyperthermia and heat stroke. Small bodies of water may evaporate making it difficult to source any, so again it's recommended to stop up and keep it shaded.

Related Verses

- Sun**
- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair..."
 - 4th Trumpet (Revelation 8:12) "...And a third of the sun was struck..."; "A third of the day did not shine..."
- Scorched**
- Deuteronomy 28:22 - "Burning Up"

5th Bowl

The Fifth Bowl
 (Darkness and Pain)

The fifth bowl plunges the kingdom of the beast into 'painful' darkness and gives everyone in Babylon painful sores. This will be darkness that you can physically feel just like the darkness plague in Egypt back in Exodus.

The fifth bowl likely occurs about 6.5 years into the tribulation.

- Look For**
- Literal darkness in Babylon
 - A darkness you can feel
 - Pain to those in Babylon
 - Blasphemy against God

Revelation 16:10-11
10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.
11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

Not only would they be able to feel this darkness, they won't be able to see each other for the duration of this judgement just like Egypt back in Exodus. This is another judgement which can't be explained with science, but seems to be spiritual. Even after so many plagues, disasters and judgements they still won't repent and instead blaspheme against God almighty.



Survival Tips
 You shouldn't be anywhere near Babylon, but if you are, get out before this bowl begins.

Related Verses

- Darkness**
- 9th Plague (Exodus 10:21-29) "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.""

6th Bowl

The Sixth Bowl
 (Euphrates Dried Up)

The sixth bowl dries up the Euphrates river to make way for the kings of the east. Demons go out to the nations of the earth to gather them to battle God. It takes a very depraved mind or a strong deception to trick nations into believing that they can defeat the God of the universe in a battle with mortal weapons.

This bowl occurs late in the 7th year.

- Look For**
- The Euphrates river dries up
 - The armies of the east travelling to Armageddon
 - Demons gather kings together in Israel at Armageddon

Revelation 16:12-16
12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.
13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.
14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.
15 Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."
16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

The Euphrates
 The Euphrates is the longest and one of the most historically important rivers of Western Asia. Together with the Tigris, it is one of the two defining rivers of Mesopotamia. It is approximately 2,800 km (1,700 mi) long. The Euphrates receives most of its water in the form of rainfall and melting snow, resulting in peak volumes during the months April through May.

Since rain and snow is the primary source of the volume of water it's likely that the extreme heat in the 4th bowl prevents rain and snow and therefore could be the reason it dries up. That isn't to say there can't be other reasons why it dries up, such as a dam construction or supernatural intervention. Currently the Euphrates restricts movement from the east to the west due to its large width which ranges from about 45m (147ft) at its narrowest point to about 2.7km (1.67mi) at its widest point.

Gathering Against God
 To finish off this bowl, demons will go out to the ends of the earth from the satanic trinity and gather together the nations in Armageddon to battle God. They absolutely cannot win against an eternal God who made them, the earth and the universe. Since there's 3 frogs coming from each of the satanic trio, it sounds like there will be at least, or exactly 9 nations gathering to fight God at Armageddon.

A reason why they believe they will have a chance at defeating God is all the movies that come out of Hollywood depicting humans defeating aliens and gods who attempt to invade. Another reason could be that if the antichrist is an alien himself - he could lie to the world that Jesus can be defeated - which is utter nonsense. Soon, Jesus Himself will destroy them with the brightness of His coming.

Coming as a Thief
 Verses 15 and 16 in Revelation 16 are a parentheses between the 6th and the 7th bowl, just like between the 6th and 7th seals and the 6th and 7th trumpets. It does NOT mean that this is the point when the rapture occurs - although if you're following along in the tribulation you would already know this.



Survival Tips

There's no reason why any believer should be anywhere near Armageddon at this point. If you are, get out - unless of course you're called by God. If you're residing anywhere along the Euphrates you will need to find a new source of water. Additionally you may want to consider leaving the area in case the armies from the east find you.

Related Verses

Dried Up

- Nahum 1:4 "He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers."
- Genesis 8:7 "Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth."
- Joshua 2:10 "For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt"
- Joshua 4:23 "for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,"

If you understand the way the Bible is set out with its heptadic structure there could be a potential time gap here between the 6th and the 7th bowls.

7th Bowl

The Seventh Bowl
(Armageddon)

The seventh bowl releases noises, thunderings and lightnings and the biggest earthquake in history dividing Babylon into 3 parts. Every mountain falls, islands move out of place and exceedingly great hail falls from heaven. This judgement will completely change the face of the planet.

Look For

- Noises, Thunder, Lightning
- The biggest earthquake in all history splitting Babylon into 3 parts
- Hailstones each about 34.2kg (75.3 lbs) fall from heaven
- Blasphemy against God

The final bowl concludes the tribulation period.

Revelation 16:17-21

17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"
18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.
19 Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.
20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.
21 And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Hail

A hailstone weighing 1 talent would equal 34kg or 75lbs today and would be about the size of 33 litres (8.7gal) of water frozen into a solid block. This block of ice would therefore (at minimum) be 33 x 33 x 33cm (13x13x13 in). However since only 5% of hail is frozen water it would likely be much larger than that. It only takes hail the size of a golf ball to kill someone and this hail could be the size of a briefcase or small car (but round).

Additionally if this hail is produced by a storm (and doesn't come from space), it would have to be massive in size, with extremely strong updrafts!

Earthquake

For an earthquake to be so large that it has never occurred before in human history, it would have to be at least a magnitude 10, assuming that some of the previous judgement earthquakes were magnitude 9.5-10's. It would also likely have to be less than magnitude 15 as an earthquake of this scale could potentially wipe out all life on earth. We also know that this earthquake splits Babylon into 3 parts, therefore the epicentre will be nearby.

I would place the magnitude of this earthquake at around 12-14 to be able to collapse every island and mountain on the planet. Keep in mind that the scriptures don't explicitly say that the earthquake caused the islands and mountains to disappear, so keep other options open.

Babylon will likely be constructed around Al-Hillah in Iraq where the previous Babylon empire was located. The coordinates are 32.478642, 44.451235 (32° 28' 43.1" N, 44° 27' 4.4" E) if you're interested. If you want the safest place from the earthquake I recommend the antipode (the opposite side) which would be Australia or New Zealand. However, since there will be catastrophic aftershocks circling the globe it's likely that many tsunamis will follow, making nowhere safe. This is one of your last chances to repent and turn from your ways.

Blasphemy

For people to be able to blaspheme against God they must know that there is a God causing these disasters in the first place, but if you believe that there's a God who created the universe, why would you attempt to go up against Him with mortal weapons?



Survival Tips

This bowl would absolutely cause the most sheer destruction worldwide by a long shot, so take into account that you aren't likely to survive this this no matter where you are on the planet. This earthquake will be absolutely devastating to the entire planet. The Bible says that EVERY city falls so by default you should stay far from any major cities, buildings and objects which may collapse on you. Stay away from mountains, oceans, boats and valleys as well. The epicentre of the earthquake will probably be Babylon since it's split into three parts, therefore the antipode (New Zealand or Australia) is potentially the safest place to be.

Due to the sheer size of this earthquake it *could* also cause a colossal tsunami, so stay away from shorelines. Don't stay on an islands either as they will 'flee away', or in other words - dissipate. If you can, find a large flat piece of land without many landscape features or trees. The insanely large hail will almost definitely pelt Babylon and may also fall on other rebellious cities of man worldwide. Since you're already likely dwelling in crude shelters they probably won't stand up to 34kg (75lbs) hail. Pray that God will spare you from these plagues.

"It is done!" Revelation 16:17

Earthquakes

- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "there was a great earthquake"
- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."
- Zechariah 14:4 "And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."

Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake

- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

Related Verses

Hail

- 7th Plague (Exodus 9:24) "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail..."
- Joshua 10:11 "...the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah"
- 1st Trumpet (Revelation 8:7) "And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

Blasphemy

- Leviticus 24:16 "And whoever blasphemes the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death."
- The Beast (Revelation 13:6) "Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name...."
- 4th Bowl (Revelation 16:9) "...and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues..."
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:11) "They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores..."

The Fall of Babylon

The Fall of Babylon

At the conclusion of the seventh bowl Babylon is proclaimed to be destroyed. The Bible says that every island, mountain and city of the nations will fall in the greatest cataclysm of history. The earthquake in the seventh seal is likely to cause many tsunamis which wrap around the globe causing further damage.

Look For

- The city of Babylon splits into three parts by a tremendous earthquake.



Survival Tips

Don't go anywhere near Babylon no matter how alluring it may be. This city is destined for utter annihilation and up until then will be a cesspool of the most vile things imaginable.

Revelation 16:19

Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Revelation 18:2

"And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

For more see Revelation 18.

This is everyone's absolute last chance to repent and change their ways before the second coming of Christ (if they haven't taken the mark), even then it's cutting it fine. See further below for information on salvation and how you can be saved.



Post-Trib

The events after the tribulation period

Tribulation End

This just marks the end of the tribulation or the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" which ends when God's wrath is fulfilled (The 7th Bowl). As soon as it ends, Matthew 24:29 and Mark 13:24 say that the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

These events occur as soon as the tribulation ends and lead into the glorious return of Jesus Christ. The world will exist about 45 days after the end of the tribulation while the armies of the world continue to gather at Armageddon.

Look For

- A darkened sun
- The moon won't shine
- Stars will, or have previously fallen from Heaven
- The powers of heaven will be shaken
- The sign of the Son of man
- The nations mourn

Matthew 24:29-31

29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Mark 13:24-27

24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;

25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.



Survival Tips

There's not long left until the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ, just hold out a few more weeks. You probably won't be able to grow food due to the darkened sun and will have to forage or hunt to survive. It's hard to ascertain what effects the 'shaking the powers of heaven' will do on earth, but be ready for anything. Stay far away from Israel during this time.

Armageddon Gathering

The armies of the antichrist gather at Armageddon (Tel-Megiddo) to 'battle' God. An interesting point to note is that these armies of the earth seem to know that God will bring His own army as well, as per verse 19. Keep in mind that Jesus and His armies aren't here yet - they are still expecting Him.

Look For

- The armies of the world gathering at Armageddon

Revelation 16:16

And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

Revelation 19:19

And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army

Coordinates of Armageddon

- 32°36'57"N
- 35°12'46"E

During the time since the tribulation ended, the sun will be darkened, the moon won't give any light and the stars will fall from heaven. The powers of heaven will also be shaken, however not much is know about what this will actually look like in person.

This army won't be a bunch of catapults and people with spears, but the finest military earth has to offer, led by what is likely to be the most intelligent man (or alien) who's ever existed, who is incarnated with the most intelligent fallen being of all - satan.

The arsenal of weapons utilized in this battle almost definitely includes nuclear weapons, hypersonic missiles, jets, drones and every other type of modern warfare known to man. There's even the chance that these 'aliens' give us access to extremely powerful technology and weapons - ships that can seemingly defy gravity and move at obscene speeds while making right-angle turns, and new weapons which make our nuclear arsenal look like toys.



Survival Tips

Stay far away from Armageddon and Israel.

The Second Coming

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory."
Matthew 24:30

This is the second coming of Jesus, where He purges the world of sin and rules from Jerusalem for 1,000 years. Unlike the first coming as a human, this time Jesus returns in all His might, power and wrath, destroying His enemies on arrival. Behind Jesus will be the armies of heaven and the raptured saints riding white horses and clothed in white apparel. The chance of the army gathered at Armageddon actually winning against God is 0%, nil, zero, nada, with absolutely no doubt about it.

When this event occurs there's no use for the remainder of this document. If you've survived to the end of the tribulation as a firm, born-again Christian then you should be excited for the second coming of Jesus. You will be the people who populate the earth in the millennial reign.

Jesus' Return

This is the greatly anticipated second return of Jesus Christ. During the rapture He never touches the earth, therefore it's not counted as a return. Unlike the rapture, this time Jesus is visible to all those on the earth - regardless of where they are on the planet. We know Jesus' second coming will be a literal event which will be just like the first time He ascended to heaven, as mentioned in scripture below.

Acts 1:9-11
9 "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.
10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,
11 who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"

- Look For**
- Jesus with an army from Heaven
 - His feet will touch the Mount of Olives
 - The Mount of Olives splits in two

Revelation 19:11-16
11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.
15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Zechariah 14:3-9
3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.
4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.
5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You.
6 It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish.
7 It shall be one day which is known to the Lord— Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light.
8 And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.
9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The Lord is one," And His name one.

The Army Defeated

The antichrist and his armies are defeated by Jesus and afterwards the birds feast on their bodies.

Revelation 19:15 "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations."

- Look For**
- Birds flying towards Armageddon
 - Jesus annihilating all those who are opposed to Him
 - The antichrist and his armies defeated
 - The birds feasting on the armies bodies

Revelation 19:17-21
17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of the heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,
18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."
19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.
20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

Notice how the scripture goes straight from 'the armies were gathered together' to 'the capturing of the beast and the false prophet. How were they captured so easily without a fight? Jesus did it all. Even though He brought the armies of heaven with Him, He defeats the army single-handedly as described in verse 21. All Jesus needs to obliterate them is the Word of God, also known as the sword that proceeds from His mouth.

The beast and false prophet were cast alive into hell? Does that mean they will die there, and then their spirit continues to burn? Or is this an unconsuming fire which will constantly burn their physical bodies? It's interesting to note that there's no judgement or trial for these two like everyone else created by God. They go straight to the lake of fire, whereas everyone else unsaved who has died awaits judgement in Hades.

Satan Bound

Satan is bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit so that he may no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years are up. After the thousand years he must be released for a little while to deceive the nations once more.

Revelation 20:1-3
1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

The Sheep and Goats Judgement

The sheep and goats judgement occurs after the tribulation when Jesus returns to claim His throne. Everyone who remains on the earth will be grouped into either the sheep (His followers) or the goats (those who lived for themselves or worshiped the antichrist). Remember that only those who gathered to battle God were destroyed. There are still those with the 'mark', those who are unsaved, and the surviving believers around the world. After the sheep and goats are sorted, those who are on His left will be sent to hell forever and those on His right will inherit the kingdom with Him and will live during the coming millennium.

Matthew 25:31-46

- 31** *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*
- 32** *All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*
- 33** *And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*
- 34** *Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*
- 35** *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*
- 36** *I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*
- 37** *"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?*
- 38** *When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*
- 39** *Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*
- 40** *And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*
- 41** *"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*
- 42** *for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;*
- 43** *I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'*
- 44** *"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?'*
- 45** *Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*
- 46** *And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*



Millennium

The 1,000 years of Jesus' reign from Jerusalem

The millennium is the period of 1,000 years when Jesus reigns over the entire earth with a rod of iron. (Revelation 19:15) Nations must travel to Jerusalem once a year to maintain blessings from Him or He will withhold rain on that nation. During the millennium there will be births and deaths as we know them now since this is still a sinful world, however the average age of a person is much longer, greatly exceeding 100 years old. Animals will no longer harm people and a child can play with a cobra without fear. However those who don't worship or follow God will be cursed and have shorter lives.

The Believers Live with Christ

Those who were loyal to Christ during their life and walked closely with Him will reign with Jesus for the millennium with their glorified bodies. Those who were saved but didn't walk the path set for them will just live in the millennium without reigning. Glorified bodies are physical bodies which aren't sinful and come with multi-dimensional abilities such as those which Jesus utilized after His resurrection - like appearing in a sealed room. It's strange to consider how these two different groups will interact with each other throughout the millennium. Those with glorified bodies will be able to move into secure buildings, teleport across the planet instantly and will never get sick or die.

Revelation 20:4-6

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

The verse above describes those who died in the tribulation for their testimony of Jesus and who did not take the mark will live and reign with Jesus for the 1,000 years. Those who did not believe aren't resurrected until the Great White Throne Judgement which occurs after the millennium is complete.

Isaiah 65:20-25

20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them.

24 "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the Lord.

The verse above describes the greatly increased maximum age in the millennium. Someone who is 100 years old will be considered a child with most of their life ahead of them. The sinners however will be cursed with a shorter life. This implies that there will still be sin in the world even without the deceiver - satan.

The world will also be much more fruitful such as crops being easier to take care of and produce much more food. Children will be raised righteously with a love, and a righteous fear of God, yet they will have free will and will be able to choose between right and wrong as evidenced by some nations not coming to Jerusalem for the feast of tabernacles each year. (Zechariah 14:17-19)

Zechariah 14:16-21

16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the Lord of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the Lord of hosts.

This passage says that the nations of the world will come to Jerusalem each year to worship the Lord and to take part in the feast of tabernacles. However for those nations that don't, the Lord will withhold rain on their lands.

Isaiah 11:6-9

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatting together; And a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11 is an interesting passage describing what living in the millennium will be like. Animals will settle down and won't harm each other, or humans during the millennium. Children and their parents won't have any fear of snakes - or any other animal.

The Rebellion

After the thousand years of Jesus' peaceful reign, satan is released to deceive the nations once again. He lures them with a lie and then brings them against God, and against His people by surrounding the city of Jerusalem. The army he musters will number as many as the sand of the sea which just shows how many people will be alive at the end of the millennium since nobody dies as young or as easily anymore. God then, once again destroys this army by fire from the sky.

Revelation 20:3
"But after these things he [satan] must be released for a little while."

This rebellion and the build up to the surrounding of Jerusalem could take many years and may not occur straight after the thousand years are up. Satan needs time to spread his lies to the nations and to deceive those who live on the earth with lust, selfish pleasures, pride and a hatred of all things righteous.

Revelation 20:7-9

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Satan's Demise

Finally, the devil is thrown into hell to be tormented for ever and ever after God destroys the rebellion. He will be joining the antichrist and the false prophet who have been there burning for the past thousand years already. Take heed of the Bible's precision when it says they will burn forever and ever. This isn't an allegory for 'spiritual burning' and it's not saying that they will eventually be consumed by this fire - they will literally be burning for eternity.

Revelation 20:10

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

The Great White Throne Judgement

At the Great White Throne Judgement the dead who had not believed in God or followed his word are resurrected to be judged. Heaven and earth will flee away from the face of Him who sits on the throne, which is hard to imagine since we always picture something physical when we think of heaven.

Those not found in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire to pay the price for the sins they've committed against a Holy God. Unfortunately they will never be able to pay off their debt, which is why we need to point them to Jesus while they're still alive. After this, Death and Hades are then thrown into the lake of fire, meaning nobody will be able to die from this point forward. This is the last and final judgement. Again, it's hard to grasp how Death and Hades can be 'destroyed' or 'tormented' since we conceptualise them as descriptors and not beings.

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.



Eternity

An eternity spent with God

The New Jerusalem

God creates a new heaven and earth, where those who love the Lord will dwell with Him forever. There will be no sin, death, pain or sorrow and everything will be perfect. Part of this creation will be a New Jerusalem which has no need for the sun or moon because the glory of God illuminates it. This is described quite thoroughly by John in Revelation 21.

Something to note is that the new Jerusalem described below may not be in three dimensions but four, hence the highlighted words in the verse below. Breadth is the unit of length/direction which isn't used in our third dimension world. This phrasing is only found in the KJV and the bolding below is my own.

Ephesians 3:17-19 (KJV)

- 17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the **breadth**, and **length**, and **depth**, and **height**;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

2 Peter 3:10-13

- 10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?
13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

This new heaven and earth will truly be spectacular beyond all imagination or comprehension as described in the verse below. No matter what incredible things you imagine heaven will be like, it will surely be better. Throughout eternity we won't just be worshipping God all the time, but we'll have important roles to play and achievements to work towards.

The verses below describe the new heaven and the new earth.

Revelation 21:1-27

- 1** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.
2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."
6 And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.
7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.
8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."
10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.
14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.
17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.
18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,
20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.
21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.
24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.
25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).
26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.



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What is Salvation?

Salvation is the deliverance from sin. To save means to deliver or protect. Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24-25).

What are we saved from? We are saved from God's wrath, that is, His judgment of our sin when we meet Him face to face (Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of this violation of God's law is death (Romans 6:23). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequences of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin which has already paid for by Jesus on the cross.

Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin's penalty (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). How does God save? God has rescued us through Jesus' death on the cross and subsequent resurrection which achieved our salvation (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God (Ephesians 2:5, 8) which is ours for the taking through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). How do we receive salvation? We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection (Ephesians 1:13).

Then, we must believe by fully trusting the Lord Jesus (Romans 1:16). This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ (Acts 3:19), and calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:9-10, 13). A definition of salvation would be "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus." Salvation is available in Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and is dependent on God alone for provision, assurance, and security.

This is absolutely the most important section in the entire guide, outlining the path to eternal salvation as described in the Bible. Your acceptance or denial of Jesus will affect where you spend eternity, and every soul lives forever, it's just a matter of location. A prerequisite for becoming saved is knowing that God exists, that He created you, loves you and died for you.

God wrote the Bible through man to further prove His existence to us alongside the wondrous and spectacular world around us. There are countless incredible facts about the Bible that prove it had to be designed outside of space and time. For a few of these amazing insights read the 'Evidence for God' section in 'Christianity'.

Salvation

A

Admit that you are a sinner.

Any gap between God's perfect law and our imperfect obedience is called sin, which everyone has committed.

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10)
- "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

B

Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Him from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment you deserved.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) Your own good works cannot save you, no matter how good a person you are, and wouldn't the creator of heaven set the bar for entry?

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- "But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

C

Call upon the name of the Lord and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour. There is an example prayer below.

- "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

The Sinner's Prayer

"Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and am in need of your forgiveness. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I am ready and willing to trust you as my Lord and Saviour and to turn from my sin. I now invite you into my heart as my personal Saviour. Amen."

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Joel 2:32 / Acts 2:21 / Romans 10:13

Once you've prayed this prayer, believing it with all your heart, you're saved by the power of the blood of Jesus! He paid that ultimate price for our sin, sacrificing Himself so that we may live. However it's easy to say something with your mouth, what takes real effort is living out a life in pursuit of Jesus, walking according to His will for you and leaving your old sinful ways behind.

Below are some more verses related to salvation and justification, as well as some next steps you should take as a new Christian to help cement your faith. If there's one thing that satan despises, it's new Christians. So be prepared to battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness by praying and reading your Bible daily as well as putting on your spiritual armour.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
- **Luke 13:5** "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."
- **Galatians 2:16** "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified."
- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"

Steps to Living a Godly Life

Pray

Talk to God in prayer every day. Ask for forgiveness for your sins when you slip up, bring to Him your needs and ambitions as well as praises and worship to glorify His Holy name. For more on praying, see the 'Armor of God' section in 'Christianity'.

- **Matthew 21:22** "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
- **Philippians 4:6** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"
- **Romans 10:16-17** "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Fellowship

Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything. This could be set in a church or a small household group. A group of fellow believers will help keep you honest, help keep you on the straight and narrow path and provide support if you're struggling with sin or issues on the Bible.

- **Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- **Hebrews 10:25** "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
- **2 Timothy 3:16** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

Tell others about Christ

We all have a calling in this world. This can be anything from pastoring a Church, helping the poor, mission trips, providing finances, developing Christian content, or more. The one thing we all have in common is the need to spread the gospel across the planet to reach all those who are lost, hurting or in need. Find the purpose God has for you and pursue it, you will find it's something you enjoy doing too! If you aren't sure what you're meant to be doing firstly pray about it and then seek ways you can use your talents to reach the lost. If you can knit perhaps you can create clothing or blankets for the homeless. If you're skilled at electrical work you could fix the lights and wiring of your local neighbors while spreading His gospel.

- **Mark 16:15** "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
- **1 Corinthians 9:16** "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"
- **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

Walking with Jesus

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour you should dive into your Bible daily to get to know Christ and His plan for redemption better. I recommend the KJV, NKJV or ESV versions as they are the most accurate to the original text. If you have questions, resolve them by firstly asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the answers to you and also by asking another believer to help provide an answer.

- **2 Timothy 2:15** "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- **Psalms 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Seek Earnestly

As always if you wish to find answers out for yourself you should search God's word. If you're told something by a friend, pastor or Bible scholar, search the scriptures to ensure what they say is correct. (Acts 17:11) Take caution not to be fooled by what others claim the Bible says but do your own research. There will be great apostasy and a falling away from Christianity in the end times. The word of God is living and He can speak to you through His word.

- **Matthew 7:7-8** "7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."
- **Acts 17:11** "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

Godly Armour

You need to equip your spiritual armour. For more information see subsection 9 in the Christianity section.

Next Steps

You should research what the Bible has to say on prophecy and the end times. I recommend watching some of the content in the 'Next Steps' section below.

This section is for extra information that would be interesting to know, but not vital to understanding the rapture timeline.

Rapture Prerequisites

There were a few biblical prerequisites for the rapture to occur, however they have all come to pass leaving it open to happen at any time now.

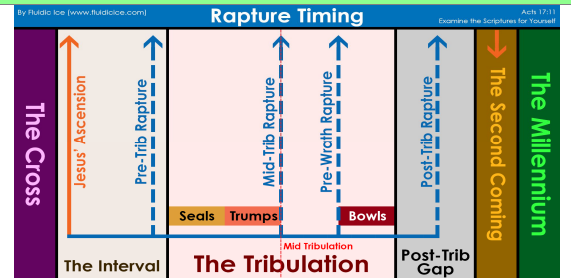
Israel must be a Nation	How can the tribulation be the time of Jacob's troubles if Jacob (Israel) isn't in it? This was fulfilled on 14 May 1948. David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish Agency, proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel. U.S. President Harry S. Truman recognized the new nation on the same day.
The Destruction of the Temple	Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple which came to pass in 70 A.D., for this to pass the rapture couldn't have happened before then. (Luke 21:6) (Luke 19:44) (Matthew 24:2) (Mark 13:2)
The Falling Away	Jesus said that there would be a great 'falling away' (either the rapture or apostasy), before the antichrist is revealed. (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4) We also know from this verse that the antichrist cannot be revealed until the church has been removed from the earth which makes sense if it refers to the rapture of the Church. If it refers to apostasy then that requirement has already been ticked off. Taking a look at the world today, we can see the utter confusion with regard to religion and the multiple splits that have occurred to form different denominations. Church has become more of a social event rather than a place of worship and fewer and fewer are attending. Mega church pastors and televangelists are spreading doctrines of demons daily.
Dispersion of Jews (The Diaspora)	Fulfilled. The Jewish Diaspora is the term for the dispersion of the Jews from their ancestral homeland which occurred during the siege of Jerusalem in 69-70 CE when the Romans invaded, destroying the temple.
The Jews will Return Home	Fulfilled. Many thousands of Jews have been returning to Israel since the end of World War II and the influx continues today.
The Promised Land would be Desolate	Fulfilled. Mark Twain back in 1867 said: The Sea of Galilee was, "a solemn, sailless, tintless lake, as unpoetical as any bath-tub on earth," and "It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land." Throughout 'Innocents Abroad', Twain explicitly states that the area was desolate and devoid of inhabitants, even trees.
Israel will Flourish	Fulfilled. The country of Israel is very rich in both money, oil, gas and technology to name a few. Israel's GDP is growing by 3.3% per year as of 2020. Whereas Russia is only growing by 1.5%, The UK by 1.8% and even the U.S. is only growing by 2.3% p/y. (See Luke 21:29-33)
Jews won't believe that Jesus is Lord	Currently True. Jesus is still just a 'Good Man' according to the Jews and they will mistake the coming antichrist as God.
The world will be in turmoil before the rapture	Fulfilled and currently being fulfilled. The world will grow more and more restless by the day with increasing wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. (Matthew 24:4-8) (Mark 13:5-8) COVID-19 and the decline of America are huge fulfilments of this scripture. As the devil gains more ground, the world will continue to fall into chaos until nations beg for a world leader who can solve the world's problems.

Rapture Hermeneutics

Hermeneutics simply means your 'theory of interpretation'. In other words some people and groups take the Bible literally word for word, and some like to allegorise its passages in favour of a less literal meaning.

Due to this, among Christians there can often be some heated debates about the tribulation positioning of the rapture, whether it's pre-tribulation (potentially long before the tribulation begins), mid-tribulation, post-tribulation, that it's already happened (Postmillennialism) or that it's all allegorical (Amillennialism).

This document uses the Pre-Tribulation viewpoint because it's the most theologically sound position, but to sum it up simply - we are to expect Him at any time.



Pre-Tribulation

Pre-Trib (Biblically Accurate)
The pre-tribulation position advocates that the rapture will occur before the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period, while the second coming will occur at the end of it. Pre-tribulationists often describe the rapture as Jesus coming for the church and the second coming as Jesus coming with the church. We're not looking for the antichrist, we're looking for Jesus Christ.
This is the view used throughout this document as explained below.

Why the view is biblically accurate:

- We are to pray for escape. (Luke 21:36) "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass." Remember that some churches are promised to go through the tribulation if they don't get back on track.
- The church is mentioned repeatedly in the first 3 chapters but never again from the fourth chapter on - because it's now in heaven before the start of the tribulation.
- We're not appointed to God's wrath, but to obtain salvation through Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11)
- It mirrors a Jewish Wedding:
 - The Betrothal (Payment, Set Apart / Sanctification),
 - Bridegroom Departs to Father's House (He prepares a room addition, The bride prepares for his imminent return),
 - Surprise Gathering (Wedding, often at midnight)
 - Seven Day Marriage Supper. See: The Jewish Wedding - Chuck Missler, on YouTube for more information.

TRSG	The Rapture Addendum Rapture Hermeneutics	5	Enoch's rapture is a 'type' of the church before the great flood of Noah. (A type is a doctrine or theory concerning the relationship of events in the Old Testament to the New Testament)	
		6	The conditional tribulation. Jesus rebuked the Thyatira church saying that unless they repent, they will go through the tribulation. (Revelation 2:22)	
		7	The day/hour is unknown. Therefore the rapture cannot occur in the tribulation which is the most documented period of the whole Bible. If the rapture is after the start of the tribulation, Christians will adopt a 'I'll get right with God later' mindset. There's no urgency to save people.	
		8	"Comfort another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18) How can you comfort others knowing you will go through even part of the tribulation?	
		9	The Blessed Hope - (Titus 2:13) "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"	
		10	Revelation has 3 sections. The things that 'have been' (ch. 1), the things that 'are' (ch. 2&3) and the 'things to come' (ch. 4-22). John is taken up in ch.4 as a 'type' of the rapture.	
		11	John was taken to heaven in the spirit in Revelation chapter 4 which mirrors a type of the rapture in the correct position relative to Revelation. As a whole, the Bible is laid out in chronological order, and follows the nation of Israel.	
		12	The Doctrine of Imminency - We are to expect Him at any time, there are no longer any preconditions to His return.	
		13	As discussed above, why would God 'beat up' His bride (the believers) in the tribulation before taking her to dinner - the marriage supper of the lamb?	
		14	The seven lamps of fire in heaven represent the 7 churches and relate back to the parable of the 10 virgins.	
		15	Parable of the 10 virgins. Matthew 25:1-13. This is an example of a Pre-Tribulational rapture as they do not know the day or the hour.	
		16	The 24 elders in heaven symbolise the raptured church. It's interesting that there are also 24 references to raptures throughout the Bible.	
		17	The tribulation period is the last week in Daniel's 70 weeks where God focuses <u>exclusively</u> on Israel to bring them to Him.	
		18	Revelation 3:10 "Because you have persevered, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world". The hour of trial is the tribulation, and those who persevere are His believers.	
		19	If the rapture occurs pre-tribulation - wouldn't satan do his best to try and convince people otherwise so they feel they have more time?	
		20	Daniel's absence during the events of the golden idol worship in Daniel 3 is a 'type' of the rapture. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego symbolise Israel.	
		21	Joseph in Egypt during the 7 years of famine is a typology of the tribulation. Joseph's brothers are representative of Israel.	
		22	Lot and his family were delivered from the judgement of God on Sodom. He didn't protect them in the midst of the judgement, but took them out entirely.	
		23	If the church has to go through the tribulation to 'refine' or 'prove' themselves as some espouse, then salvation is based on works done in the tribulation rather than a gift.	
		24	The tribulation is a time of God's wrath on the "earth-dwellers" not on His believers. (Revelation 6:15-17)	
		25	Satan knows the rapture is coming which gives him time to set up a believable lie to explain it away. How else can you explain the rise of UFOs and alien movies AND the countless, legitimate unexplainable sightings today?	
		26	2 Thessalonians 2:3 "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition". The falling away, or 'snatching away' is most likely the rapture of believers, and the man of sin is the antichrist. Therefore the church cannot be here alongside the antichrist.	
		27	History. If you're looking back from the tribulation, you will know that the rapture has already happened. This point is a validation of the authenticity of the Bible rather than a point towards the pre-tribulation rapture.	
		...and many other reasons and biblical 'types' too numerous to list.		
		Mid-Tribulational		
		Mid-Trib (Biblically Inaccurate)		The mid-tribulation position espouses that the rapture will occur near the middle of the tribulation period, or 'Daniel's 70th Week'. The tribulation is divided into two periods of 3.5 years each. Mid-tribulationists hold that the saints will go through the first period (Beginning of Travail), but will be raptured into Heaven before the severe outpouring of God's wrath in the second half of what is called the great tribulation.
		Why the view is biblically inaccurate:		
1	The entire tribulation is God's wrath on the unbelievers and we are to be spared the wrath of God. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)			
2	How can we expect Him at any time when the tribulation has obvious fixed events described in the Bible? The disciples even expected Him in their life.			
3	The church is not mentioned in any of the events from chapter 4 onwards.			
4	It is "The Time of Jacob's Trouble", Jacob's name was changed to Israel, therefore the tribulation is for the salvation of Israel and not the church.			
5	The antichrist can only be revealed after the church is raptured. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)			
Prewrath Premillennialism				
Prewrath (End-Trib) (Biblically Inaccurate)		The prewrath rapture view also places the rapture at some point after the Abomination of Desolation and before the judgement of the bowls. This view holds that the tribulation of the church begins toward the latter part of a seven-year period, when the Antichrist is revealed in the temple.		
Why the view is biblically inaccurate:				

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Post-Tributional

Post-Trib (Biblically Inaccurate)	The post-tribulation position places the rapture at the end of the tribulation period. In this case, the rapture would be after the last bowl but before the second coming of Jesus and the destruction of the world's armies.
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5	The antichrist can only be revealed after the church is raptured. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
6	There won't be time for the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" if we go to heaven and then instantly come back with Jesus.
7	There will be nobody to go into the millennium since those who are saved will come right back with Jesus instantly.

Postmillennialism

Postmillennialism (Kingdom Now) (Very Biblically Inaccurate)	<p>Postmillennials believe that the Church has replaced Israel and God has no purpose left for the Jews. Accordingly, many of the proponents are aggressively anti-Semitic, even to the point of arguing that the Jewish people are the Antichrist.</p> <p>They say that the Church is destined to take over the world by itself and reign over all the nations for at least one thousand years. Additionally Jesus cannot return for the Church until they've completed their reign and are ready to present the kingdom to Him. They also claim that the second coming of Christ occurred in the first century.</p>
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In the postmillennialist view the millennium is seen as an indefinitely long time thus precluding literal interpretation of a thousand-year period. According to Loraine Boettner "the world will be Christianised, and the return of Christ will occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace, commonly called the millennium."

Postmillennialists commonly view the rapture of the Church as one and the same event as the second coming of Christ. According to them, the great tribulation was already fulfilled in the Jewish-Roman War of 66-73 AD that involved the destruction of Jerusalem.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1	The world is obviously getting worse and not better, therefore Jesus will never be able to come according to this view. They will never be able to "Christianise" the world to prepare it for His return due to the fact that the vast majority of people will reject the Bible. (Matthew 7:14)
2	Acts 3:21 "whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." Does NOT mean that Jesus will wait in heaven until the earth is perfect, but that He will only come back when it's time to set things straight.
3	Matthew 24:14 "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." Does NOT mean that the world will have to be Christianised before His return, but says the gospel must be preached to the world.
4	God has and never will abandon Israel as per Romans 9-11 and the tribulation is "The time of Israel's Trouble", to bring <u>them</u> back to Jesus.
5	The tribulation can't have occurred in the past because the church is still on earth, the third temple hasn't been built, we would have heard of huge plagues wiping out most of the earth, we would know who the antichrist was and Jesus would be back by now.
6	If the rapture and the second coming are at the same time, how is there time for the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb"?
7	The reason for the church is to preach the gospel to any and all who will hear it and NOT to try and convert the world in preparation for Jesus.
8	Imminency - Jesus' return will not be imminent if the church will have to reign 1,000 years first.
9	"If we're in the millennium, satan's chain is too long"
10	Unfulfilled prophecies such as the destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17), and the attempted invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38).
11	John 14:3: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;" We go to Him.

...and many more reasons too numerous to list.

Amillennialism

Amillennialism (Preterism) (Very Biblically Inaccurate)

Amillennialism is the spiritualizing or an allegorical interpretation of the end times Bible passages. Amillennialists view the millennial rule of Christ as the current, but indefinite period that began with the foundation of the church and will end with the Second Coming—a period where Christ already reigns with His saints through the Eucharist and his church. They believe that Jesus will reign in our hearts rather than physically reigning from Jerusalem.

They believe that most Bible prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70 at the destruction of the Temple and they view the life of the church as Christ's kingdom already established, but not to be made complete until His second coming.

Bishop Earl Paulk taught that we are "little gods" and that Jesus Christ cannot return until we rise to the full stature of our godhood, take over this world, and establish His kingdom for Him - this is dominionism. Amillennialists generally do not use "rapture" as a theological term, but they do view a similar event coinciding with the second coming—primarily as a mystical gathering with Christ. This view dances with blasphemy and has been far removed from the truths of the Bible.

To amillennialists the final days already began on the day of the Pentecost, but that the great tribulation will occur during the final phase or conclusion of the millennium, with Christ then returning as the alpha and omega at the end of time.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1	We can't be living in the time of Jesus' reign because of so much evil in the world, and it's continually getting worse.
2	The term rapture is used throughout the Bible and can't simply be ignored by this theory.
3	Jesus said his feet will touch the mount of olives on His second coming thus being a physical return.
4	When did Jesus begin to reign over the world from Jerusalem?
5	Satan is bound throughout the millennium, but he is obviously is out today deceiving people.
6	The millennium couldn't have taken place in A.D. 70 because of all the unfulfilled prophecies in the Bible.
7	When was Jerusalem surrounded by the armies of all nations?
8	Was Israel established in AD 70 in her land, never to be removed again? No, they were since spread across the globe.
9	Put a hungry wolf next to a lamb and see what happens. If we're in the millennium then it won't eat the lamb. (Isaiah 65:25 & 11:6-8)
...and many more reasons too numerous to list.	

Rapture Timing

This section deals with the question of 'when' in relation to the rapture.

Date Setters

These are individuals or religious groups that have attempted to predict the day of the rapture, a practise referred to as "date setting". Every time they have been thoroughly embarrassed and discredited, as the predicted date of fulfilment has invariably come and gone without event.

Often these individuals and groups have offered "corrected" target dates claiming to be a fresh, new reinterpretation of scripture to fit their current predicament. Some also explain that although the prediction appeared not to have come true, in reality it had been completely accurate and fulfilled, albeit in a different way than many had expected.

<p>Mark 13:32 <i>"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."</i></p>	<p>Christians should never try and set a date or time for the Rapture. Despite many attempts throughout the years to ascertain the date, the truth is we cannot calculate the day Jesus will return because God specifically chose not to reveal this to us. Only God the father (and now Jesus - after the events of Revelation) knows the day, the time and the hour, and He knows exactly when that last gentile will be saved. When Jesus was asked about the apocalyptic time by the apostles, He replied: <i>"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority."</i> Acts 1:7</p>
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Year(s) Predicted	Individual
x	There were many failed predictions before the 1800's.
1843, 1844	William Miller predicted that Christ would return between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844, then revised his prediction, claiming to have miscalculated the Bible, to October 22, 1844. The realization that the predictions were incorrect resulted in the Great Disappointment.
1914, 1918, 1925	Various dates predicted for the Second Coming of Jesus by the Jehovah's Witnesses.
1978-1981	Chuck Smith predicted that Jesus would probably return by 1981.
1988	Edgar C. Whisenant published a book called "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988".
1994	Radio evangelist Harold Camping predicted September 6, 1994.
2011	Harold Camping's revised prediction put May 21, 2011 as the date of the rapture. After this date passed without apparent incident, Camping made a radio broadcast stating that a non-visible "spiritual judgement" had indeed taken place, and that the physical rapture would occur on October 21, 2011. On that date, according to Camping, the "whole world will be destroyed."
2012	Some Christians believed that the end of the Mayan calendar would coincide with the rapture and the end of the world.
2017	Christian numerologist David Meade motivated this date with astrological theories.

So in summary, we are to not try and predict the timing of the rapture as God has not revealed this to us and His timing is perfect. Although we can see the times and the seasons falling into place such as the progression towards a 'mark of the beast' and the push for a one world government. Future prophecies cast a shadow into the past which we can see beginning to unfold.

The Rapture Season

Body of Christ	1 Thessalonians 4:17 "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."
John	Revelation 4:1 "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.'"

Rapture vs Second Coming

Throughout the Bible are different passages relating to both the rapture and second coming of Jesus, which are very similar but may be confused without seeing them side by side. The table below should help with any confusion between them.

The Rapture	The Second Coming	Description
A translation of believers	No translation involved	At the rapture, those who are snatched away will be given new, glorified bodies. This transition is known as a bodily 'translation'.
Translated saints go to heaven	Translated saints return to earth	The believers are raptured first, then return with Jesus in the second coming.
Earth is not judged	Earth is judged	Earth is not judged by Jesus during the rapture, but only when He returns.
Imminent, it can happen at any moment	Follows definite predicted signs	The rapture can happen at any moment, but the second coming has a multitude of signs and prophecies related to it.
Not in the Old Testament	Predicted in the Old Testament	There are only 'types' of raptures in the old testament, but there are actual predictions of the rapture in the new.
Believers only	Affects everyone on earth	The rapture affects believers only, whereas everyone will see Him return in the second coming.
The rapture occurs before the day of wrath	The second coming concludes the day of wrath	The rapture occurs before the tribulation, and the second coming ends the tribulation.
No reference to Satan	Satan is bound	Satan isn't mentioned in relation to the rapture - likely to catch him off guard. At the second coming Satan will be bound.
He comes for His own	He comes with His own	Jesus comes <u>for</u> His own, vs. coming <u>with</u> His own at the second coming.
He comes in the air	He comes to the earth	Jesus only enters the sky during the rapture whereas His foot touches the earth in the second coming.
He claims His bride	He comes with His bride	Jesus comes and claims His bride first, then returns with His bride later.
Only His own will see Him	Every eye shall see Him	Only those born again will see Jesus at the rapture, but every eye will see Him at the second coming.
Great tribulation begins	The Millennium begins	The great tribulation begins soon after the rapture vs. the millennium beginning soon after Jesus' return to set up His kingdom.
Church believers only	Old Testament saints raised later	Only the church believers are raised at the rapture, and the old testament saints are raised at the great white throne judgement.

Prominent Revelation Figures

These are the individuals mentioned in the book of Revelation. Some are allegorical and are therefore difficult to understand when reading it for the first time. This section hopes to make them clearer.







<p>The Antichrist (Early Tribulation)</p> <p><small>(AKA: The Dragon, The Beast from the Sea, The Little Horn, Idol Shepherd, Son of Perdition)</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "friend" to Israel (up until the first half of the tribulation) • A military/political leader of a powerful nation • Makes a 7 year peace agreement with Israel, among others (Daniel 9:27) • Deadly head/eye and right arm wounds which have been healed (Zechariah 11:17) (Revelation 13:3) • Blasphemes against God (Revelation 13:1) (Daniel 7:24-25) • He will persecute saints (Revelation 12:17) (Daniel 7:24-25) • His identity is concealed until after the rapture (2 Thessalonians 2:3) • Incarnated by Satan at the midpoint (The Abomination of Desolation, continued below) (Daniel 9:27) • He does not regard any god and exalts himself above them all (Daniel 11:37) • He does not desire women - therefore he is possibly a homosexual (Daniel 11:37) • He is definitely a male • He could potentially be an alien (fallen and disrobed demon)
<p>The Satan Incarnate Antichrist (Mid-End Tribulation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He enters the Jewish Temple and proclaims himself as God (2 Thessalonians 2:4) (Daniel 9:27) • He sets an image of himself in the Temple • He persecutes "the woman" (Israel) (Revelation 12:13-17) • He unites the nations of the world • He imposes a One World Religion • Causes people to receive the mark on their forehead or hand (Revelation 13:16) • No buying or selling without his mark (Revelation 13:15-17) • The concealed/ciphered number 666 will be linked to him and the mark (Revelation 13:16-18) • (Allegorical) Fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and 7 diadems on his heads (Revelation 12) • He is defeated by Jesus at His return! (Revelation 19:20)
<p>The False Prophet (AKA: The Beast from the Earth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performs signs and wonders to deceive (Revelation 13:11-15) • Causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the beast (Revelation 13:12) • Can rain fire down on the earth (Revelation 13:13) • Tells people to make an image to the beast (Revelation 13:14) • Power to give life unto the image of the beast (Revelation 13:15) • Causes everyone to receive a mark in/on their right hand, or in/on their foreheads (Revelation 13:16)

The Two Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will preach for 3.5 years (42 months) in the first half of the tribulation (Revelation 11:3) • They will be clothed in 'sackcloth' or an equivalent in today's age (Revelation 11:3) • Anyone who tries to harm them will be killed by fire coming from their mouths (Revelation 11:5) • They will have power from God to prevent rain from falling, the ability to turn waters to blood and power to strike the earth with plagues as often as they like (Revelation 11:6) • They will be killed by the antichrist after preaching for 3.5 years (Revelation 11:7-9) • Their bodies will be left in the street for 3 days (Revelation 11:8-9) • After 3 days God will resurrect them and they will ascend into heaven (Revelation 11:11-12) • The two witnesses are likely to be Elijah and Moses
The Woman (AKA: Israel) (From Revelation 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars • She is in labor up until she delivers the Child (below) (Revelation 12:4) • She bears a male Child who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Revelation 12:5) • She flees into the wilderness where she has a place prepared by God for 1260 days (Revelation 12:6)
The Child (AKA: Jesus) (From Revelation 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child is Jesus Christ • He is caught up (raptured) to God and His throne after birth (Revelation 12:5)
The Scarlet Woman (AKA: The Harlot) (From Revelation 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scarlet woman represents Babylon the city (Revelation 17:18) • She rides the scarlet beast (Babylon will be the hub of the One World Government) • Clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls (Revelation 17:4) • Has her hand in a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication (Revelation 17:4) • She is drunk on the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus (Revelation 17:6) • She sits on (controls) many 'waters'. The waters represent every people, nation and tongue of the world. • Written on her forehead is: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." (Revelation 17:5)
The Scarlet Beast (From Revelation 17)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has seven heads representing seven kingdoms of the earth. (Revelation 17:3 & 9) • It has ten horns. This represents ten kings of the future one world government. (Revelation 17:3) These horns give power and authority to the beast (over the nations of the world) (Revelation 17:7) • The scarlet woman rides this beast • The beast is full of names of blasphemy towards God (Revelation 17:3) • The horns will make war with the Lamb and the Lamb will overcome them. (Revelation 17:14) • The ten horns (the ten kings) will hate the harlot, but will give their kingdom to the beast • Those on the earth not written in the Book of Life will marvel at the beast (Revelation 17:8)
The 24 Elders (In Heaven)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They represent the believing Church in heaven, those who were raptured and raised from the dead (Revelation 4:4) • The church is mentioned in Revelation up to chapter 4, after which the church is represented as the 24 elders • There are 24 references to the rapture throughout the Bible • They are called 'kings and priests' throughout the Bible (Revelation 1:6) (Revelation 5:10) • They are clothed in white robes and gold crowns (Revelation 4:4) • They cast their crowns before the throne (Revelation 4:10)
The 7 Lampstands (In Heaven)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 4:5) • Represents the seven churches and those saved in Jesus (Revelation 1:20) • The lamps are on earth in Revelation 1-3 and in heaven from then on. (Revelation 1:12) (Revelation 4:4)

This is the end of the Rapture Survival Guide (TRSG), If you still have questions you should read the Bible for yourself and ask God for guidance. Additionally you can look at the Christian content below and find some videos on the topics you're interested in. Alternatively you could go to the 'Christianity' section and continue reading. I recommended scrolling back up to the 'Accepting Jesus' section and read it through if you haven't already accepted Jesus into your life.

Christian Content

Many will realize that the Christians they ignored their whole life were right and will attempt to seek the truth of what happened in scripture and prophecy updates. Unfortunately this will be extremely difficult with possible electricity and internet outages, lies being proliferated by news outlets and the remaining ungodly 'spiritual leaders' denying that it was the rapture. Christian content may be pulled from the entire internet by those in power further increasing the difficulty of finding truth. So for an online list of my content backups (the same links as below), head to: <https://www.fluidicice.com/backups>

 <p>Google Backup</p>	<p>If you're looking for reliable Christian content on Bible teachings take a look at the links and QR codes below which link to my website backups.</p> <p>I recommend downloading the free content <u>as quickly as possible</u> after the rapture because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The servers of Christian believers won't be renewed and will eventually go down • Raptured believers won't be to post physical content anymore • The antichrist and tech companies may try and remove as much Christian material as possible 	 <p>Box Backup</p>
 <p>Dropbox Backup</p>	<p>If all else fails, read the Bible and the Christianity section in this document. If you need a digital Bible, I have an English King James Version (KJV) one uploaded at: www.fluidicice.com/downloads/bible/English_Bible.pdf</p> <p>I also have Bibles in most other languages on my website at christianity.fluidicice.com/bibles. If that's not enough I have off-site backups of most of my content, check them out below, or use the QR codes. (You may need to cover the adjacent codes to prevent them being read while you scan one)</p>	 <p>OneDrive Backup (1)</p>
 <p>OneDrive Backup (2)</p>	<p>For off-site backups of my main content (in case my website goes down) see:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google: www.drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KVzoaRSuHUQI8Zj-mXPYlJ0IEi14PZc3 • Box: http://app.box.com/s/jplaw5euljmybbzqk02m0o3g4y2hcm84 • Dropbox: www.dropbox.com/sh/jd2itt9tztzm1z/AADNRiWtVTr1zZ1nBVQbkk13a • OneDrive (1): http://1drv.ms/u/s!AUXDPqkBHS-3zQMa-66IGraqkFj?e=RPQdt5 • OneDrive (2): http://1drv.ms/u/s!AxxVecxqAulvgSiAaU9QvsVCtzKU?e=JVgbTo • MediaFire: www.mediafire.com/folder/bp0tscrc6fyj/Creative_Content <p>Some backups are updated more frequently than others.</p>	 <p>MediaFire Backup</p>

Below is a list of biblically sound pastors who upload hours upon hours of amazing Christian content, most of which you can watch for free. Take a look and learn about the end times, our saviour Jesus Christ or the Bible.
For a hyperlinked list of the below see: www.christianity.fluidicice.com/content

Reliable Christian Content Channels

<p>Fluidic Ice</p>	<p>by Fluidic Ice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.christianity.fluidicice.com (Website) • www.fluidicice.com/TRSG (The Rapture Survival Guide) • www.fluidicice.com/TPE (The Preparedness Encyclopedia (TPE)) <p>My website containing audio and video backups of all of the content in this document and more. I strive for Biblical accuracy and reaching the lost wherever possible.</p>
<p>Koinonia House</p>	<p>by Chuck Missler (among others)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.khouse.org/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/koinoniahouse (YouTube) <p>Koinonia House writes captivating biblical-scientific posts and analyses. They also produce biblical study videos and have comprehensive Bible commentaries. Chuck Missler is my go-to Bible study teacher.</p>
<p>Aloha Bible Prophecy</p>	<p>by J.D. Farag</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.jdfarag.org (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/alohabileprophecy (YouTube) • www.facebook.com/JDFarag/ (Facebook) <p>J.D. has a spectacular grasp on Bible prophecy and regularly puts out prophecy updates and Bible teachings, while strictly adhering to the scriptures. J.D. is my go-to guy for prophecy updates.</p>
<p>Get a Life Ministries</p>	<p>by Billy Crone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.getalifemedia.com (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/NFBCmedia (YouTube) • www.vimeo.com/getalifemedia/videos (Vimeo) <p>Billy creates videos on a huge array of topics such as: The Seals, The Rapture, Satan and Demons, UFOs - The great last days deception, Intelligent Design, World Religions, Studies on God, etc. Best of all - almost all his content is free to watch on his website!</p>
<p>Olive Tree Ministries</p>	<p>by Jan Markell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.olivetreeviews.org (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/OliveTreeMinistries (YouTube) <p>Jan has a weekly radio broadcast throughout America discussing current events from a biblical perspective, usually with special guests. She tackles issues such as: Bible Prophecy, the Rapture, Communism and Current Events.</p>
<p>Jack Hibbs</p>	<p>by Jack Hibbs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.jackhibbs.com (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/RealLifeJackHibbs (YouTube) <p>Jack uploads regular Bible commentary, world updates and great content on every Christian topic. He pastors a church and therefore regularly puts out sermons.</p>
<p>Fellowship Bible Chapel</p>	<p>by John Haller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.fbchapel.com/ (Website) • https://www.youtube.com/user/KoinoniaABF (YouTube)

Relationship Bible Chapter		John puts out weekly prophecy updates and Bible commentary with a very lawyer-based real-world emphasis.
Hal Lindsey	by Hal Lindsey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.hallindsey.com/ (Website) 	Hal Lindsay wrote the book "The Late Great Planet Earth" and was a close friend of the late Chuck Missler. Today Hal still broadcasts 30 minute Bible prophecy updates every week focusing on informing others on the latest noteworthy events from across the world.
	by Curtis Bowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://agendaweekly.com/ (Website) • https://rumble.com/user/CurtisBowersAGENDA (Rumble - Watch for free) 	An incredible weekly subscription in which Curtis dives into the driving forces behind the plot to dethrone God orchestrated by the communists. His tag-line is: Uncover the agenda behind the news. Unmask America's enemies, discover their strategy, and combat their influence with truth.
C.S. Lewis	By C.S. Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.cslewis.com/us/ • (Book) Mere Christianity • (Book) The Screwtape Letters • (Book) The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Narnia) • www.youtube.com/c/CSLewisDoodle (A YouTube channel which draws his words) 	Even though it's been many decades since his death, his memory and his ministry lives on through his incredible works of Christianity such as Mere Christianity, The Screwtape Letters and The Chronicles of Narnia. These are absolutely well worth the read if you're trying to learn about God or want a bit of entertainment while learning biblical principles in the case of Narnia. I highly recommend the 'CS Lewis Doodle' videos above if you learn more visually.
	By Brandon Holthaus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://rockharborchurch.net/ (Website) • https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8_6kPkokwCgFtHEO1yITVw (YouTube) 	Brandon pastors a church and regularly puts out videos discussing the current times, Bible prophecy and sermons on the Bible.
Educating Our World	by Don Stewart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.educatingourworld.com/ (Website) 	Don Stewart frequently joins Jack Hibbs on his channel discussing the current times and has written a lot of books which you can download for free on his website.
Australian Christian Lobby	by Martyn Iles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.acl.org.au/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/channel/UCUKXAbO0Lms1wx8k0RN2uA (YouTube) 	ACL creates theologically sound videos explaining the meaning behind the current issues of Australia. Martyn has a background as a lawyer and often goes into detail of the bills being passed in parliament and what's being concealed from the population.
	by Amir Tsarfati <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.beholdisrael.org/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/beholdisrael (YouTube) 	Amir frequently uploads detailed Middle-East updates and Bible study videos at least once a week. His experience in the Israeli military helps to provide a rare perspective into the conflict of the Middle East.
Derek Prince Ministries	by Derek Prince <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.derekprince.org/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/DPMNL/videos (YouTube) 	Derek Prince was a remarkable scholar who has created a lot of eye opening Christian content. Although a couple of his premises are wrong; such as believing that Jesus is the one in the first seal of revelation, Derek is still great to listen to on non-prophecy related matters.
	by Barry Stagner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.barrystagner.com/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/TheTruthAboutGod1 (YouTube) 	Barry and his church puts out great sermons a couple of times a week. He frequently joins Amir Tsarfati on prophecy discussions and world updates.
Terry James	By Terry James <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Book) Deceivers: Exposing Evil Seducers & Their Last Days Deception • (Book) Discerners: Analyzing Converging Prophetic Signs for the End of Days • (Book) The American Apocalypse: Is the United States in Bible Prophecy? • (Book) Cauldron: Supernatural Implications of the Current Middle East... • (Book) Antichrist and the Final Solution: The Chronology of the future Finally revealed • www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ya4Hxgy0fxE (Interview with Jan Markell) 	Terry doesn't have a website but has written many great works of theology and the end times and often appears on the people's above channels such as Jan Markell's.
	By Eric Barger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.ericbarger.com/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/user/ebart32 (YouTube) 	Eric uploads insightful Christian content often and regularly appears as a co-host on Jan Markell's Olive Tree Ministries.
Walter Martin & Jill Martin Rische	By Walter Martin & Jill Martin Rische <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Book) The Kingdom of the Cults • (Book) The Kingdom of the Occult 	Walter Martin wrote the book (literally) on understanding the cults of the world from a Christian perspective and Jill has kept them up to date with the changes that have occurred since his passing.
	By David Regan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.christinprophecy.org/ • https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristInProphecy 	David specialises in end times Bible prophecy and the events going on around the world today.
Lamb and Lion Ministries		

Because What's Coming Matters	By Dr Mark Hitchcock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.markhitchcock.com/ (Website) • www.youtube.com/channel/UCUYXz_m-FMenZgM6RxMGXtw (YouTube)
	Mark often answers biblical questions posed to him by his followers in addition to his regular Bible teachings.	
Rapture & Tribulation Related Content		
The Rapture Survival Guide (This Guide)	by Fluidic Ice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.fluidicice.com/TRSG
The Rapture - The Blessed Hope	by Chuck Missler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExEf7ujEwyl
Chuck outlines and discusses the Rapture - our Blessed Hope for 2 hours.		
4 Horses of Revelation (1 Hour Each Video)	by Chuck Missler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behold a White Horse - Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7witCMZ-O0 • Behold a White Horse - Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-V9wb92XuA • Behold a Red Horse - Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZND9AXQ07s • Behold a Red Horse - Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDaM5iAK8C8 • Behold a Black Horse - Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfAXHCiHA2k • Behold a Black Horse - Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=WICSXjuDpqk • Behold a Livid Horse - Part 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=75lbyM0dME • Behold a Livid Horse - Part 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGBgaTYWlls
		These horses represent the first four seals in Revelation which Chuck discusses in great depth.
The Mystery of the Rapture	by Amir Tsarfati	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPxGs_wyGZA
Amir discusses the soon coming rapture of the Church foretold in the Bible. 1 hour long video.		
What the End Times Will Look Like	by Jack Hibbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8fk17qnnX4 (1 Hour 40 Minutes)
Who Told You About The End Times? (1 Hour Each Video)	by Jack Hibbs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzE9tPwMKLg
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Why Should I Trust the Bible?	Impact Video Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtNcbu5oHQU&
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I've also created a 2,000+ page preparedness document if you're living in the end times and are trying to survive. Of course you should trust God first and foremost to provide what you need, but we need to apply some effort on our end as well. You can download it here:

The Preparedness Encyclopedia (TPE): www.fluidicice.com/TPE



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If you're after entertainment and want a Christian novel based on the events after the rapture, look up the "Left Behind" series written by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. It's a series of 16 novels set after the rapture takes place and ends with the second coming of Jesus. It follows the lives of Rayford Steele and his daughter Chloe and their struggle through the tribulation, while closely following a likely narrative of what could happen in the end times as depicted by the Bible.

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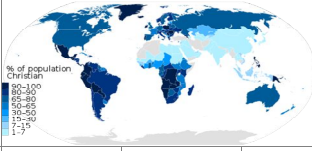
Christianity



Christianity is the following of Jesus Christ's teachings and having a relationship with our father in heaven because we are all sinners and have strayed from the path set to us by going our own sinful ways. He sent his only Son to die on the cross for every one of these sins and he longs to have a relationship with each of us and wants to see us prosper and live for Him and with Him. Jesus alone is the way, the truth and the life.

Geographic Positioning

Countries with the greatest proportion of Christians by country (as of 2010ⁿ)



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

Largest Christian Populations*	United States 229,157,250	Brazil 169,213,130	Russia 114,198,444	Mexico 106,204,560	Nigeria 80,510,000	Philippines 78,790,000	China 67,070,000	Democratic Congo 63,150,000	France 55,948,600	Italy 55,832,000	Ethiopia 51,477,950
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Introduction

Many people place the beginning of Christianity some two thousand years ago with the life of Jesus. In actuality, Christianity began as a reform movement within Judaism, which had been established nearly two thousand years earlier. To understand Christianity, we must go back to the roots of Judaism. We find aspects of the history of the Israelites recorded in the Bible, which is ultimately a collection of writings conveying the story of God's relationship with humanity. "In the beginning," the Scriptures state, "God created the heavens and the earth."

However, sometime after creating humanity, things began to go awry. People chose to defy God's command, and sin entered the world. As a direct result of this disobedience, humans have since been struggling with broken relationships with God, themselves, others, and creation. Even worse, through that act, death was introduced to the world. In order to restore everlasting relationship with his creation, God chose one righteous person - Abraham, and initiated a plan of redemption.

Through Abraham's family, a people became a nation that was destined to be a light, a blessing, and a model to the entire world: Israel. Though there were moments when they forgot who they were and neglected God's commands, in time the Israelites succeeded in being God's faithful people—despite threats and attacks levelled against them from surrounding nations. In the Christian understanding, the Israelites' presence in the world and their message of the one true God prepared the peoples of the earth for the next phase of God's plan. Through his prophets, God foretold a final resolution to the broken relationship between God and humans: God himself would enter the world in the form of a human being.

He would experience what we experience. He would suffer the pain that we suffer, endure the temptations we endure, feel the emotions we feel. But more than that, he would be beaten, broken, and crushed. In his death he would take on all the sins of man, until "by his wounds we (would be) healed" and set free from the bondage of sin. And in the end, he would restore his scattered and dispirited people, ushering in an era of unending peace.

Then came Jesus. A Jewish carpenter who lived two thousand years ago, Jesus is called the Son of God. Christians believe Jesus to be fully man and fully God, equally human and divine. Early in his life, Jesus distinguished himself as an unusually precocious child, demonstrating tremendous spiritual wisdom and maturity. When Jesus knew the moment was right, he left behind his home and embarked on a new path. He began to preach, teach, perform miracles, and gather around him a band of disciples. Eventually, they recognized him as the messiah.

What his followers did not realize was that God's plan was going to take an unusual turn. He was going to restore the nation of Israel, as they hoped, but he would do it in a most unexpected way—not through shows of power and the oppression of enemies but through selfless love and compassion.

Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. He conquered sin and death in order to restore humanity's broken relationship with God, the Father. Jesus did what we cannot: he lived a perfect, sinless life and paid the price for our transgressions. Christians believe that Jesus' sacrifice for humanity saved us from the permanent consequence of our sins—eternal separation and isolation from God. Through Jesus, we can attain eternal life in relationship with God. Indeed, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life."

One day, Jesus promised, he will return to reign over his faithful followers in a peaceful kingdom where "there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain." In the interim, he has sent the Holy Spirit to live and dwell with his followers, leading them in the way of truth. Today, Christianity is practiced in three primary forms: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant. Within each of these three branches, there are numerous subsets and denominations. However, each group concurs on the general story and purposes described above; they divide mainly in the details of how principles should be applied practically.

Over the years, Christianity has seen its fair share of glorious, proud moments and all too many humiliating, shameful ones. But this is less an indictment on God, Jesus, or Christianity than it is on his followers. Mahatma Gandhi allegedly once said, "I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." He voiced the inconsistency found between the Son of God and those who claim to follow in his footsteps. And yet, should that surprise anyone? The Bible tells story after story of those who failed to live as God called them to live. This is not true just for Christians but for all people. This is why we need a messiah, a redeemer, a saviour. And yet, should that surprise anyone? The Bible tells story after story of those who failed to live as God called them to live.

This is not true just for Christians but for all people. This is why we need a messiah, a redeemer, a saviour. Chuck Colson once said, "Christianity is an explanation of all of reality." Simply put, we all know the world is broken. The whole world, including me and you, needs fixing. And no matter how many different fix-it methods we try—whether self-help or sex, missionary work or money—none of them can fill the void that all of us feel. Christianity, from creation up through God's restoring work in Jesus, is both the explanation of and solution to that emptiness. Ultimately, Christianity is the story of God's powerful, redemptive love for his people.

"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance.

The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."

C.S. Lewis

"Christ did not come to make bad men good, but to give dead men life!"

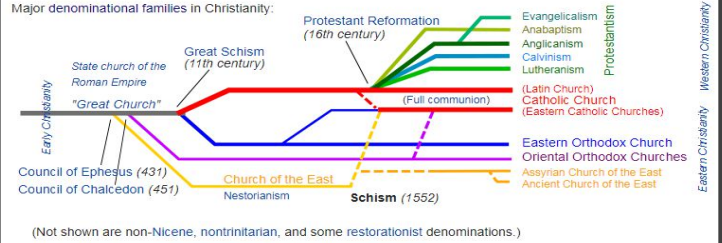
Chuck Missler

These are the different denominations of Christianity in the world today. In a world of rampant deception, only the Christian denominations which hold fast to the whole and unaltered word of God (the Bible) can be trusted to lead us to Him. Unfortunately many, if not most have strayed from the truth even partially.

Great Schism (1054 A.D.)

The East-West Schism is the break of communion since the 11th century between the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Churches.

The schism was the culmination of theological and political differences which had developed during the preceding centuries between Eastern and Western Christianity.



Protestant Reformation

The Reformation was a major movement within Western Christianity in 16th-century Europe that posed a religious and political challenge to the Catholic Church and in particular to papal authority, arising from what was perceived to be errors, abuses, and discrepancies by the Catholic Church. The Reformation was the start of Protestantism and the split of Protestantism from the Roman Catholic Church.

Catholicism

Catholic theology is based on the Nicene Creed. The Catholic Church teaches that it is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church founded by Jesus Christ, that its bishops are the successors of Christ's apostles, and that the Pope is the successor to Saint Peter to whom primacy was conferred by Jesus Christ. Unfortunately today it's rife with Biblical inaccuracies and doctrines of demons. You don't need a priest or interpreter for the Bible, read it for yourself!

Latin Church

It employs the Latin liturgical rites. It is headed by the Bishop of Rome - the pope - and has its headquarters in the Vatican City. The Latin Church traces its history to the earliest days of Christianity.

Independent Catholicism

Various denominations self-identifying as Catholic, despite not being affiliated with the Catholic Church.

Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association	Substitute for the true Roman Catholic church with goals to eliminate religion in order to achieve a pure materialistic and autocratic society. It's entirely controlled by the Chinese Government to promote their ideas and agendas.
Old Catholic Church	The term Old Catholic Church was used from the 1850s by groups which had separated from the Roman Catholic Church over certain doctrines, primarily concerned with papal authority; some of these groups, especially in the Netherlands, had already existed long before the term.

Protestantism

Originated with the 16th century Reformation, a movement against what its followers perceived to be errors in the Roman Catholic Church.

Ever since, Protestants reject the Roman Catholic doctrine of papal supremacy and sacraments, but disagree among themselves regarding the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

They emphasize the priesthood of all believers, justification by faith alone rather than by good works, and the highest authority of the Bible alone in faith and morals.

Historical Protestantism

- Baptist Churches
- Lutheranism
- Methodism
- Calvinism
- Presbyterianism
- Congregationalism
- Anabaptism

Modern Protestantism

- Pentecostalism
- Non-denominational Christianity
- Seventh-day Adventists (SDA)
- New Apostolic Church
- Restoration Movement
- Plymouth Brethren

Anglicanism

Anglicanism is a Western Christian tradition that evolved out of the practices, liturgy and identity of the Church of England following the Protestant Reformation.

Eastern Christianity

Eastern Orthodox Church	The most common estimate of the number of Eastern Orthodox Christians worldwide is 225-300 million, forming a single communion, making it the second largest, single Christian denomination behind the Catholic Church.	
Oriental Orthodoxy	Oriental Orthodox churches are the churches descended from those that rejected the Council of Chalcedon in 451. Despite the similar name, they are therefore a different branch of Christianity from the Eastern Orthodox.	
Restorationism / Nontrinitarianism	Latter Day Saint Movement (Mormonism)	Jehovah's Witnesses (JW's)
Restorationism, also described as Christian primitivism, is the belief that Christianity has been or should be restored along the lines of what is known about the apostolic early church, which restorationists see as the search for a more pure and more ancient form of the religion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints • Community of Christ 	They believe that the destruction of the present world system at Armageddon is imminent, and that the establishment of God's kingdom over the earth is the only solution for all problems faced by humanity.

Other Minor Branches

Other minor branches of Christianity that have a large number of adherents.	
Church of the East (Nestorianism)	It originated as an eastern branch of Syriac Christianity, and used the East Syriac Rite in liturgy. It developed distinctive theological and ecclesiological traditions, and played a major role in the history of Christianity in Asia. Its Schism of 1552 led to a series of internal divisions during the early modern period.
Messianic Judaism	Messianic Judaism is a modern syncretic religious movement that combines Christianity—most importantly, the belief that Jesus is the Messiah—with elements of Judaism and Jewish tradition.

Denomination Comparison

Which Denomination is Right?

Christianity is based on the word of God (The Bible) and in extension - the teachings of Jesus, the Son of God. Therefore any Christian denomination which strays from the truth of the Bible (both old and new testament) has been developed by the human mind and therefore not by God. Those denominations are apostate (strayed from the truth) and are highly cautioned against.

Below are a few of the main Christian denominations. Those with red backgrounds differ from the inspired word of God. Many churches today have fallen from the truth and given way to apostasy, do not be deceived by the ways of the world but seek first the kingdom of heaven. For the safest bet, go with a Baptist Church, although you should always verify what any Bible teacher says for yourself. (Acts 17:11)

	Catholic	Presbyterian	Baptist	Anglican	Lutheran	
Founder & Date	Gregory the Great* 590-604 A.D. (*Gradual Development)	John Calvin 1536 A.D.	Jesus Christ 30-33 A.D.	Henry VIII 1534 A.D.	Martin Luther 1520 A.D.	Founder & Date
Adherents	1.285 billion	40-50m	75-105m	85m	70-90m	Adherents
Creeds	Many, yet focus on the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed	Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Westminster Confession	Avoids creeds or confessions that might compromise commitment to Scripture as sole rule of faith	Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed	Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed, Augsburg Confession, Formula of Concord	Creeds
Sacraments	Baptism, Eucharist (Lord's Supper), Penance, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick	Baptism, Lord's Supper	Baptism, Lord's Supper	Baptism, Lord's Supper (Regard the other five that Catholics observe as "minor sacraments")	Baptism, Lord's Supper	Sacraments
Salvation	Received at baptism; may be lost by mortal sin; regained by penance	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	Salvation
Baptism	Sprinkling (As a baby)	Sprinkling	Immersion Only	Sprinkling / Immersion Allowed	Sprinkling (Style isn't important)	Baptism
Scripture Inerrancy	God is the author of sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit	For some the Bible is inerrant; for others it is not necessarily factual, but it breathes with the life of God	Inspired and inerrant	Anglican/Episcopal: Inspired, according to the Book of Common Prayers, the Catechism	The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) considers scripture to be inspired and inerrant. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) does not believe scripture is inspired and inerrant.	Scripture Inerrancy
Doctrine Basis	The Bible, church fathers, popes, bishops	The Bible and the Confession of Faith	The Bible only	The Scriptures and the Gospels, church fathers	The Bible only	Doctrine Basis
Worship	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary liturgy is possible	Traditional style through liturgy	Non-liturgical (free) worship; sometimes contemporary	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary liturgy is possible	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary worship is possible	Worship
The Trinity	The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God. In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy The Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent.	God is one in essence or nature. The same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	The Lord our God is the one and only living and true God; Whose subsistence is in and of Himself...In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and the Holy Spirit. All are one in substance, power, and eternity; each having the whole divine essence, yet this essence being undivided.	There is only one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or suffering; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one; the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.	The Trinity
Governance	Papal/Episcopal (Clergy in local churches presided over by bishop; the pope (the Bishop of Rome) is the ultimate Church leader.)	Presbyterian (A graded organizational system by presbyters or elders.)	Congregational (Local churches are self-governing.)	Episcopal (Clergy in local churches presided over by bishop.)	Mixed (Congregational, Presbyterian, and Episcopal structures exist.)	Governance
Mary	From conception, Mary was without original sin, she is the Immaculate Conception. Mary is the "Mother of God." Mary was a virgin when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. She remained a virgin throughout her life. She delivers souls from death and continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation.	Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary is honoured as "God-bearer" and a model for Christians.	Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. (Luke 1:34-38). Though "highly favoured" by God (Luke 1:28), Mary was still human and therefore sinned.	Anglicans believe Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. "They...have difficulties with Catholic belief in her immaculate conception, that Mary was free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her own conception.	Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth.	Mary
Purgatory	All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.	Rejected	Rejected	The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory... is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.	Rejected	Purgatory
	Catholic	Presbyterian	Baptist	Anglican	Lutheran	

Below is a list of the names, titles and characteristics of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit. It's interesting to note how God is represented through the scriptures. This list is also useful when praising and worshipping Him. In most cases only the first three letters of the book are listed next to the quote.

His Name

Jesus	Mat 1:21	The Christ of God	Luk 9:20	The Son	JJo 4:14
Lord Jesus	Act 7:59	Jesus Christ of Nazareth	Act 4:10	The Son of God	Jhn 1:34
Christ Jesus	1Ti 1:15	The same yesterday, today and forever	Hbr 13:8	The Son of the living God	Mat 16:16
A Saviour, Jesus	Act 13:23	Jesus the Christ	Mat 16:20	His only begotten Son	Jhn 3:16
The Saviour of the World	1Jo 4:14	Christ	Mat 23:8	The Son of the Father	1Jo 1:3
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord	Luk 2:11	Messiah, which is called Christ	Jhn 4:25	His own Son	Rom 8:32
Jesus Christ	Rev 1:5	Anointed	Act 4:27	The Son of the Blessed	Mark 14:61
The Lord Jesus Christ	Col 1:2	Christ the Lord	Luk 2:11	My Son	Psa 2:7
Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself	2Th 2:16	The Lord Christ	Col 3:24	A Son given	Asa 9:6
Jesus Christ our Lord	Rom 5:21	The Christ, the Saviour of the World	Jhn 4:42	The Son of the Highest	Luk 1:32
Jesus Christ the Righteous	1Jo 2:1	The Christ, the Son of the Blessed	Mark 14:61		

His Name By Others

The Father, "My Beloved Son."	Mat 17:5	Disciples, "Thou art the Son of God."	Mat 14:33	John, Apostle, "The Christ, the Son of God."	Jhn 20:31
Jesus Himself, "I am the Son of God."	Jhn 10:36	Nathaniel, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God."	Jhn 1:49	Paul, Apostle, "He is the Son of God."	Act 9:20
The Spirit, "The Son of God."	Mark 1:1	Martha, "The Christ, the Son of God."	Jhn 11:27	Unclean spirits, "Thou art the Son of God."	Mar 3:11
Gabriel, "The Son of God."	Luk 1:35;	Eunuch, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God."	Act 8:37	The Legion, "Thou Son of the Most High God."	Mark 5:7
John Baptist, "This is the Son of God."	Jhn 1:34	Centurion, "Truly this was the Son of God."	Mar 15:39		

His Titles

God	Jhn 1:1;	The God of the whole earth	Isa 54:5	The Light of men	Jhn 1:4
The Holy Child Jesus	Act 4:27	God manifest in the flesh	1Ti 3:16	A Light to lighten the Gentiles	Luk 2:32
The Mighty God	Isa 9:6	Our God and Savior	2Pe 1:1	The Captain of the Host of the Lord	Jos 5:14
The Everlasting God	Isa 40:28	The great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ	Tis 2:13	The Captain of Salvation	Hbr 2:10
The True God	1Jo 5:20	Emanuel, God with us	Mat 1:23	A Leader	Isa 55:4
My Lord and my God	Jhn 20:28	The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob	Exd 3:2, 6	A Commander	Isa 55:4
God my Saviour	Luk 1:47	The Highest	Luk 1:76	A Ruler	Mic 5:2
My Beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased	Mat 12:18	The Most Blessed for ever	Psa 21:6	The Builder	Mat 16:18
Jehovah	Isa 40:3	Lord of Peace	2Th 3:16	The Foundation	1Cr 3:11
The Lord Jehovah	Isa 40:10	The Lord	Rom 10:13;	A Sure Foundation	Isa 28:16
Jehovah my God	Zec 14:5	The Lord of Glory	1Cr 2:8	The Rock	Mat 16:18
A Lamb as it had been slain	Rev 5:6	The Same	Hbr 1:12;	The Faithful and True Witness	Rev 3:14
Jehovah, God of Hosts	Hsa 12:4, 5;	I am	Exd 3:14;	A Ransom (his life)	Mar 10:45
The King, Jehovah of Hosts	Isa 6:5	I am (before Abraham was)	Jhn 8:58	The Beginning of the Creation of God	Rev 3:14
The Strong and Mighty Jehovah	Psa 24:8	I am (whom they sought to kill)	Jhn 18:5, 6	My Rock and my Fortress	Psa 31:3
Jehovah, mighty in battle	Psa 24:8	I am (The Resurrection and the Life)	Jhn 11:25	The Rock of my Strength	Psa 62:7
The Redeemer	Isa 59:20	The Chosen of God	Luk 23:35	The Temple	Rev 21:22
The Lord	1Cr 12:3	Lord both of the dead and living	Rom 14:9	A Sanctuary	Isa 8:14
One Lord	Eph 4:5	Lord of the Sabbath	Luk 6:5	The Lamb	Rev 7:9
King of Kings	Rev 17:14	Lord of all	Act 10:36	A Strength to the Poor	Isa 25:4
Lord of Lords	Rev 17:14	Lord over all	Rom 10:12	The Just One	Act 7:52
The Messiah the Prince	Dan 9:25	The Prince of Princes	Dan 8:25	A Refuge from the Storm	Isa 25:4
The Prince of Life	Act 3:15	The Prince of the Kings of the earth	Rev 1:5	The Judge	Act 17:31
A Prince and a Saviour	Act 5:31	The Salvation of God	Luk 2:30	The Righteous Judge	2Ti 4:8
The Prince of Peace	Isa 9:6	The Glory of thy people Israel	Luk 2:32	The King	Zec 14:16
The Word	Jhn 1:1	The Gift of God	Jhn 4:10	King of Kings	Rev 19:16
The Word was with God	Jhn 1:1	Wisdom	Pro 8:12, 22	Lord of Lords	Rev 19:16
The Word was God	Jhn 1:1	The Wisdom of God	1Cr 1:24	The Head of all Principality and Power	Col 2:10
The Word of God	Rev 19:13	The Power of God	1Cr 1:24	The Head of the Body, the Church	Col 1:18
The Word of Life	1Jo 1:1	The Image of the Invisible God	Col 1:15	The King of Peace	Hbr 7:2
The Word was made flesh	Jhn 1:14	The Image of God	2Cr 4:4	The King of Israel	Jhn 1:49
The Almighty, which is, and was, and is to come	Rev 1:8	The Alpha and the Omega	Rev 1:8	The Truth	Jhn 14:6
The Creator of all things	Col 1:16	The First and the Last	Rev 1:17	The Sun of Righteousness	Mal 4:2
The Upholder of all things	Hbr 1:3	The Life	1Jo 1:2	The Deliverer	Rom 11:26
The Everlasting Father (or Father of Eternity)	Isa 9:6	Eternal Life	1Jo 5:20	The Lion of the Tribe of Judah	Rev 5:5
The Beginning	Col 1:18	That Eternal Life which was with the Father	1Jo 1:2	The Author and Finisher of Faith	Hbr 12:2
The Beginning and the Ending	Rev 1:8	He that liveth	Rev 1:18	A Precious Stone	1Pe 2:6
The Lamb of God	Jhn 1:29	The Bridegroom	Rev 21:9	A Governor	Mat 2:6
A Lamb without blemish and without spot	1Pe 1:19	The Blessed	Psa 77:17	A Chief Corner-stone	1Pe 2:6
The Lamb that was slain	Rev 5:12	Mine Elect, in whom my soul delighteth	Isa 42:1	A Stone	Isa 28:16
The Man	Jhn 19:5	The Son of David	Mat 1:1	A Living Stone	1Pe 2:4
The Man Christ Jesus	1Ti 2:5	The Son of Mary	Mark 6:3	The Resurrection	Jhn 11:25
The Seed of the Woman	Gen 3:15	The Son of Joseph (reputed)	Jhn 1:45	The Rock of my Heart	Psa 73:26
The Son of Man	Mar 10:33	The Seed of Abraham	Gal 3:16, 19	The Rock of my Salvation	2Sa 22:47
The Son of Abraham	Mat 1:1	Of the Seed of David	Rom 1:3	My Rock and my Redeemer	Psa 19:14
The Root of Jesse	Isa 11:10	The Shepherd of Israel	Rev 2:7	The King of Righteousness	Hbr 7:2
The Roof of David	Rev 5:5	The Bread of God	Jhn 6:33	The Faithful Witness	Rev 1:5
The Root and Offspring of David	Rev 22:16	The True Bread from Heaven	Jhn 6:32	The Offerer	Hbr 7:27
The Branch	Zec 6:12	The Bread of Life	Jhn 6:35	The Offering	Eph 5:2
The Branch of Righteousness	Jer 33:15	The Living Bread	Jhn 6:51	The Sacrifice	Eph 5:2
King over all the Earth	Zec 14:4, 5, 9	The Servant of the Father	Mat 12:18	A Witness to the People	Isa 55:4
The Child	Isa 7:16	My Servant, O Israel	Isa 49:3	The Holy One of Israel	Isa 49:7
The Young Child	Mat 2:20	My Servant, the Branch	Zec 3:8	The Holy One of God	Mark 1:24
A Child Born	Isa 9:6	My Righteous Servant	Isa 53:11	Holy, Holy, Holy	Jhn 12:41
The Child Jesus	Luk 2:43	A Servant of Rulers	Isa 49:7	My First-Born	Psa 89:27
Her First-Born Son	Luk 2:7	A Nazarene, or Nazarite	Mat 2:23	The First-Born from the dead	Col 1:18
The Sent of the Father	Jhn 10:36	The Carpenter	Mark 6:3	The King of the Jews (born)	Mat 22: 15:2
The Apostle	Hbr 3:1	The Carpenter's Son (reputed)	Mat 13:55	The King of the Jews (crucified)	Jhn 19:19
A Prophet	Act 3:22, 23	He Humbled Himself unto death	Phl 2:8	The Last Adam	1Cr 15:45
A Great Prophet	Luk 7:16	A Stranger and an Alien	Psa 69:8	Crowned with many Crowns	Rev 19:12
The Prophet of Nazareth	Mat 21:11	A Man of Sorrows	Isa 53:3	Crowned with a Crown of Thorns	Jhn 19:2
A Prophet mighty in deed and word	Luk 24:19	The Shield	Psa 84:9	Crowned with Glory and Honor	Hbr 2:9
A Servant	Phl 2:7	The Faithful and True	Rev 19:11	The Just	1Pe 3:18
One Shepherd	Jhn 10:16	The Shepherd of Israel	Eze 34:23	The Light of the world	Jhn 8:12
Jehovah's Shepherd	Zec 13:7	The Shepherd and Bishop of Souls	1Pe 2:25	The Morning Star	Rev 2:28
The Shepherd of the Sheep	Hbr 13:20	The Good Shepherd (that laid down his life)	Jhn 10:11	The Day Star	2Pe 1:19
The Way	Jhn 14:6	The Bright and Morning Star	Rev 22:16	The True Light	Jhn 1:9
The Light	Jhn 12:35	A Light of the Gentiles	Isa 42:6	A Star	Num 24:17

Other Titles

He was:	Prophecised, Anticipated, Willing, Able, Born, Obedient, Human, Meek, Lowly, Guileless, Tempted, Oppressed, Despised, Rejected, Taunted, Spit Upon, Betrayed, Condemned, Reviled, Smitten, Scourged, Mocked, Wounded, Bruised, Ridiculed, Stricken, Beaten, Forsaken, Crucified, Slain, Dead and Buried.
He is:	Alive, Merciful, Faithful, Love, Just, Righteous, Harmless, Light, Everlasting, Indescribable, Jehovah, Wisdom, Holy, Almighty, Generous, Undeified, Separate, Humble, Perfect, Gracious, Mighty, Justified, Exalted, Invincible, Good, Risen, Unparalleled, Immortal, Truth, Glorified, Beloved, Exalted, Unique, Incomprehensible, Humble, Eternal, Altogether Lovely, The Rock, The Way, The Truth and The Life.

He is my:

Saviour, Hope, Brother, Rock, Sacrifice, Maker, King, Shield, Husband, Judge, Deliverer, Portion, Prince, Helper, Physician, Healer, Refiner, Purifier, Lord, Commander, Creator, Foundation, Master, Servant, Example, Teacher, Ruler, Shepherd, Keeper, Refuge, Feeder, Leader, Bridegroom, Restorer, King, High Priest, Resting-place, Wisdom, Conqueror, Passover, Champion, Peace, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, Redemption, Kinsman-Redeemer, Offering, Counselor, Beloved and God.

My King

My King
A Poem

by Chuck Missler, January 1, 1993
(Read from left to right, top to bottom)

He is the King of the Jews
He is the King of Israel
But He's also
King of all the Ages;
King of Heaven;
King of Glory;
King of Kings;
...and Lord of Lords.

He is: a prophet before Moses;
a priest after Melchizedek;
a champion like Joshua;
an offering in place of Isaac;
a king from the line of David;
a counselor above Solomon;
beloved, rejected, and exalted
like Joseph; and yet far more...

The Heavens declare His glory...
and the firmament shows
His handiwork.

He who is, who was, and who always will be;

The first and the last
He is the Alpha and Omega
the Aleph and the Tau
the A and the Z;

He is the ego eimi,
the אהיה אשר אהיה
the "I AM that I AM"

The voice of the burning bush
the Captain of the Lord's Host
the conqueror of Jericho

He is our Kinsman-Redeemer
and He is our Avenger of Blood;
and He is our City of Refuge;

He was crucified on a cross of wood;
Yet He made the hill
on which it stood.

By Him were all things made
that were made;
without Him was not anything made
that was made;

By Him are all things held together!

In Him dwells
the fullness of the Godhead bodily;
The very God of very God.

He became
the first fruits of them that slept.

He is our Performing High Priest;
Our Personal Prophet;
Our Reigning King.

He is enduringly strong;
entirely sincere;
eternally steadfast;

He is imperially powerful;
immortally graceful;
impartially merciful;

He stands alone in Himself:
He's unique, pre-eminent,
supreme, unparalleled:

He's the loftiest idea in Literature;

He's the highest Personality
in Philosophy;

He's the Fundamental Doctrine
of Theology;

He's the Supreme Problem
in "higher criticism"!

He's the Son of God!

There is no means of measuring
his limitless love:

It was written in blood,
on that wooden cross
erected in Judea
2,000 years ago.

He was born of a woman
so that we could be born of God;
He humbled Himself
so that we could be lifted up;
He became a servant
so that we could be made joint-heirs;
He suffered rejection
so that we could become His friends;
He denied Himself
so that we could freely receive all things;
He gave Himself
so that He could bless us in every way.

He is available to the tempted and the tried;
He blesses the young;
He cleanses the lepers;
He defends the feeble;
He delivers the captives;
He discharges the debtors;
He forgives the sinners;

Franchises the meek;
Guards the besieged;
Heals the sick;
Provides strength to the weak;
Regards the aged;
Rewards the diligent;
Serves the unfortunate;
Sympathizes and He saves!

His Offices are many;
His Reign is righteous;
His Promises are certain;
His Goodness is limitless;
His Light is matchless;
His Love never changes;
His Grace is sufficient;
His Mercy is everlasting;
His Word is enough;
His Yoke is easy and
His Burden is light!

He's indescribable;
He's incomprehensible;
He's irresistible;
He's invincible!

The Heaven of heavens cannot contain Him;
Man cannot explain Him

The Pharisees couldn't stand Him
but soon learned
that they couldn't stop Him;

They railroaded Him
through 6 illegal trials,
and yet

The witnesses couldn't agree against Him
and the personal representative
of the ruler of the world,
couldn't find any fault with Him;

Herod couldn't kill Him
death couldn't handle Him
the grave couldn't hold Him!

He has always been and always will be;
He had no predecessor and
will have no successor;
You can't impeach Him and
He isn't going to resign!

His name is above every name;
That at the name of Yeshua
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue shall confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

His is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory...
for ever, and ever.

Hallelujah! ...and Amen!

<p>1</p> <p>You shall have no other Gods before me</p>	<p>The Creator of the universe declares He is our God and our deliverer, and asks us to demonstrate our love for Him by having no other Gods. The First Commandment is the first of a series of four that define our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Establishing, developing and maintaining that personal relationship with the true and living God is the most important commitment we can ever make.</p> <p>That is the primary focus of the first of the Ten Commandments. We should love, honour and respect Him so much that He alone is the supreme authority and model in our lives. He alone is God. We should allow nothing to prevent us from serving and obeying Him. He should be #1 on a list of 1.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>You shall not make idols</p>	<p>The Second Commandment deals with several crucial questions. How do we perceive God? How do we explain Him to ourselves and to others? Above all, what is the proper way to worship the only true God? This commandment is a constant reminder that only we, of all created things, are made in the image of God.</p> <p>Only we can be transformed into the spiritual image of Christ, who of course came in the flesh as the perfect spiritual image of our heavenly Father. This commandment protects our special relationship with our Creator, who made us in His likeness and is still moulding us into His spiritual image.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain</p>	<p>The Third Commandment focuses on showing respect to God and His law as we are His ambassadors in the world. It addresses the way we communicate Him to those around us. Ambassadors are diplomats which are meant to uphold the ideals and values of the one they advocate accurately and sincerely.</p> <p>Therefore if we act or behave in ways which disrespect them, the reputation of the one they are emulating will be damaged. All Christians are ambassadors to Him, therefore we should always uphold His values and show others the way He calls us to live. It also depends on the way we express respect for Him in the presence of others. We are expected always to honour and love Him.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy</p>	<p>God starts off the fourth Commandment with the word "Remember". This is because He knew we would forget it. God asks that we keep it set apart for Holy purposes so we can draw nearer to Him. The Fourth Commandment to remember the Sabbath concludes the section of the Ten Commandments that specifically helps define a proper relationship with God, how we are to love, worship and relate to Him.</p> <p>It explains why and when we need to take special time to draw closer to our Creator. It is also a special sign between us and God forever, that it is Him that sanctifies us Him alone we belong to and worship. The Sabbath, the seventh day of the week was set apart by God as a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation.</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Honour your father and your mother</p>	<p>The fifth through to the tenth commandment serve as the standards of conduct in areas of human behaviour that generate the most far reaching consequences on individuals, families, groups and society. Families are the building blocks of society that build strong nations. When families are fractured and flawed, the sad results are tragic and reflected in headlines daily.</p> <p>The Fifth Commandment shows us from whom and how the fundamentals of respect and honour are most effectively learned. It guides us to know how to yield to others, how to properly submit to authority and how to accept the influence of mentors.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>You shall not murder</p>	<p>God asks us to demonstrate love towards others by not murdering. We must learn to control our tempers. Taking another person's life is not our right to decide. That judgment is reserved for God alone. This includes unborn babies and those that wish to die. That is the thrust of this Commandment. God does not allow us to choose to wilfully or deliberately take another person's life.</p> <p>The Sixth Commandment reminds us that God is the giver of life and He alone has the authority to take it or to grant permission to take it. God wants us to go far beyond avoiding murder. He requires that we not maliciously harm another human being in word or deed. God desires that we treat even those who choose to hate us respectfully and do all within our power to live in peace and harmony with them.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>You shall not commit adultery</p>	<p>God asks us to express and demonstrate our love for our partner by not committing adultery. Adultery is the violation of the marriage covenant by wilful participation in sexual activity with someone other than one's spouse. Since God's law sanctions sexual relationships only within a legitimate marriage, the command not to commit adultery covers in principle, all varieties of sexual immorality.</p> <p>No sexual relationship of any sort should occur outside of marriage. That is the basis of this Commandment. Most of us need the support and companionship of a loving spouse. We need someone special who can share our ups and downs, triumphs and failures. No one can fill this role like a partner who shares with us a deep love and commitment.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>You shall not steal</p>	<p>God instructs us to show our love and respect for others by not stealing what belongs to them. The Eighth Commandment safeguards everyone's right to legitimately acquire and own property. God wants that right honoured and protected. His approach to material wealth is balanced. He wants us to prosper and enjoy physical blessings.</p> <p>He also expects us to show wisdom in how we use what He provides us and He does not want possessions to be our primary pursuit in life. To Him it is important that generosity rather than greed motivates the choices we make. Because they are qualities of His own character, He asks that we, from the heart, put giving and serving ahead of lavishing possessions on ourselves.</p>
<p>9</p> <p>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour</p>	<p>God says if we love others we should not deceive or lie to them. How important is truth? To fully appreciate the Ninth Commandment with its prohibition of lying, we must realize how important truth is to God. Jesus Christ said of God the Father, "Your word is truth" (John 17:17). As the source of truth, God requires that His servants always speak truthfully. Under God's inspiration, King David wrote,</p> <p><i>"...LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbour no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow-man, who despises a vile man but honours those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts"</i> Psalm 15:1-3, NIV.</p>
<p>10</p> <p>You shall not covet</p>	<p>God instructs us not to covet since He knows it can entrap us into even greater sin. To covet means to crave or desire, especially in excessive or improper ways. The Tenth Commandment does not tell us that all of our desires are immoral. It tells us that some desires are wrong. Coveting is an immoral longing for something that is not rightfully ours. That is usually because the object of our desire already belongs to someone else.</p> <p>But coveting can also include our wanting far more than we would legitimately deserve or that would be our rightful share. Our desire should be to contribute to the wellbeing of others, to make our presence in their lives a blessing to them. In prohibiting coveting, it defines not so much what we must do but how we should think. It asks us to look deep within ourselves to see what we are on the inside.</p>

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Beatitudes

The beatitudes come from the opening verses of the famous Sermon on the Mount delivered by Jesus and recorded in Matthew 5:3-12. Here Jesus stated several blessings, each beginning with the phrase, "Blessed are ...". (Similar declarations appear in Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6:20-23.) Each saying speaks of a blessing or "divine favour" that will be bestowed on the person who possesses a certain character quality.

"If you squeeze a lemon, you should get lemon juice. If you squeeze an orange, you should get orange juice. If you squeeze a Christian, you should get Christ."

Chuck Missler

The Beatitudes

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Matthew 5:3 & Luke 6:20	Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	The phrase "poor in spirit" speaks of a spiritual condition of poverty. It describes the person who recognizes his or her need for God. "The kingdom of heaven" refers to people who acknowledge God as King.
Matthew 5:4 & Luke 6:21	Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.	"Those who mourn" speaks of those who express deep sorrow over sin and repent from their sins. The freedom found in forgiveness of sin and the joy of eternal salvation is the "comfort" of those who repent.
Matthew 5:5	Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.	Similar to "the poor," "the meek" are those who submit to God's authority and make him Lord. Revelation 21:7 says God's children will "inherit all things."
Matthew 5:6 & Luke 6:21	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.	"Hunger" and "thirst" speak of deep need and driving passion. This "righteousness" refers to Jesus Christ. To "be filled" is the satisfaction of our soul's desire.
Matthew 5:7	Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.	We reap what we sow. Those who demonstrate mercy will receive mercy. Likewise, those who have received great mercy will show great mercy. Mercy is shown through forgiveness, kindness, and compassion toward others.
Matthew 5:8	Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.	The "pure in heart" are those who have been cleansed from within. This is not outward righteousness that can be seen by men, but inward holiness that only God can see. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:14 that without holiness, no one will see God.
Matthew 5:9	Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.	The Bible says we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Reconciliation through Christ brings restored fellowship (peace) with God. 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 says God entrusts us with this same message of reconciliation to take to others.
Matthew 5:10 & Luke 6:22	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Just as Jesus faced persecution, so will his followers. Those who endure by faith rather than hide their faith to avoid persecution are genuine followers of Christ.

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The Parables

These are the parables Jesus spoke throughout the Bible including their meanings. Keep in mind that He spoke in parables so that those who were not believers did not understand the meaning, as mentioned in the last parable below called "The Purpose of Parables".

The Parables

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The Lamp

Matthew 5:14-16

- 14 *You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.*
- 15 *Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.*
- 16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Explanation

Christians shouldn't be a follower of Christ in secret, but they are called to tell the world and let their light shine brightly in the darkness. This especially occurs today when the end of all things is near.

The Speck and the Plank

Matthew 7:1-5

- 1 *Judge not, that you be not judged.*
- 2 *For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*
- 3 *And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?*
- 4 *Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me remove the speck from your eye"; and look, a plank is in your own eye?*
- 5 *Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

Explanation

You cannot condemn a person for sinning when you have great sin in your own life. To correct another, you first must have your own sins forgiven, turning from them completely before being able to correct someone else's lifestyle.

New Cloth on Old Garment

Matthew 9:16-17

- 16 *No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.*
- 17 *Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."*

Explanation

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The Divided Kingdom

Matthew 12:24-30

- 24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."
 25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.
 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?
 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.
 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.
 30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Explanation

This parable is self-explaining through Jesus' words.

The Sower

Matthew 13:1-9

- 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow.
 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.
 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.
 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.
 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.
 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Explanation**Matthew 13:18-23**

- 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower:
 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.
 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;
 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.
 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.
 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

The Tares Among the Wheat

Matthew 13:24-30

- 24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;
 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.
 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.
 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

Explanation

Tares look just like wheat in their early growing stages but right at the end, instead of wheat they produce a worthless black bud. This parable explains why the good and the ungodly are living together with each other. If the ungodly people are uprooted the godly will suffer.

The Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

- 31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,
 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Explanation

Mustard seeds should only grow to be about the size of a small bush and not a tree. This is an unnatural plant which is grown from the mustard seed and can't have been the same seed that was planted. Another point to mention is that throughout the Bible birds are represented negatively, and having birds nesting in the branches could be interpreted as outside forces affecting the truth and purpose of the seed. An example would be the Catholic church today who adheres to the doctrine of man rather than the original seed - the word of God.

The catholic church, as well as some mega-churches today has grown to be huge and have slowly let more 'birds' nest in their branches. The aim is to stay a bush, staying true to the word of God and if your congregation grows too big, it should split into two smaller churches or bushes instead of growing more branches.

The Leaven

Matthew 13:33

- 33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal fill it was all leavened."

Explanation (By Chuck Missler)

It has been popular to view this as a prediction that the Church will eventually "convert" the entire world. Unfortunately, this would seem to contradict other prophecies. (Luke 18:8; Isaiah 63:3,5; 2 Peter 2; Jude, etc.)

Furthermore, we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus was a Jewish rabbi, speaking to Jewish disciples. Leaven is always used as a symbol of sin. The Feast of Passover emphasizes the use of unleavened bread. Even to this day, the Jews make a game out of cleansing the house of leaven: they hide a little for the children to find to earn a reward. Jesus refers to the "leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees." (Matthew 16:6; Luke 13:21.) Paul also makes these same type of references. (1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 5:7-9.)

It is interesting that the Feast of Israel that prophesizes the Church is the Feast of Pentecost, the only feast that features leavened (Gentile?) bread. (See our Briefing Package, The Feasts of Israel, a prophetic study of all of the Feasts.) Why is leaven used as a symbol of sin? It corrupts by puffing up. The origin of sin was in Lucifer's pride. (Isaiah 14:12-17.) That's why God hates pride. (Try that in your concordance sometime!) Furthermore, the "three measures of meal" have their origin in Genesis 18, where Abraham receives the famous three visitors.

This first was the Lord Himself, and the other two were angels who had an assignment the following day at Sodom and Gomorrah. From that day to this, in both the Jewish and Arab cultures, the "three measures of meal" are emblematic of a fellowship offering. So to a Jewish ears, when Jesus described a woman putting leaven into the three measures of meal, they probably gasped in horror!

Pearl of Great Price

Matthew 13:44-46

44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Explanation (By Chuck Missler)

Jesus is the man who buys the field and the pearl. The believing Jews are the treasure in the field. The gentile Church is the pearl of great price. Jesus gave up everything he had to redeem both of them.

The man buys the whole field which fits perfectly with what Jesus came to do on the cross - the price he paid with his death was sufficient to purchase and redeem the whole world (the field) but only a few will believe and be saved (the treasure). This interpretation explains why Jesus bothered to say both of the parables - they each carry a different meaning. The parable of the 'Hidden Treasure' tells us that Jesus came to redeem the Jews. The 'Pearl of Great Price', on the other hand, tells us that Jesus also came to redeem the Gentiles.

In verses 45-46, Jesus again uses a strange Gentile allusion: the pearl. It all sounds good, until you realize that oysters are not kosher! (Deuteronomy 14:10) Here again, we see an allusion to the Church. The pearl is the only "jewel" that is the result of a living organism. It grows as a response to irritation. And it is removed from its place of growth to become an item of adornment! The more we study these parables, the more questions they raise.

The Net

Matthew 13:47-50

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away.

49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just,

50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Explanation

This parable is just like the wheat and the tares parable which also describes a 'sorting' between good and bad at the end of the age.

The Heart of Man

Matthew 15:10-14

10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand:

11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Explanation

Matthew 15:15-20

15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

16 So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding?"

17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated?"

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."

The Lost Sheep

Matthew 18:12-13

12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?"

13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

Explanation

The Lord cares dearly for each and every individual on this earth and He will actively seek to lead those who are lost back to Him.

The Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:23-35

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Explanation

This parable explains itself in the last line.

Laborers in the Vineyard

Matthew 20:1-16

- 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
- 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.
- 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.
- 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'
- 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'
- 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'
- 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.
- 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.
- 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,
- 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'
- 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'
- 14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.
- 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'
- 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

Explanation

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The Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

- 28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'
- 29 He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.
- 30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

Explanation

- 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first."
- Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.
- 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

The Tenant Farmers

Matthew 21:33-44

- 33 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.
- 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.
- 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.
- 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.
- 37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'
- 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'
- 39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Explanation

- 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"
- 41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."
- 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:
'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing. And it is marvelous in our eyes?'
- 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.
- 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Marriage Feast or Great Banquet

Matthew 22:2-14

- 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,
- 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.
- 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding." '
- 5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.
- 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.
- 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
- 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
- 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'
- 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.
- 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.
- 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.
- 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Explanation

The 'certain king' mentioned in verse 2 is God the Father and His Son is Jesus. God called His people the Jews to the marriage of His Son - however, the Jews didn't accept His invitation by not accepting Jesus as King as He entered on the donkey. The temple in Jerusalem was then burnt and destroyed by God leading to the diaspora of the Jews. God the Father then begins inviting gentiles to the wedding to be Jesus' bridegroom by accepting Him and the sacrifice He paid on the cross. The man who was cast from the wedding signifies those who haven't accepted Jesus' sacrifice and entered improperly.

The Budding Fig Tree

Matthew 24:32-35

- 32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.
 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors!
 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away fill all these things take place.
 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

Explanation (By Chuck Missler)

The Parable of the Fig Tree seems to indicate that the generation which sees the beginning of these things will see them all. But the triggering event may well be the Harpazo, the only prophetic event that is distinctively both unspecified and imminent.

Since there is a definite seven-year period immediately preceding the Second Coming, it would seem that there could be up to as many as 33 years (40 - 7) between the Harpazo and the beginning of the seven-year period for the Man of Sin to appear, rise to power, and position himself to enforce the covenant that Isaiah calls the "Covenant with Hell."

These intervening years could also include the rebuilding of the Temple, the rebuilding of Babylon, and other anticipated positioning's for the final climax. To the extent that there are geopolitical and other signs on the horizon which suggest that the circumstances anticipated for the seven-year period are moving into position, these certainly support the view that the Harpazo is getting closer and may be on our very immediate horizon. This should, indeed, intensify our priorities to immerse in the Word, re-examine our commitments to our Coming King, and seriously address each day which remains with a high degree of urgency.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." **Matthew 24:44**

The Faithful vs. The Wicked Servant

Matthew 24:45-51

- 45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?
 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.
 47 Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.
 48 But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'
 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,
 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,
 51 and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Explanation (By Nancy Missler)

The faithful and wise servant in this story is equivalent to a true disciple of Christ. He places the desires of his lord above his own and, thus, is an obedient steward who provides for his "family." He does what he is required to do at the time, but he also steadfastly awaits his lord's return. Verse 47 says because of this, the lord (when he returns) will "make him ruler over all his goods."

In the same way, God entrusts us—His own servants—to not only feed His spiritual family and do His will, but also to await His return. Our reward for doing so will be the privilege of greater service in His future kingdom. The special pleasures, honors, and splendors, which are to accompany the return of the Lord from heaven and the setting up of His kingdom, are to be a reward for fidelity and faithful service in His absence.

The unfaithful and disobedient servant, however, is the equivalent of a carnal and nominal Christian. The word evil in verse 48 is the Greek word kakos (Strong's #2556), which simply means "someone who has been disqualified." It means "a worthless or injurious person." It means he lacks the qualities that he should possess.

Simply put, he is "not worthy." This servant thought his lord would delay his coming. And this, of course, affected how he lived his life. He was lazy, untrustworthy, and cruel. He abused his position by being ill tempered and self-indulgent to those who worked with him. He thought he would never be called into account for these things because he secretly believed his lord would be slow to return.

The Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

- 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,
 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'
 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'
 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'
 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Explanation (By Chuck Missler)

our Justification can be compared to the Jewish betrothal. Our Sanctification can be compared to a Jewish woman preparing herself for her future wedding. And our Glorification (the Rapture) can be compared to a Jewish groom coming by surprise to carry his bride away.

As you can see from the Biblical model of marriage (summarized above), it was necessary that the bride prepare her own bridal garment for the big day. During the time of preparation, she remained in her father's home, making herself ready. This preparation meant making her own wedding gown, getting ready for her new role as a wife, transferring her allegiance from her father to her new husband, and so forth. Cohabitation was forbidden at this time, since the bride must remain a virgin. The goal of this in-between time was that she would be presented to her future groom as a chaste and pure virgin.

This was not only true for Jewish brides; it is also true in the Christian life. At the end of our "preparation time" (our betrothal), we are to be presented to Christ as a pure virgin. Ephesians 5:27 describes the way that this will occur: "That He [the Lord] might present [the church] to Him-self a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Paul added to this by saying, "That I may present you to Christ as a chaste virgin" (2 Corinthians 11:2). Chaste (#53, hagnos) is the root from which hagnosmos (#38) comes from. Hagnosmos means "sanctified."

Notice, however, the words might and may in the two above verses. They indicate that it's God's will to present us "as a chaste and holy virgin, without spot or wrinkle," but it's not a given. In other words, it's not automatic. Something is required of us! We must participate in the action. We must prepare ourselves, just as a Jewish bride does.

So according to the Biblical model, the presentation of the bride to the Lord is conditional. She must not only be presented as a "chaste virgin, not having spot or wrinkle" (Ephesians 1:4), she must also be sanctified, holy, and without blemish (Hebrews 12:14).

What this is saying is that there is a possibility that while we are here on earth waiting for Christ to return, we can defile our garments and prevent this from happening.

We will expand in later issues upon the two different kinds of garments a believer can wear. The first one is the Garment of Salvation that Christ imputes to us at our new birth (Isaiah 61:10). This is our external garment without spot or wrinkle. The second garment and the one that Christ requires for the Marriage festivities is the white linen garment made up of the believer's own "righteous works"; i.e., the "fruit" from his life. (Revelation 19:7-8) Revelation 3:5 tells us that overcomers will be clothed in white garments. This speaks of the internal sanctification and the moral fitness that Christ requires of His Bride. (2 Corinthians 7:1; 11:2)

This second garment, then, is the one that can get defiled, stained, and blackened through the believer's own negligence. Remember, God said to the Church at Sardis: "There are a few who have not defiled their garments." (Revelation 3:4)

Defile here means "a stain or a blackening of some-thing." It refers to an internal condition, a moral or spiritual transgression. It simply means "unfaithfulness." As Strong's puts it: "It means dirtying our clothes." As Christians we dirty our clothes by not being faithful and by quenching His Spirit.

Let me be clear: I am not saying that a believer must be sinless. All believers sin at various times and it's only when we confess and repent of our sin that we can once again be clean. 1 John 1:9 has to become a part of our lives:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness..." 1 John 1:9

The "holy ones without blemish" in Ephesians 5:27 are those believers who have chosen to do just that in order to keep themselves clean, prepared, and ready. They are the sanctified ones. They have continued to "put off" their sin and self and "put on" Christ. They are now arrayed in fine linen, clear and white. This garment does not refer to the "righteousness of Christ," which has been imputed to them (Isaiah 61:10), but rather to their own righteous deeds.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." Revelation 19:7, 8

In other words, these believers have chosen to make themselves fit, prepared, and ready. They are sanctified, holy and chaste virgins.

James 1:27 exhorts us to keep ourselves "unspotted" (see also Revelation 3:4-5; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 11:2-3). "Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments" (Revelation 16:15). These are the ones who will be deemed worthy to enter the bridal chamber because they have on the appropriate wedding garments.

God desires to present us to Himself a glorious church, having no surface defects, holy and without blemish. But He does not coerce His subjects; He respects our will. We can of our own choosing fall short of the glory of God, by not daily confessing our shortcomings (Hebrews 12:15).

The million-dollar question is: What happens to those believers who are not ready, not prepared, not fit, not holy, and not chaste? What happens to them? Are they allowed into the Marriage festivities? Some theologians believe they are; some others believe they are not. Study Ephesians 5:27 for yourself and see what the Spirit shows you. Speaking of the importance of being prepared, fit, and ready for Christ's soon return, the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 is very appropriate.

There are many interpretations of this parable, so again, be as the Bereans and study the Scripture for yourself. Remember, a parable is simply a truth told in story form to help explain a previous truth. The previous truth in Matthew 24 is to watch, be ready, and endure to the end, for you know not what hour the Lord comes.

Note that ten virgins took their lamps (torches filled with oil) and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of those virgins were wise because they took extra oil. The other five virgins, however, didn't bring extra oil and thus, were foolish.

Vines Complete Expository Dictionary says that the number 10 (Strong's #1176, deka) is a very significant number. It's used 248 times in the Bible and means "the measure of human responsibility" and also the number of "completion." Virgin (Strong's #3933) means "an unmarried woman." The word wise (Strong's 5429, phromiros) means "single-minded" (i.e., one life is being lived—God's) and thus, these believers were full of light (Luke 11:34). The word foolish (Strong's # 3474, moros) means "double-minded" (i.e., two lives are being lived—God's and our own), and thus, these believers are full of darkness (Luke 11:34).

While waiting for the bridegroom, all ten virgins slept. But at midnight a cry was made that the bride-groom was coming and they were to go out and meet him. All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps (adjusted them), but the foolish found that their lamps had gone out and they had no oil to refill them. They asked the wise if they could have some of their oil, whereupon the wise said, "We cannot let you have our oil because there will not be enough for us. Why don't you go and purchase some for yourselves?"

While the five foolish virgins were gone trying to find extra oil, the bridegroom came and those wise virgins who were ready, worthy, and prepared (who had their lamps lit) went in with him to the wedding festivities and the door was shut. Later when the five foolish virgins came, they said, "Lord, Lord, open the door." But he answered them saying, "I know you not" (Matthew 25:12).

The Greek word used here for know is oida (Strong's #1492), which means to see, to perceive or to "know intimately." The Lord was saying to the five foolish virgins: "I don't know you intimately; we don't have a close relationship. If we did, you would have obeyed Me and brought more oil." In other words, there was no fellowship between them. The Lord only knew them by observation.

The five foolish virgins in this parable obviously are in heaven. But because they didn't know (oida) the Lord intimately, He didn't let them in to the wedding ceremony. They were not qualified to enter.

The accuracy of the Scriptures continues to amaze us. When you peel back all the details, the Bible is an absolute treasure hunt! For example, earlier in Matthew (in Matthew 7:23), where Jesus is talking to those who professed to be Christians, who professed to have prophesied in His Name, who cast out devils in His Name, and who said they had done many wonderful works in His Name, He didn't say, "I know you not," like He does here in Matthew 25. He says, "I never knew you." And the Greek word He uses for I never "knew" you is ginosko, which means "to have knowledge of."

In other words, in Matthew 7, He is saying: "I never knew you to begin with. I don't recognize you at all." Whereas in Matthew 25 (where we are reading about the 10 virgins), He is saying, we don't have an intimate relationship. Thus in Matthew 25, I believe the person is saved; whereas in Matthew 7, I believe the person is not saved.

The key to both is the "knowing."

A friend of ours sent us the following quote and it seems so applicable here: "Far above all the doing . . . it seems the knowing is where we need to focus . . . and let the doing spring forth from the real knowing."

This is so true. If we are sanctified and partaking of Christ's Life, we'll have intimate knowledge (oida) with Christ and "fruit" will result. If we are not faithful and we aren't partaking of His Life, then we won't have that close relationship that the Lord desires and "fruit" will not be produced.

Ten Talents or Gold Coins

Matthew 25:14-30

- 14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.
- 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.
- 16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.
- 17 And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.
- 18 But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.
- 19 After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'
- 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
- 22 He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.'
- 23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
- 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.
- 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the around. Look, there you have what is yours.'
- 26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.
- 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.
- 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.
- 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.
- 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Explanation

What is the 'outer darkness'? Charles Stanley talks about the above parable and its mention of "outer darkness" in his book *Eternal Security* where he says, "The final verse of this parable is so severe that many commentators assume it is a description of hell. It is not! Keep in mind that this is a parable. A parable makes one central point. The point of this parable is that in God's future kingdom, those who were faithful in this life will be rewarded, and those who were not, will lose any potential reward. Some will be given more privileges and responsibility while others will have none...The outer darkness refers to 'being thrown outside a building into the dark' and in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Dr. Spiros Zodhiates says: "These terms may be applied to believers who have failed the Lord in their service...In this instance, the "outer darkness" may be a reference to a place or a position of far less rewards for the servants who proved themselves less diligent than those who used and exercised their talents to the fullest. The expression would then refer to the degrees of the enjoyment of heaven rather than referring to hell..."

The Purpose of Parables

Matthew 13:10-17

- 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"
- 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
- 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
- 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.
- 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;

- 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'
- 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;
- 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

So in conclusion, Jesus spoke in parables to hide the meaning behind His words because He knew that the Pharisees wouldn't believe Him either way. By hiding the meaning their future judgement is lessened.

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Evidence for God

This section is the evidence for God in the world around us and the Bible. This is perhaps the most important section if you're an unbeliever. Science doesn't oppose Christianity as many believe, but instead validates the Bible's integrity. You will be astonished by how many events the Bible has prophesied with 100% accuracy, over a thousand years in advance for most of them!

There are still an array of prophecies which are yet to be fulfilled such as the rapture, the destruction of Damascus and the attempted invasion of Israel. You may even see some of these fulfill themselves within your lifetime - especially if you miss the rapture. But let's start gently:

"The only barrier to truth is the presumption that you already have it."
Chuck Missler

Does God Exist?

The Bible describes God as eternal (Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17), all-powerful (Jeremiah 32:17; Colossians 1:17), infinite in understanding (Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 40:28), perfectly Holy like no other (Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2), the only God (Psalm 86:8-10), incapable of lying (Titus 1:2), Creator of the whole universe (Genesis 1:1; John 1:3), and Savior (Titus 2:13)—just to name a few attributes. So how do we know that such a God exists?

God has given us confirmation of His existence through His word - the Bible - so that we don't believe blindly, but come to a knowledge of Him through rational and steadfast faith. Nobody should believe *anything* just because a book, a newscaster or a celebrity says so. Discovering truth requires research, hard work and persistence to be able to accurately confirm the claims. When we start to explore the claims of the Bible with an open heart, we begin to see mounting evidence which is both astonishing and precise, and which confirms what God has said to be true... and if anything, God is extremely precise!

So what if there's a possibility that the Bible is correct? Would you be willing to risk your eternal future on the chance that it's wrong, or are you willing to put in the research and effort to verify what it has to say?

To verify the Bible, we should firstly look at the tangible evidence of its authenticity. To start, lets consider some of the writer's own accounts of what the Bible is:

Luke 1:1-4

"1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, 3 it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account 4 that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed."

2 Peter 1:16

"16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty."

2 Timothy 3:16

"16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

2 Peter 1:21

"21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

To summarise the passages above: the writes of the gospels were eyewitnesses and saw Jesus' majesty first-hand, they believe that His word is truth and certainty, they eliminated the possibility that Jesus was a con-artist or a man of deception and they realized that all scripture is from God and written by man through the Holy Spirit.

Most of the authors of the Bible went to their deaths believing it was absolute truth. An important question to ask is 'Why would they die for Christ if it was all a lie - and they knew it was a lie?' At any moment they could have renounced their belief and their lives would be spared. This demonstrates that the authors were more concerned about relaying truth than living their own lives.

This still leaves open the possibility that they were all deceived by Jesus' miracles, as if He was simply a brilliant magician with others helping Him to achieve the impossible, using props and sleight of hand tricks. However this scenario is refuted quickly by looking at the sheer volume and difficulty of the miracles He accomplished such as healings, resurrections and even His own resurrection. How would someone fake a healing of a lame man who has been sitting by the gates of the city for 38 years? (John 5:1-9) Why would they sit there for so long if it was only for a magic trick? How do you organise something like this when the man was sitting there before Jesus was even born?

The next question to ask is how do we know the Bible hasn't been modified or altered over the centuries, and how accurate are the manuscripts? A 'Time Gap' is a term used to measure the distance between an original document and a copy - the smaller the gap, the less room for error. Below are the Time Gaps for some famous historical figures:

- **Pliny the Younger:** 750 Years
- **Caesar:** 1,000 Years
- **Plato's Tetralogy:** 1,300 Years
- **Alexander the Great:** 400 Years
- **Homers Iliad:** 400 Years
- **Tacitus:** 750 years
- **The New Testament:** 50 Years

To further determine the accuracy of the manuscripts we can also look at the volume of copies which have been found which range from a single page to over 5,000 pages of the Bible.

- **Homer's Iliad:** 1,820 Manuscripts
- **Tacitus Annals:** 31 Manuscripts
- **Caesar Gallic Wars:** 250+ Manuscripts
- **Herodotus Histories:** 109 Manuscripts
- **Plato Tetralogies:** 210 Manuscripts
- **The New Testament:** 66,000 Manuscripts (5,700 in Greek alone)

Additionally, in A.D. 303, the Roman emperor Diocletian ordered that Christians be killed and the biblical manuscripts destroyed. Hundreds if not thousands of them were destroyed across the Roman Empire during this persecution, which lasted until A.D. 311.

Homer's Iliad is the number 2 manuscript authority. More manuscripts are found for this than any other classical work. Right now we have about 1,820 copies of it. But for the Bible we have 66,000 manuscripts and scrolls of the Bible. According to these statistics, if anyone is sceptical of the New Testament documents, they should be far more so of all other ancient works including Caesar, Plato and Homer. If you were to stack all of the documents in the Greek language of ancient antiquity other than the New Testament, it would reach 4 feet high, the Greek New Testament manuscripts would reach 1 mile high!

For more information on Biblical manuscripts, visit:

<https://1c15.co.uk/how-many-copies-exist-and-how-large-is-the-time-gap/>

With all the fact and logic out of the way, the only real way that you can tell if God exists is to earnestly seek Him for yourself. Read the Bible and try to discover who He *really* is, what He's done in the past, what His future plans are, and you will soon discover the love He demonstrates to us daily. You may find that He's already knocking on the door to your heart, waiting for you to open it and invite Him in.

A friend of mine once read through the Bible, solely to disprove God's existence. Long story short, he's now a believer. Either way, if you want an answer - you have to put in the time and commit to it. Additionally you should pray for Him to reveal Himself - even if you don't currently believe He exists.

The Universe

The Universe (By Marilyn Adamson)

Scientists are convinced to a fault that our universe began with one enormous explosion of energy and light, which we call the Big Bang. Apparently, this was the singular start to everything that exists: the beginning of the universe, the start of space, and even the initial start of time itself. Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, stated:

"The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion...The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen."

The universe has not always existed. It had a start, but what caused it? Scientists have no explanation for the sudden explosion of light and matter.

In a book entitled "Science Speaks" by Peter Stoner, he presents scientific evidence in behalf of the creation. Firstly he explains that science had previously taught creation was impossible since matter could not be destroyed or created. He also points out that atomic physics had now proved that energy can be turned into matter and matter into energy. Additionally he considers the order of creation as presented in Genesis 1:1-13 and presents argument after argument from a scientific viewpoint why it only could have been created in that order.

Stoner asks, "What chance did Moses have when writing the first chapter (of Genesis) of getting thirteen items all accurate and in satisfactory order?" His calculations conclude it would be 1 chance in 31,135,104,000,000,000,000,000 (thirty-one sextillion). He concludes, "Perhaps God wrote such an account in Genesis so that in these latter days, when science has greatly developed, we would be able to verify His account and know for a certainty that God created this planet and the life on it."

The Universe (By Chuck Missler)

The Nature of Light

Not only have recent scientific articles highlighted the discoveries that the speed of light has changed over the centuries (something that Barry Setterfield has been declaring for decades) the very nature of light has ripped open the entire world of quantum physics that has shattered our concepts of reality itself.

The changes in the velocity of light not only impacts our understanding of the astronomical distances and properties, it affects the atomic behaviour involved in the red shift of spectra, the reliability of radiological dating, etc. It is the peculiar properties of photons themselves that continue to astonish the quantum physicists wrestling with the very nature of our physical existence. It is now recognized that subatomic particles lack a property known as "locality." All subatomic particles are now understood to be immediately connected. There is a simultaneity - a "non-locality" - among all photons that has been confirmed in the laboratory. It now appears that our entire universe may actually be a gigantic hologram of some kind.

The Fabric of Space

Most of us assume that space is simply an empty vacuum with nothing "in it." However, it is increasingly evident that even empty space has astonishing properties that have yet to be fully understood. We now know that this "firmament," (raqia) which the Scripture presents, possesses electromagnetic properties including dielectric permittivity, magnetic permeability, an intrinsic impedance, and has an astonishing "zero-point" energy sufficient to keep all the electrons in the entire universe in their orbits. The term "stretching the heavens" appears at least 17 times in the Scriptures.

According to the Scriptures, the heavens can be "torn," "worn out" like a garment, "shaken," "burnt up," "split apart" like a scroll, rolled up" like a mantle or a scroll. The concept of being "rolled up" carries some additional insights. There must be some dimension in which space is "thin." If space can be "bent," there must be a direction it can be bent toward. Thus, this tells us that there must be additional dimensions beyond those of space itself.

It is now understood that we live in even more than four dimensions: ten dimensions is the current estimate (which is precisely what Nachmonides concluded in his commentary on Genesis back in the 13th century!) The more we understand from the current perspectives of modern physics, the more comfortable we are with the chronicle in Genesis One.

The Architecture of the Solar System

The more we study our solar system, the more questions get raised. Here, too, the prevailing assumptions that are broadly taught are totally specious. The "Nebular Hypothesis," that the planets were somehow thrown off by the sun, is mathematically untenable. There is no plausible explanation that would support a solar origin of the planets.

The sun contains 99.86% of all the mass of the solar system, and yet contains only 1.9% of the angular momentum. The nine planets contain 98.1%. Furthermore, the outer planets are far larger than the inner ones. (Jupiter is 5,750 times as massive as mercury, 2,958 times as massive as Mars, etc.)

There are many other provocative enigmas concerning our planetary history:

- There are three pairs of rapid-spin rates among our planets: Mars and Earth, Jupiter and Saturn, and Neptune and Uranus, are each within 3% of each other. Why?
- Earth and Mars have virtually identical spin axis tilts (about 23.5). Why? (From angular momentum and orbital calculations, it would seem that the three pairs of these planets may have been brought here from elsewhere.)
- Why does Mars have 93% of its craters in one hemisphere and only 7% in the other? It would appear that over 80% occurred within a single half-hour!

It's almost as if God designed it to challenge any naturalistic hypotheses!

The Bible

The Bible (By Marilyn Adamson)

God's word to us which has lasted 2,000 years so far. He was but a man with 12 disciples which has profoundly grown to be the largest religion of our day. The Bible can speak to us through the ages and transcends through time, it was the same when it was created, it is the same now, and it will be the same word of God forever more.

There has been divine intervention involved in the creation on the Bible where every letter, and symbol has been placed there by the father in heaven. It's so complex that we're still finding new facts about it today such as hidden codes that point to a creation outside our dimension and the fact that the creator had to be outside our space time to prophesise the future so accurately.

This section is split into many subsections because the Bible IS the primary way that God proves Himself to us. To prove the content in the Bible is from God first we have to authenticate that the Bible is the same today as when it was written as discussed below by Chuck Missler.

If you want to watch a 15 minute video instead of reading the sections below, I recommend "Why Should I Trust the Bible?" by Impact Video Ministries on YouTube. You can find it here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiNcbu5oHQU and here: www.fluidicice.com/salvation as a backup if YouTube has taken it down.

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free"
John 8:32

The Christian Scriptures are historically outstanding, deserving serious consideration. One could even say that the history of the Bible is so compelling that to doubt the Bible is to doubt history itself since the Bible is the most historically verifiable book of all antiquity. The only book more historically verifiable than the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) is the New Testament. Consider the following:

- More manuscripts exist for the New Testament than for any other of antiquity—it has 5,000 ancient Greek manuscripts, 24,000 in all including other languages. The multiplicity of manuscripts allows for a tremendous research base by which we can test the texts against each other and identify what the originals said.

● The manuscripts of the New Testament are closer in age to the originals than are any other document of antiquity. All of the originals were written within the time of the contemporaries (eyewitnesses), in the first century A.D., and we currently have parts of manuscript dating back to A.D. 125. Whole book copies surface by A.D. 200, and the complete New Testament can be found dating back to A.D. 250. Having all the books of the New Testament initially written within the times of eyewitnesses means that the books did not have time to devolve into myth and folklore. Plus, their truth claims were held accountable by members of the Church who, as personal witnesses to the events, could check the facts.

● The New Testament documents are more accurate than any other of antiquity. John R. Robinson in *Honest to God* reports that the New Testament documents are 99.9 percent accurate (most accurate of any complete antique book). Bruce Metzger, an expert in the Greek New Testament, suggests a more modest 99.5 percent.

How We Got Our Bible (By Chuck Missler) - www.khouse.org/articles/2016/1260/

The Bible is the single most important book of all time, selling an estimated 5 billion copies. It has been translated into 349 languages, and 2,123 languages have at least one book of the Bible. At the same time, the Bible is scrutinized and attacked more than any other book in the world. It has been outlawed, confiscated and burned at different times and places in history. It has been smuggled into jail cells and across borders.

John Huss was burned at the stake for teaching from the Bible as the final authority for the Church over any earthly church rulers. William Tyndale was strangled and burned for translating the Bible into English. Every week, millions of Christians gather to discuss its words, even as "higher" critics attempt to explain it through the lens of metaphysical naturalism. What we believe about the Bible can be the most important, central issue in our lives, threading its way into the very fabric of who we are and how we live each day.

Where did the Bible come from? Why do we believe its origin is supernatural? Who defined the canon of Scripture? Most importantly, is the Bible the Word of God? You and I are gambling our eternity on the answer to that last question. Why do we believe God is the author of the Bible, and can each one of us defend that belief? Dark times are on the horizon, and it is increasingly important that we learn to live by faith. Where we place our faith fully depends on how we view the Scriptures.

The Nature of Reality

Within recent years, many members of Protestant denominational churches and the Roman Catholic Church have turned away from the Bible as the fully inspired Word of God. We hear arguments that the Bible contradicts itself or that it contradicts the "truths" of modern culture and science. Many people say the Bible contains the Word of God, but cannot be relied on to be the Word of God in all its entirety. This is a key issue. Is the Bible really true?

Two World Views

Ultimately, there are two basic world views we can hold. One view regards everything we experience as the result of some cosmic accident. "In the Beginning there was nothing, and then it exploded." The other view is that everything we experience is the deliberate result of a Creator. Of course, there are numerous variations on each of these views, but each of us must decide where we will place our trust. Each of these world views holds possible solutions to the biggest puzzles of life:

Who am I?, Where did I come from?, Where am I going?, To whom am I accountable?, It is ultimately important that we find the true answers to these questions.

You and I live in a time of rebellion and self-worship. Parental and marital authority are challenged in the homes and courts. Political, academic and ecclesiastical authority are challenged across the land.

Here, near the very beginning, we are introduced to Satan, the serpent, our adversary, and the first thing we see him do is question God's Word. "Yea, hath God said?"

His next step is to slander God's character with straight denial. "Ye shall not surely die." (Gen 3:4). Thus, Satan encouraged the rejection of God's authority at the very beginning, while humanity was yet in its infancy. Eve failed to trust God, Adam followed her in directly disobeying what God had told him, and humankind lost everything as a result.

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?""
Genesis 3:1

We find the same pattern today. A number of social indicators deteriorate rapidly after 1963 in the United States. There were fewer than 10 births per 1000 unmarried teen women (ages 15-19) prior to 1947, and between 1955 and 1964, the number remained steadily between 15 and 16. After 1964, however, the numbers of teenagers giving birth out of wedlock climbed steadily during the next 30 years to more than 46 births per 1000 teen women in 1994.

Divorce rates escalated, families broke up, crime rates rose, and the acceptance of homosexuality became commonplace. As of 2015, more than 58 million unborn children have been murdered in the United States because they were considered inconvenient. Fifty-eight million. That is nearly ten times the number of Jewish victims in the Holocaust.

It's noteworthy that in 1963, as a result of the combined court cases *Abington School District v. Schempp* and *Murray v. Curlett*, the U.S. Supreme Court banned school-led reading of the Bible and recital of the Lord's Prayer. These court cases alleged to uphold the principles of freedom and human dignity, yet the end result of turning our backs on God has been destruction and misery. As we choose our own way over God's way, we're losing everything.

There is little dignity in divorce or high crime rates. It is ironic that the elements we most desire in life are rarely attained through our own weak wisdom and fleshly desires. After trying our own methods, over and over again we have had to learn that we experience human dignity and true freedom only through moral obedience and accountability to the Creator who fashioned human beings for a high spiritual destiny.

Facing the Sceptics

Sceptics have brutally attacked the Bible throughout history, and during the past century it has become popular among intellectuals to regard the Bible as merely a conglomeration of Jewish writings. It's considered respectable to dispute the authorship of the books of the Bible and to disregard fulfilled prophecy as events reported after-the-fact.

In 1898, Hermann Schultz, professor of Theology at the University of Gottingen, declared:
"Of the legendary character of the pre-Mosaic narrators, the time of which they treat is a sufficient proof. It was a time prior to all knowledge of writing, a time separated by an interval of more than four hundred years, of which there is absolutely no history."

Yet, the patriarchal accounts in the Bible have been corroborated by archaeological evidence. The information we have of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob matches the culture we know of that time in history. Job, the contemporary of Abraham, had the ability to write. Sumerian cuneiform writing certainly predates Moses by much more than 400 years; Ira Spar at the Metropolitan Museum of Art notes that, "By the middle of the third millennium B.C., cuneiform primarily written on clay tablets was used for a vast array of economic, religious, political, literary, and scholarly documents." The old criticism that no written language existed in Moses' day has been proven to be false.

The theories that the Gospels and the Epistles were written in the second century, over a hundred years after the fact, have been shredded and refuted by archaeological discoveries, documentary discoveries and competent analysis. The common sceptical assertions thrown about in "academic" circles can be shown to be short-sighted.

As we read the Bible, we find there are a number of highly significant verses found at the address "3:16."
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
1 John 3:16 "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."
1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"
2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

2 Timothy 3:16 is one of these significant "3:16" verses — a little fact that makes it easy to remember its address. This particular verse gives us a foundational message, and we should read it carefully and take it to heart:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." Note this verse says, "All Scripture" — not just certain passages that we might select because we like them best. If we accept only those parts of the Bible that suit us and reject the others, then we are believing in ourselves and our own (unreliable) judgment rather than in the Scripture.

The word "inspiration" in the Greek, $\theta\epsilon\acute{\omicron}\pi\nu\epsilon\nu\sigma\tau\omicron\varsigma$ — *theopneustos* — means "God-breathed." That is, the Scriptures were not just influenced by good ideas about God; they were actually infused into human beings by the Spirit of God, who breathed into the hearts and minds of the Bible's authors.

All Scripture "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction." Doctrine is about teaching correct understanding while reproof is involved in addressing wrong conduct and correction deals with wrong understanding. As we study the epistles of Paul, for example, we discover that while Romans is a doctrinal statement of Soteriology (the study of salvation), 1 Corinthians was sent to reprove wrong conduct and Galatians to correct wrong doctrine.

Again, Ephesians presents the doctrine of Ecclesiology (the study of this mystical thing we call the "Church"), while Philippians then presents the reproof and Colossians presents the correction for the Church. 1 and 2 Thessalonians present the doctrine of Eschatology (the study of the last things), and 1 and 2 Peter and Revelation continue that theme.

The more we study the Bible, the more we discover that it's very well organized specifically for its purposes.

This article was from Dr. Chuck Missler's book How We Got Our Bible, available in print and eBook. Also available in Kindle format from Amazon. May God bless each one of us as we absorb this material and press onward to live it out every day.

The original Bible was written on manuscripts, these manuscripts were later compiled into the Bible as we know it today and the more manuscripts that validate the authenticity it - the better. Caesar's life was recorded on a total of 10 manuscripts.

What we know about Plato came from 7 manuscripts and everything about Tacitus was recorded on 20 manuscripts. The number of new testament manuscripts is a whopping 24,633 manuscripts and counting. The next highest number of manuscripts is The Iliad coming in at about 643 manuscripts.

Evidence of Design

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 The recurrence of the number seven — or an exact multiple of seven — is found throughout the Bible and is widely recognized. The Sabbath on the seventh day; the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine in Egypt; the seven priests and seven trumpets marching around Jericho; the Sabbath Year of the land are well-known examples. Also, Solomon's building the Temple for seven years, Naaman's washing in the river seven times, and the seven churches, seven lamp stands, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls, seven stars, and so on in the Book of Revelation, all show the consistent use of the number seven.

*"Don't confuse disbelief and doubt. Doubt is healthy inquiry. Disbelief is a willful choice."
 Chuck Missler*

But there turns out to be much more below the surface. Ivan Panin noted the amazing numerical properties of the Biblical texts — both the Greek of the New Testament and the Hebrew of the Old Testament. These are not only intriguing to discover, they also demonstrate an intricacy of design which testifies to a supernatural origin!

One of the simplest — and most provocative — aspects of the Biblical text is the vocabulary used. The number of vocabulary words in a passage is normally different from the total number of words in a passage. Some words are repeated. It is easy, for example, to use a vocabulary of 500 words to write an essay of 4,000 words.

The first 17 verses of the Gospel of Matthew are a logical unit, or section, which deals with a single principal subject: the genealogy of Christ. It contains 72 Greek vocabulary words in these initial 17 verses. (The verse divisions are man's allocations for convenience, added in the 13th century.) The number of words which are nouns is exactly 56, or 7×8 .

The Greek word "the" occurs most frequently in the passage: exactly 56 times, or 7×8 . Also, the number of different forms in which the article "the" occurs is exactly 7.

There are two main sections in the passage: verse 1-11, and 12-17. In the first main section, the number of Greek vocabulary words used is 49, or 7×7 . Why not 48, or 50? Of these 49 words, the number of those beginning with a vowel is 28, or 7×4 . The number of words beginning with a consonant is 21, or 7×3 . The total numbers of letters in these 49 words is 266, or 7×38 - exactly! The number of vowels among these 266 letters is 140, or 7×20 . The number of consonants is 126, or 7×18 - exactly.

Of the 49 words, the number of words which occur more than once is 35, or 7×5 . The number of words occurring only once is 14, or 7×2 . The number of words which occur in only one form is exactly 42, or 7×6 . The number of words appearing in more than one form is also 7.

The number of the 49 Greek vocabulary words which are nouns is 42, or 7×6 . The number of words which are not nouns is 7. Of the nouns, 35 are proper names, or exactly 7×5 . These 35 names are used 63 times, or 7×9 . The number of male names is exactly 28, or 7×4 . These male names occur 56 times or 7×8 . The number which are not male names is 7.

Three women are mentioned — Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. The number of Greek letters in these three names is 14, 7×2 .

The number of compound nouns is 7. The number of Greek letters in these 7 nouns is 49, or 7×7 .

Only one city is named in this passage, Babylon, which in Greek contains exactly 7 letters.

And on it goes. To get an indication of just how unique these properties are, try the example in the inset.

There are even more features in the numerical structure of the words themselves. As you may know, both Hebrew and Greek uses the letters of the alphabet for numerical values. Therefore, any specific word — in either Hebrew or Greek — has a numerical value of its own by adding up the values of the letters in that particular word. The study of the numerical values of words is called gematria.

The 72 vocabulary words add up to a gemmetrical value of 42,364, or $7 \times 6,052$. Exactly. If one Greek letter was changed, this would not happen. The 72 words appear in 90 forms — some appear in more than one form. The numeric value of the 90 forms is 54,075, or $7 \times 7,725$. Exactly.

We will defer other examples of gametrical properties of the Biblical text for subsequent articles, but it becomes immediately obvious that hidden below the surface are aspects of design that cannot be accidental or just coincidence. Remember, the rabbis say that "coincidence" is not a kosher word!

There are words in the passage just described that occur nowhere else in the New Testament. They occur 42 times (7 x 6) and have 126 letters (7 x 18). How was this organized?

Even if Matthew contrived this characteristic into his Gospel, how could he have known that these specific words — whose sole characteristic is that they are found nowhere else in the New Testament — were not going to be used by the other writers? Unless we assume the absurd hypothesis that he had an agreement with them, he must have had the rest of the New Testament before him when he wrote his book. The Gospel of Matthew, then, must have been written last.

It so happens, however, that the Gospel of Mark exhibits the same phenomenon. It can be demonstrated that it would have had to be written "last." The same phenomenon is found in Luke. And in John, James, Peter, Jude and Paul. Each would have had to write after the other in order to contrive the vocabulary frequencies! You can demonstrate that each of the New Testament books had to have been "written last."

There is no human explanation for this incredible and precise structure. It has all been supernaturally designed. We simply gasp, sit back, and behold the skillful handiwork of the God who keeps His promises. And we are indebted to the painstaking examinations and lifetime commitment of Dr. Ivan Panin for uncovering these amazing insights.

Biblical Genealogy Codes

Biblical Genealogy Codes (By Chuck Missler)

The great discovery is that the Bible is a message system: it's not simply 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, the Bible is an integrated whole which bears evidence of supernatural engineering in every detail. The Jewish rabbis have a quaint way of expressing this very idea: they say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes.

"Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17-18

But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us, He will interpret the very words; He will even interpret the very letters themselves; in fact, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters! When I first heard this, I simply dismissed this as a colorful exaggeration. Until I reread Matthew 5:17-18:

(A jot and tittle are the Hebrew equivalent of our dotting an i and the crossing of a t.)

A remarkable example of this can be glimpsed in Genesis Chapter 5, where we have the genealogy of Adam through Noah. This is one of those chapters which we often tend to skim over quickly as we pass through Genesis, it's simply a genealogy from Adam to Noah. But God always rewards the diligent student. Let's examine this chapter more closely. In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names. What do these names mean in English?

The meaning of proper names can be a difficult pursuit since a direct translation is often not readily available. Even a conventional Hebrew lexicon can prove disappointing. A study of the original roots, however, can yield some fascinating insights. (A caveat: many study aids, such as a conventional lexicon, can prove rather superficial when dealing with proper nouns. Furthermore, views concerning the meanings of original roots are not free of controversy and variant readings.)

Methuselah comes from muth, a root that means "death"; and from shalach, which means "to bring", or "to send forth". The name Methuselah means, "his death shall bring". Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth.

And, indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the flood came. It is interesting that Methuselah's life, in effect, was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. Therefore, it is fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, speaking of the extensiveness of God's mercy. If there is such significance in Methuselah's name, let's examine the other names to see what may lie behind them.

Adam	Adam's name means "man". As the first man, that seems straight forward enough.
Seth	Adam's son was named Seth, which means "appointed". Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."
Enosh	Seth's son was called Enosh, which means "mortal, frail, or miserable". It is from the root anash, "to be incurable", used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.
Kenan	Enosh's son was named Kenan, which can mean "sorrow, dirge, or elegy". (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids unfortunately presume that Kenan is synonymous with Cainan.) Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, uses a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesies their destruction. We have no real idea as to why these names were chosen for their children. Often they may have referred to circumstances at birth, and so on.
Mahalalel	Kenan's son was Mahalalel, from mahalal which means blessed or praise; and El, the name for God. Thus, Mahalalel means the "Blessed God". Often Hebrew names include El, the name of God, as Dan-i-el, "God is my Judge", etc.
Jared	Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from the verb yaradh, meaning "shall come down".
Enoch	Jared's son was named Enoch, which means "teaching, or commencement". He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ (although it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament)
Methuselah	Enoch was the father of Methuselah, who we have already mentioned. Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah. Apparently, Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Enoch, of course, never died: he was translated (raptured). That's how Methuselah can be the oldest man in the Bible, yet he died before his father!
Lamech	Methuselah's son was named Lamech, a root still evident today in our own English word, "lament or lamentation". Lamech suggests despairing. (This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain's line who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident.)
Noah	Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is derived from nacham, "to bring relief or comfort", as Lamech himself explains in Genesis 5:29.

With all the meanings combined something remarkable happens:
 [Adam] **Man (is)** [Seth] **appointed** [Enosh] **mortal sorrow; (but)** [Mahalalel] **the Blessed God** [Jared] **shall come down** [Enoch] **teaching (that)** [Methuselah] **His death shall bring (the)** [Lamech] **despairing** [Noah] **rest.**

Man is appointed mortal sorrow; but the Blessed God shall come down teaching, that His death shall bring the despairing rest.

Here's the Gospel hidden within a genealogy in Genesis! There's no way that a group of Jewish rabbis conspired to hide the Christian Gospel right here in a genealogy within their venerated Torah! The implications of this discovery are more wide spread than is evident at first glance. It demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of mankind.

It is a love story, written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea almost 2,000 years ago. The Bible is an integrated message system, the product of supernatural engineering. Every number, every place name, every detail, every jot and tittle is there for our learning, our discovery, and our amazement. Truly, our God is an awesome God.

It is astonishing to discover how many Biblical controversies seem to evaporate if one simply recognizes the unity and the integrity of these 66 books, penned by 40 authors over thousands of years. It is remarkable how many subtle discoveries lie behind the little details of the text. Some of these become immediately obvious with a little study; some are more technical and require special helps.

<p>To continue the lineage: [Shem] The fame of [Arphaxad] the stronghold of Babylon and its boundary [Cainan] and sorrow [Shelah] extend like a plant [Eber] beyond the region [Peleg] of division [Reu] A friend [Serug] branches out. [Nahor] snorting [Terah] with fury!</p>	<p>The fame of Babylon's fortress and sorrow extend like a plant beyond the place of division (the tower of Babel) A friend (also) branches out, enraged with fury!</p>
<p>[Abraham] The glorious father [Isaac] laughs [Jacob] as He outwits</p>	<p>A glorious father, the father of a multitude, laughs as he outwits (his enemy)</p>
<p>[Judah] one who praises Jehovah [Perez] breaks open a way [Hezron] an area surrounded by a wall [Ram] of great height! [Amminadab] O' my people of the Prince, [Nahshon] a prophet [Salmon] clothed [Boaz] with strength, [Obed] who serves, [Jesse] is here! [David] out of love [Solomon] His payment makes peace [Rehoboam] and sets the people free!</p>	<p>One who praises the Lord breaks open a way (into) an area surrounded by a wall of great height. O' my people who belong to the Prince, a prophet clothed with strength, who serves (the Lord), is here! One well-loved, peaceful, and who sets the people free.</p>
<p>[Abijah] My Father is the Lord, [Asa] the healer [Jehoshaphat] of the one whom the Lord judged [Jehoram] and whom the Lord raised up! [Ahaziah] the Lord took hold [Joash] and the Lord is strong! [Amaziah] mighty is the Lord! [Uzziah] my strength and help are in the Lord! [Jotham] the Lord is perfect! [Ahaz] I took hold of [Hezekiah] the strength of the Lord, [Manasseh] and it made me forget</p>	<p>My father is the Lord, the healer of him whom the Lord judged and whom the Lord raised up! The Lord took hold (of me) and the Lord is strong! Mighty is the Lord! My strength and help are in the Lord! The Lord is perfect! I took hold of the strength of the Lord. It made (me) forget (my misery).</p>
<p>[Amon] truly, the master builder [Josiah] whom the Lord healed, [Jehoiakim] whom the Lord God raised up, [Jehoiachin] and whom the Lord upholds, will uphold and did uphold! [Shealtiel] I have asked God about [Pedaiah] the ransomed of the Lord, [Zerubbabel] the seed in Babylon</p>	<p>Truly, (I am) the master builder whom the Lord healed, whom the Lord God raised up, whom the Lord upholds, did uphold and will uphold! I have asked God about the ransomed of the Lord, the exiles who are in Babylon.</p>
<p>[Abiud] my father is majestic [Eliakim] my God will raise up [Azor] a helper! [Zadok] the just [Akim] will the Lord raise up [Eliud] My God is my praise! [Eleazar] God is the helper! [Matthan] may the gift of [Jacob] Jacob [Joseph] increase in greatness, [Jesus Christ (Emmanuel)] for God is with us! The messiah and savior of [Church] those called out of the world.</p>	<p>My father is glorious! My God will raise up a helper, the Just (one) will the Lord raise up! My God is my praise! God will help! May the gift of Jacob increase (in greatness)! For God is with us, the messiah and Savior of those called out (of Babylon).</p>

Esther Codes

Esther Codes (By Chuck Missler)

God had declared that if His people forsook Him, He would hide His face from them. Here, in this very episode, that threat was fulfilled. But even though He was hidden from them, God still was working for them behind the scenes. And this is further emphasized by some surprises hidden behind the text itself. It has been noted by many commentators that Esther is the only book of the Bible in which there does not appear the name of God, or any divine title, anywhere in the book. (Martin Luther favored eliminating it from the Bible on this basis) However, the name of God does appear in a number of places if one knows how and where to look!

An acrostic can be a mechanism for including a hidden message. In the Book of Esther we encounter some remarkable surprises. The name of God is hidden no less than eight times in acrostics in the text. Four times it appears as an acrostic, the famed Tetragrammaton, "YHWH" or "Yahweh" or "YeHoVaH"; once as "EHYH" or "I AM" as at the Burning Bush. Also, Meshiach ("Messiah"), Yeshua ("Jesus"), and El Shaddai ("The Almighty"), also appear as equidistant letter sequences. As Gentiles, we need to remember that we are grafted into the true olive tree by the skin of our teeth. We must not forget that we were joined into what was a Jewish Church-with Jewish leaders, a Jewish Bible, and are worshipping a Jewish Messiah. Baruch HaShem. Bless His Name!

The more we look, the more we realize that there is still much more hidden, and thus reserved for the diligent inquirer. (Would you expect anything less in the Word of God?) The entire drama has deeper roots. Haman was a royal Amalekite, a descendant of the very king Agag whom King Saul was supposed to have slain (1 Sam 15:1-28). If Saul had followed his instructions, there wouldn't have been a Haman. For Saul's failure, his kingdom was taken away. Mordecai, too, a key benefactor in the tale, was a result of David having refused to take vengeance upon Shimei so many years earlier. It was Esther's marriage to the King of Persia that ultimately led to the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Biblical Genealogy Code

The Acrostic (By Chuck Missler)

Another type of Bible code has also been recently discovered. It occurs within the first 20 names from Adam to Abraham and confirms the Names Code. In the original Hebrew, the first letter of each consecutive name from Adam to Abraham's father "Terah" forms a complex acrostic. Keep in mind that Hebrew reads from right to left.

<p>Adam = אדם Seth = שֵׁת Enosh = אנוש Kenan = קֵיֵן Mahalalel = מַחְלָאֵל Jared = יָרֵד Enoch = חֲנוּךְ Methuselah = מֵתוּשֶׁלַח Lamech = לֶמֶךְ</p>	<p>Noah = נֹחַ Shem = שֵׁם Arphaxad = אֲרַפְקְסָאד Shelah = שֵׁלַח Eber = עִיבֵר Peleg = פֶּלֶג Reu = רְעוּ Serug = שֵׁרוּג Nahor = נְחוֹר Terah = תֵּרַח</p>	<p>The Encoded Genealogical Acrostic The first letter of each consecutive Hebrew name from Adam to Abraham (a total of 19 names) reads:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">" אֲשָׁא קָמַי חַמְל " " "I will forgive my enemies, showing compassion, נֵשָׂא שְׁעֵפָר שְׁנַת forgiving those made from dust a second time."</p>
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Message on the Cross

When Pontius Pilate wrote the inscription that would be on the cross, he likely did so with the suspicion that Jesus really was the true God and King of the Jews from all that he saw and heard. Pilate likely also felt manipulated since the Jews kept pushing him to kill Jesus even though he found no wrong in Him so he wrote the following:

ישוע הנצרי ומלך היהודים

This translates as, "Jesus the Nazarite and the King of the Jews."

So, how did Pilate return the favor to the Temple rulers who forced him into condemning Jesus to die? He did so by writing the statement of Jesus' guilt in Hebrew in such a way that it actually portrayed Jesus as YHWH (יהוה) Himself via an acrostic!

Hebrew is read from right to left and I've highlighted the first letter of each word in the statement above to show the unpronounceable name of God is hidden within the statement. Since acrostics (like the above) were commonplace in ancient Israel the Jews were outraged that Pilate put this code into the inscription above Jesus, as evidenced by the passage below:

Luke 23 3-4

3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

He answered him and said, "It is as you say."

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

John 19 19-22

19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was:

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews." ' "

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

This account can only be found in the book of John and provides some great insight into yet more proof that Jesus really is the Son of God.

Complexity

Complexity (By Marilyn Adamson)

The complexity of our planet points to a deliberate Designer who not only created our universe, but sustains it today. The Earth...its size is perfect. The Earth's size and corresponding gravity holds a thin layer of mostly nitrogen and oxygen gases, only extending about 50 miles above the Earth's surface.

If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life. The Earth is located the right distance from the sun.

Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30°C (86°F) to +120°C (248°F). If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible.

The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents.

Water...colorless, odorless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about two-thirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life:

It has wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 37°C (98.6°F). Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels.

Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter. Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe.

Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water.

The human brain...simultaneously processes an amazing amount of information. Your brain takes in all the colors and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard.

Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands. The human brain processes more than a million messages a second. Your brain weighs the importance of all this data, filtering out the relatively unimportant.

This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is an intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people. The eye...can distinguish among seven million colors.

It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages -- simultaneously. Evolution focuses on mutations and changes from and within existing organisms. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter.

The Plagues of Egypt

These are the plagues of Egypt and their relationship to the plagues in Revelation. It's interesting to study for further research and to also help verify that God's plan of revelation is all throughout the Bible.

Plague Number	Plague Description	Plague Warning?	Rod Used	Relationship to Revelation
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1	Waters Become Blood (Exodus 7:14-25)	Yes	Aaron's Rod	Trumpet 2: 1/3 of the sea becomes blood Bowl 2: Entire sea becomes blood Bowl 3: All rivers and springs become blood
2	Frogs (Exodus 8:1-15)	Yes	Aaron's Rod	Revelation 16:13 "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."
3	Lice (Exodus 8:16-19)	No	Aaron's Rod	
4	Flies (Exodus 8:20-32)	Yes	No Rod	
5	Livestock Diseased (Exodus 9:1-7)	Yes	No Rod	Seal 4: Disease, pestilence and plagues
6	Boils (Exodus 9:8-12)	No	No Rod	Bowl 1: Loathsome sores and pain on those without God's seal
7	Hail & Fire (Exodus 9:13-35)	Yes	Moses' Rod	Trumpet 1: Hail and fire Trumpet 7: Great hail Bowl 7: Massive hail
8	Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20)	Yes	Moses' Rod	Trumpet 5: (Revelation 9:3) "Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."
9	Darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)	No	Moses' Rod	Bowl 5: Darkness falls on Babylon
10	Death of the Firstborn (Setup: Exodus 11:1-10, Plague: Exodus 12:29-30)	Yes		

Exodus vs Revelation

- They are freed from affliction in Egypt and will be freed from the time of Jacob's trouble in Revelation
- They cry to God and are heard both times
- God will command oppressors to let them go
- Both have two witnesses with miracles performed before their enemies
- The enemies will also perform miracles
- Both contain judgements from God
- God will protect His people
- Duplicate Plagues (Blood waters, frogs, locusts, boils, hail, darkness)
- People's hearts are hardened
- Death to multitudes
- Israel will be delivered

Daniel vs Revelation

These are the comparisons between Daniel 3 (the fiery furnace) and the events of Revelation in the Bible, both of which have idols people are commanded to worship. The golden idol in Daniel is a 'type' of events to come in the tribulation. 'Typology' is a set of separate events with a common recurring theme throughout the Bible.

Daniel	Revelation	Comparison
The size of the image of gold was sixty cubits high and six cubits wide. (Daniel 3:1)	In Revelation the beasts number is 666 . (Revelation 13:18)	Daniel 3:1 & Revelation 13:18 both have significance to a consecutive number 6. 6 is the number of man.
They were commanded to worship the image of gold" (Daniel 3:1)	They were commanded to worship the beast and his image" (Revelation 14:11)	Both are images of themselves or false gods which are demanded to be worshipped.
You shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. (Daniel 3:5)	He causes everyone to receive a mark, that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:16)	In both cases, everyone is forced to worship the idol or receive the mark.
Those who don't worship the idol shall be cast into the fiery furnace. (Daniel 3:6)	Those who don't take the mark will be beheaded. (Revelation 20:4)	Whoever does not take the mark or worship the image is killed.
The Jews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refuse to bow to this idol.	The nation Israel will likewise realize this man is not God and will not receive the mark or bow to him.	Neither of God's people will bow or submit to anyone but the true God.
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego are thrown into the 7 times hotter fiery furnace.	Israel will go into the 7 year tribulation.	The furnace is commanded by Nebuchadnezzar to be 7 times hotter than normal which directly relates to the 7 year tribulation or Daniel's 70th week.
God appeared as a fourth member in the fiery furnace and protected them from the flames.	God will protect Israel during the tribulation and ensure their survival and needs are met.	God shields those whom He loves and those who follow His law.
Where was Daniel during the events of this idol worship?	Where is the Church during the tribulation?	Daniel was off on other business for the king, and would not have bowed down to this idol either. The church likewise will be raptured before the antichrist appears.

DNA Code

DNA Code (By Marilyn Adamson)

All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: 110010101011000.

The way they are arranged tell the computer program what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. It's made up of four chemicals that scientists abbreviate as A, T, G, and C. These are arranged in the human cell like this: CGGTGACTCGCTCCTGAT and so on.

There are three billion of these letters in every human cell! Well, just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-lettered program telling the cell to act in a certain way. It is a full instruction manual. Why is this so amazing?

One has to ask, how did this information program wind up in each human cell? These are not just chemicals. These are chemicals that instruct, that code in a very detailed way exactly how the person's body should develop. Natural, biological causes are completely lacking as an explanation when programmed information is involved. You cannot find instruction, precise information like this, without someone intentionally constructing it.

God Pursues Us

God Pursues Us (By Marilyn Adamson)

"I was an atheist at one time. And like many atheists, the issue of people believing in God bothered me greatly. What is it about atheists that we would spend so much time, attention, and energy refuting something that we don't believe even exists?! What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people...to help them realize their hope was completely ill-founded.

To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I didn't realize that the reason the topic of God weighed so heavily on my mind, was because God was pressing the issue."

"I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know him. He has surrounded us with evidence of himself and he keeps the question of his existence squarely before us. It was as if I couldn't escape thinking about the possibility of God.

In fact, the day I chose to acknowledge God's existence, my prayer began with, "Ok, you win..." It might be that the underlying reason atheists are bothered by people believing in God is because God is actively pursuing them. I am not the only one who has experienced this. Malcolm Muggeridge, socialist and philosophical author, wrote, "I had a notion that somehow, besides questing, I was being pursued."

C.S. Lewis said he remembered, "...*night after night, feeling whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all of England.*"

Lewis went on to write a book titled, "Surprised by Joy" as a result of knowing God. I too had no expectations other than rightfully admitting God's existence. Yet over the following several months, I became amazed by his love for me."

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ (By Marilyn Adamson)

Why Jesus? Look throughout the major world religions and you'll find that Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius and Moses all identified themselves as teachers or prophets. None of them ever claimed to be equal to God. Surprisingly, Jesus did. That is what sets Jesus apart from all the others.

He said God exists and you're looking at him. Though he talked about his Father in heaven, it was not from the position of separation, but of very close union, unique to all humankind. Jesus said that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father, anyone who believed in him, believed in the Father. He said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

He claimed attributes belonging only to God: to be able to forgive people of their sin, free them from habits of sin, give people a more abundant life and give them eternal life in heaven. Unlike other teachers who focused people on their words, Jesus pointed people to himself. He did not say, "follow my words and you will find truth." He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me."

What proof did Jesus give for claiming to be divine? He did what people can't do. Jesus performed miracles. He healed people...blind, crippled, deaf, even raised a couple of people from the dead. He had power over objects...created food out of thin air, enough to feed crowds of several thousand people.

He performed miracles over nature...walked on top of a lake, commanding a raging storm to stop for some friends. People everywhere followed Jesus, because he constantly met their needs, doing the miraculous. He said if you do not want to believe what I'm telling you, you should at least believe in me based on the miracles you're seeing.

Jesus Christ showed God to be gentle, loving, aware of our self-centeredness and shortcomings, yet deeply wanting a relationship with us. Jesus revealed that although he views us as sinners, worthy of his punishment, his love for us ruled and he came up with a different plan. God himself took on the form of man and accepted the punishment for our sin on our behalf. Sounds ludicrous?

Perhaps, but many loving fathers would gladly trade places with their child in a cancer ward if they could. The Bible says that the reason we would love God is because he first loved us. Jesus died in our place so we could be forgiven. Of all the religions known to humanity, only through Jesus will you see God reaching toward humanity, providing a way for us to have a relationship with him. Jesus proves a divine heart of love, meeting our needs, drawing us to himself.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, he offers us a new life today. We can be forgiven, fully accepted by God and genuinely loved by God. He says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."17 This is God, in action. Does God exist?

If you want to know, investigate Jesus Christ. We're told that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God does not force us to believe in him, though he could. Instead, he has provided sufficient proof of his existence for us to willingly respond to him.

The earth's perfect distance from the sun, the unique chemical properties of water, the human brain, DNA, the number of people who attest to knowing God, the gnawing in our hearts and minds to determine if God is there, the willingness for God to be known through Jesus Christ. If you need to know more about Jesus and reasons to believe in him, please see: Beyond Blind Faith.

**Israel Restored to the Land
The Disapora**

The Bible is essentially a story of redemption for humanity but it particularly focuses on God's chosen people, the Jews. This isn't a flawless people, they made mistakes like the rest of us, however the biggest one would be their rejection of the Messiah when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Because of this Jesus says that they will soon be dispersed across the earth, to be regathered in Jerusalem once again when the time is right. This is known as the Diaspora.

Below are the verses predicting the dispersion of the Jews.

Deuteronomy 28:64
"64 *"Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone."*

Ezekiel 36:19
"19 *So I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds."*

Ezekiel 6:8
"8 *"Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries."*

The Rebirth of Israel

The most astonishing fulfilled prophecy within the last 100 years is certainly the return of Israel as a state. Around 722 B.C., the Assyrians invaded and destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel. In 134 A.D, the Roman Empire also invaded forcing the Israelites to flee. However, on the 14th of May 1948 Israel was resurrected again as a country. Anyone can look at a map today (If you aren't in an Islamic country) and see Israel. No country in the history of the world has ever come back again from nothing, especially after nearly 2,000 years. Not to mention how thinly the Jews have been spread and the fact that multiple satanic leaders (such as Hitler) have tried to wipe the Jews from existence multiple times.

Isaiah 43:5-6
5 *Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west;*
6 *I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'*
Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—

Regathering to Israel

Isaiah 43:6 speaks of Russia when it mentions 'the North', and the phrase "Give them up" was a declaration from God since Russia wouldn't let the Jews return to Israel until the Soviet Union fell. The same applies to Ethiopia in the South who refused to let the Jews return to their country, however once their country also began to crumble in 1991 the Israeli's initiated the campaign "Operation Solomon" to return the Jews to their homeland. This operation lasted 36 hours and transported 14,325 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. Incredibly, one of the aircraft, carried at least 1,088 people, including two babies who were born on the flight, and holds the world record for the most passengers on an aircraft.

Isaiah 11:11-12
11 *It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time*
To recover the remnant of His people who are left,
From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.
12 *He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,*
And gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Jeremiah 31:8
8 *Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth,*
Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child
And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there.

A few of the flights from Ethiopia even landed with more passengers than they took off with, showing the intricate detail in the Bible and proving that there were pregnant mothers on the flight. Even though it's not mentioned, I guarantee that there would have been at least one blind and one lame person on those flights.

Barren Israel

During the absence of the Jews, the Bible says that Israel will be a barren wilderness.

Isaiah 35:1-2
1 *The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;*
2 *It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.*
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God.

Prior to Israel entering and nurturing the land on 14 May 1948, it was a barren desert and wasteland in which little could have survived:

Alfon Lamarline From - Recollections from the East	"Outside the walls of Jerusalem we saw no living being, heard no living voice. We encountered that desolation and that deadly silence which we would have expected to find at the ruined gates of Pompey. A total eternal dread spell envelopes the city, the highways and the villages." "A solitude to make one dreary, unpeopled deserts, rusty mounds of barrenness."
Mark Twain From - The Innocents Abroad	"A blistering, naked treeless land. The further we went the hotter the sun got and the more rocky, bare, repulsive and dreary the landscape had become." He spoke of the villages as "Ugly cramped, squalid, uncomfortable and filthy." "There was hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. Even the olive and the cactus, those were fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country." "It truly is monotonous and uninviting. It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land."

Israel Flourishing

When the Jews return to their land, this once 'barren wilderness' will begin to prosper and bear fruit, eventually flourishing like the garden of Eden.

Joel 2:21-24
21 *Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the Lord has done marvellous things!*
22 *Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up,*
And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength.
23 *Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God;*
For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you—
The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.
24 *The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.*

Ezekiel 36:33-36
33 'Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.
34 The desolate land shall be filled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by.
35 So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'
36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it."

Today, not only has the land been restored but the nation of Israel is a mini super power. Israel is leading the world in water technology, military technology, digital security, agriculture and many more."

Agriculture: 19/113
Economy: 5/95
Happiness: 11/156
Military: Rank 15/133
Space: 5/50

Fulfilled Prophecies

	Prophecy	Bible Prophecy Reference	Fulfillment
1	The Messiah Will Be Born In Bethlehem	Micah 5:2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."	Matthew 2:1-6 1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "
2	The Messiah Will Be Born Of A Virgin	Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."	Matthew 1:20-23 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."
3	The Messiah Will Be A Prophet Like Moses	Deuteronomy 18:15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear"	John 7:40-42 40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" Acts 3:20-23 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'
4	The Messiah Will Be Tempted By Satan	Psalms 91:10-12 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."	Matthew 4:5-7 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up. Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "
5	The Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly	Zechariah 9:9 "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."	Matthew 21:8-11 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" 10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" 11 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." Luke 19:35-37 John 12:12-15
6	The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People	Isaiah 53:1 "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him."	John 1:10-11 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. John 12:37-38 37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, 38 that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Matthew 26:3-4 3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.
7	The Messiah Will Be Betrayed By One Of His Followers	Psalms 41:9 "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me." Psalms 55:12-13 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. 13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance."	Matthew 26:47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. Matthew 26:49-50 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. Luke 22:21-22 21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" Luke 22:47 John 13:18, 21, 26

8	The Messiah Will Be Betrayed For 30 Pieces Of Silver	Zechariah 11:12-13 "12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. 13 And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter."	Matthew 26:14-16 14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. Matthew 27:3-4 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood," And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"
9	The Messiah Will Be Tried And Condemned	Isaiah 53:8 "He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."	Matthew 27:1-2 1 When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. 2 And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Luke 23:1, 23 1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. 23 But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. Acts 4:26-28
10	The Messiah Will Be Silent Before His Accusers	Isaiah 53:7 "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shears is silent, So He opened not His mouth."	Matthew 27:12-14 12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14 But He answered Him not one word, so that the governor marvelled greatly. Mark 15:3-5 3 And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. 4 Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!" 5 But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled. 1 Peter 2:22-23
11	The Messiah Will Be Smitten And Spat Upon	Isaiah 50:6 "I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting." Micah 5:1 "Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek."	Matthew 26:67-68 67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" Matthew 27:30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. Mark 14:65 Mark 15:19 John 19:1-3 Psalm 22:7-8
12	The Messiah Will Be Mocked And Taunted	Psalm 22:7-8 "7 All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 8 "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!""	Matthew 27:39-40 39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." Luke 23:35 And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." Luke 23:11
13	The Messiah To Die By Crucifixion, With Pierced Hands And Feet	Psalm 22:14-16 "14 I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;" Zechariah 12:10 "then they will look on Me whom they pierced..."	Matthew 27:31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. Mark 15:20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him. John 19:15-16 15 But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" 16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.
14	The Messiah Will Suffer With Sinners	Isaiah 53:12 "Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."	Matthew 27:38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. Mark 15:27 Two criminals were crucified with Him, their crosses on either side of His. Luke 23:32-33 32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.
15	The Messiah's Garments Will Be Divided By Casting Lots	Psalm 22:18 "They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."	Matthew 27:35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." John 19:23-24 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. Mark 15:24
16	The Messiah's Bones Will Not Be Broken	Numbers 9:12 "They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it."	John 19:32-37 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Christianity	Evidence for God	Fulfilled Prophecies	17	The Messiah Will Die As A Sin Offering	<p>Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12 <i>"5 But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 12 ...Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."</i></p>	<p>John 1:29 <i>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"</i></p> <p>Acts 10:43 <i>To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."</i></p> <p>Acts 13:38-39 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Ephesians 1:7 1 Peter 2:24 Revelation 1:5</p>
			18	The Messiah Will See His Seed	<p>Isaiah 53:10-11 <i>"10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labour of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities."</i></p>	<p>Ephesians 1:4-5 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will</p> <p>Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Ephesians 1:21-23</p>
			19	The Messiah Will Be Buried In A Rich Man's Tomb	<p>Isaiah 53:9 <i>"And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth."</i></p>	<p>Psalms 16:10 <i>"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."</i></p> <p>Psalms 30:3 <i>"O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit."</i></p>
			20	The Messiah Will Be Raised From The Dead	<p>Psalms 30:3 <i>"O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit."</i></p> <p>Psalms 16:10 <i>"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."</i></p>	<p>Matthew 28:5-7 5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."</p> <p>Mark 16:6-7 Acts 2:27-31 1 Corinthians 15:17, 20</p>
			21	The Messiah Will Sit At God's Right Hand	<p>Psalms 110:1 <i>"The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.""</i></p>	<p>Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.</p> <p>Acts 2:34 <i>"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand" Hebrews 10:12-13</i></p>
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Future Prophecies

The Bible still contains hundreds of future prophecies which still need to be fulfilled, most of them are found in Revelation and are based around the tribulation and the millennium. Below are a few prophecies which will soon come to pass, keep an eye out as this is the ultimate proof that there is a God, that He is outside of space and time and that He loves you.

The Destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17)	Damascus will be destroyed and <u>never</u> inhabited again. This prophecy seems to imply that nuclear weapons are used in a conflict with Damascus, or even a preventative attack on Israel's behalf.
The Russian Invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38)	Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and Syria will launch a massive combined attack against Israel but will fail due to God's intervention which causes the complete and utter destruction of the armies.
The Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:52)	Jesus calls the believing Christians home, before His wrath is poured out on the earth and Israel.
One World Government (Revelation 13:1-2 & Daniel 7:16-24)	<p>In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John sees the "beast," also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1). Combining this vision with Daniel's similar one (Daniel 7:16-24), we can conclude that some sort of world system will be inaugurated by the beast, the most powerful "horn," who will defeat the other nine and will begin to wage war against Christians and Jews. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in Daniel 2:41-42, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue. Whoever the ten are and however they come to power, scripture is clear that the beast will either destroy them or control them.</p> <p>John goes on to describe the ruler of this vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan himself (Revelation 13:2), being followed by and receiving worship from "all the world" (Rev 13:3-4), and having authority over "every tribe, people, language and nation" (Rev 13:7). From this description, it is logical to assume that this person is the leader of the one world government which is recognized as sovereign over all other governments.</p>
One World Religion (Revelation 17:1-18)	The one-world religion described in Revelation 17:1-18 as "the great harlot" will be part of the end-times scenario. The term harlot is used throughout the Old Testament as a metaphor for false religion. The actual identity and makeup of the religion has been debated for centuries and has resulted in a number of different views among Bible commentators and theologians. There are convincing arguments for the one world religion spawning from Catholicism.
The Worldwide 'Mark' (Revelation 13:16-17)	<p>The antichrist will force everyone on the planet to receive his mark on either their right hand or their forehead.</p> <p>Revelation 13:16-17 <i>"16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."</i></p>

Prophecy Odds

Mississippi River Delta

Approximately 300 million cubic yards of sediment are deposited into the Gulf of Mexico by the Mississippi River each year. Analysis of the volume and rate of accumulation and dividing the weight of the sediments deposited annually, the age of the delta appears to be about 4,000 years old. (Henry M. Morris, ICR.)

Salinity of the Oceans

The uranium, sodium, nickel, magnesium, silicon, potassium, copper, gold, molybdenum, and bicarbonate concentrations in the oceans are much less than would be expected if these elements and compounds were being added to the oceans at the present rate for thousands of millions of years. Nitrates and uranium do not break down or recycle like salt. Implies oceans are a few thousand years old. (Henry Morris, SA Austin, Dr. Humphreys, et al.)

Poynting-Robertson Effect ("Solar Janitor")

Photons slow down the forward movement of objects in space. The solar drag force exerted upon micrometeoroids causes the particles to spiral into the sun. The sun is sweeping space at the rate of about 100,000 tons/day. There is no known source of replenishment. Their current abundance speaks of a young universe. (Stanley P. Wyatt, Jr. and Fred L. Whipple, "The Poynting- Robertson Effect on Meteors," *Astrophysical Journal*, Vol 3, Jan 1950, p.134-141; David A Weintraub, "Comets in Collision," *Nature*, Vol 351, 6 June 1991, p.440-441.)

Velocity of c Decreasing

Four of five related atomic properties dependent upon c have demonstrated decrease. Slowing of atomic clocks relative to orbital clocks; if atomic clocks are correct, orbital speeds of Mercury, Venus and Mars are increasing. [William Tiffit, University of Arizona: red shift quantized; not "Doppler effect"; could be explained by changes in atomic behaviour due to a decrease in c. T. C. Van Flandern, U.S. Naval Observatory: atomic clocks are slowing several parts per billion/year. D. Russell Humphreys: "White Hole" (Black hole in reverse).]

Technology Statements

We sometimes take passages in the Bible for granted, often failing to recognize the technological advancements that are implied by them. Some of these, in subtle ways, are implied prophecies. These are listed below.

Technology	Description	Bible References
Weapons of Mass Destruction	<p>Matthew 24:22 "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."</p> <p>If we were reading this in 1860-before the Civil War we would have a difficult time anticipating that "all flesh" could wipe itself out with muskets and swords! But today a potential nuclear cloud hangs over every geopolitical decision on Planet Earth. Nuclear weapons appear to be specified in the Magog Invasion in Ezekiel 38 and 39, and neutron bombs are implied in Zechariah 14:12.</p>	Matthew 24:22 Ezekiel 38 Ezekiel 39 Zechariah 14:12
Smart Weapons	<p>Jeremiah 50:9 "...Their arrows shall be like those of an expert warrior; None shall return in vain."</p> <p>The word "arrow" can mean a dart, arrow, javelin, or "any missile fired from an engine of war." Notice, however, that the adjective clause "be like those of an expert warrior" is a descriptor of the <u>arrow</u>, not the shooter of the arrow. The key Hebrew word is sakal, which means prudent, wise, circumspect; with insight and comprehension. It is the arrow itself that has the intelligence! This, indeed, is further emphasized in the final clause: "...none shall return in vain." They can't miss! It sounds a lot like 'smart weapons', guided missiles or smart bombs today, and this was written over two thousand years ago!</p>	Jeremiah 50:9
Medical Hygiene	<p>Exodus 15:26 "and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.""</p> <p>This refers to eating only what God has ordained such as clean meats like cows and oxen instead of other animals like scavengers. Today we understand that many predatory birds and animals - those which God deemed unclean contain bacteria and viruses which can cause illness.</p>	Exodus 15:26 Deuteronomy 23:12-13
Circumcision	<p>Genesis 17:12 "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant."</p> <p>How did Moses know how to circumcise a baby on the 8th day after birth? Today we understand that is the safest and most optimum time to perform a circumcision.</p>	Genesis 17:12
Pathways in the Sea	<p>Psalms 8:8 "The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas."</p> <p>The pathways in the sea are otherwise known as the ocean currents and were only discovered in 1855 by Matthew Maury in his publication "The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology". The full story is below:</p>	Psalms 8:8 Isaiach 43:16

American naval officer and oceanographer Matthew Maury (1806-1873) was a Christian who loved reading his Bible. He also had no doubts about its accuracy. And these facts led him to some remarkable discoveries in science.

Maury entered the US Navy in 1825, but an accident in 1839 partially disabled him, so he left active sea duty. Three years later, still with the Navy, he was appointed superintendent of the US Naval Observatory in Washington, and also of the US Depot of Charts and Instruments.

Over the next 19 years Maury devoted himself to studying the winds, clouds, weather, and ocean features ... as well as the Bible. In his Bible studies, the words of Psalm 8 stuck in his mind: '... whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas'. Maury determined that if God's Word said there were 'paths' in the seas, then there must be paths. So he set out to find them.

He studied old ships' logs. From these he compiled charts of ocean-wind and sea currents. To study the speed and direction of the ocean currents Maury set adrift weighted bottles known as 'drift bottles'. These floated slightly below the surface of the water, and thus were not affected by wind.

Instructions were sealed in each bottle directing anyone who found one washed ashore to return it. From the location and date on which the bottles were found, Maury was able to develop his charts of the ocean currents—the 'paths' of the seas—which greatly aided the science of marine navigation.

In 1855, Maury wrote the first textbook on modern oceanography, *The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology*. In this work, Maury presented oceanography from a delightfully Christian view.

He included Biblical passages of meteorological and other scientific importance, such as the Scripture quote from the book of Job (28:25) which refers to God's making 'the weight for the winds'. He explained the Biblical statement this way:

'... though the fact that the air has weight is here so distantly announced (in Job), philosophers never recognized the fact until within comparatively a recent period, and then it was proclaimed by them as a great discovery. Nevertheless, the fact was set forth as distinctly in the book of nature as it is in the book of revelation; for the infant, in availing itself of atmospherical pressure to draw milk from its mother's breast, unconsciously proclaimed it.'

Maury died in 1873. He was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. A monument erected in his honour on Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, reads: 'Matthew Fontaine Maury, Pathfinder of the Seas, the genius who first snatched from the oceans and atmosphere the secret of their laws. His inspiration, Holy Writ, Psalm 8:8; Ecclesiastes 1:6.' It is often claimed that the Bible is not a scientific textbook. Yet the Bible's accuracy when touching on scientific subjects has led many great scientists, including Matthew Maury, to some outstanding scientific discoveries.

The Water Cycle

Ancient Hebrew scholars observed that even though the rivers ran into the sea, the sea never became full. The water cycle was described in this passage:

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 "6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit.
7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again."

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7

Scholars are not in agreement as to the date of Ecclesiastes, though most point to a date during the time of King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba, "three thousand years ago, there is some agreement that the time period is 962-922 BCE. Furthermore, it was also observed that when the clouds were full, they emptied rain on the earth. In addition, during 793-740 BCE a Hebrew prophet, Amos, stated that water comes from the sea and is poured out on the earth.

Round Earth

Job 26:7 "He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing."
Isaiah 40:22 "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in."
Luke 17:34-36 "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." These verses imply a round earth because some people are awake and about their business while others are asleep.

Job 26:7
Isaiah 40:22
Luke 17:34-36

It may seem obvious today that the earth is round but up until about 500 BC most nations believed it was flat. We have Pythagoras to thank for this discovery. Then sometime between 500 B.C. and 430 B.C., Anaxagoras determined the true cause of solar and lunar eclipses - and then the shape of the Earth's shadow on the Moon during a lunar eclipse was also used as evidence that the Earth was round.

Sub-Atomic Particles

Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."

This is an insight into the field of physics and sub-atomic particles long before there was even a field to study them.

Hebrews 11:3

Meteorological Cycles

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Long before there was the study of meteorology, the Lord knew how the planet worked intimately as He created it all. Only today are we coming to a fuller understanding of how the cycles of wind and water really flow around the planet.

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7
Job 36:27-28

Global Tv Coverage

Revelation 11:8-9 "And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

How will every people, tribe, tongue, and nation be able to see the bodies of the two witnesses without a global TV network? This also applies to the Matthew verse which describes the Jews seeing the 'Abomination of Desolation' taking place. On a side note, when they celebrate the death of the witnesses, they are likely to send their gifts via Amazon Prime or FedEx - anywhere on the planet.

Revelation 11:8-10
Matthew 24:15

Electronic Funds Transfer

Revelation 13:17-18 "17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."

Throughout all history Bible studiers could have only predicted that this passage was eluding to some sort of 'dumb' tattoo or another mark that you could show somebody to buy merchandise with, nobody could have ever guessed that this was an electronic encrypted digital signature, until the 21st century.

Revelation 3:17-18

What is Salvation?

Salvation is the deliverance from sin. To save means to deliver or protect. Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24-25).

What are we saved from? We are saved from God's wrath, that is, His judgment of our sin when we meet Him face to face (Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of this violation of God's law is death (Romans 6:23). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequences of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin which has already paid for by Jesus on the cross.



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Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin's penalty (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). How does God save? God has rescued us through Jesus's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection which achieved our salvation (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God (Ephesians 2:5, 8) which is ours for the taking through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). How do we receive salvation? We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection (Ephesians 1:13).

Then, we must believe by fully trusting the Lord Jesus (Romans 1:16). This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ (Acts 3:19), and calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:9-10, 13). A definition of salvation would be "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus." Salvation is available in Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and is dependent on God alone for provision, assurance, and security.

This is absolutely the most important section in the entire guide, outlining the path to eternal salvation as described in the Bible. Your acceptance or denial of Jesus will affect where you spend eternity, and every soul lives forever, it's just a matter of location. A prerequisite for becoming saved is knowing that God exists, that He created you, loves you and died for you.

God wrote the Bible through man to *further* prove His existence to us alongside the wondrous and spectacular world around us. There are countless incredible facts about the Bible that prove it had to be designed outside of space and time. For a few of these amazing insights read the 'Evidence for God' section in 'Christianity'.

Salvation

A

Admit that you are a sinner.

Any gap between God's perfect law and our imperfect obedience is called sin, which everyone has committed.

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10)
- "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

B

Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Him from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment you deserved.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) Your own good works cannot save you, no matter how good a person you are, and wouldn't the creator of heaven set the bar for entry?

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- "But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

C

Call upon the name of the Lord and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour. There is an example prayer below.

- "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

The Sinner's Prayer

"Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and am in need of your forgiveness. I believe you are the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank you for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I am ready and willing to trust you as my Lord and Saviour and to turn from my sin. I now invite you into my heart as my personal Saviour. Amen."

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Joel 2:32 / Acts 2:21 / Romans 10:13

Once you've prayed this prayer, believing it with all your heart, you're saved by the power of the blood of Jesus! He paid that ultimate price for our sin, sacrificing Himself so that we may live. However it's easy to say something with your mouth, what takes real effort is living out a life in pursuit of Jesus, walking according to His will for you and leaving your old sinful ways behind.

Below are some more verses related to salvation and justification, as well as some next steps you should take as a new Christian to help cement your faith. If there's one thing that satan despises, it's new Christians. So be prepared to battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness by praying and reading your Bible daily as well as putting on your spiritual armour.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
- **Luke 13:5** "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."
- **Galatians 2:16** "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified."
- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"

Steps to Living a Godly Life

Pray
 Talk to God in prayer every day. Ask for forgiveness for your sins when you slip up, bring to Him your needs and ambitions as well as praises and worship to glorify His Holy name. For more on praying, see the 'Armor of God' section in 'Christianity'.

- **Matthew 21:22** "And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."
- **Philippians 4:6** "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"
- **Romans 10:16-17** "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Fellowship
 Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything. This could be set in a church or a small household group. A group of fellow believers will help keep you honest, help keep you on the straight and narrow path and provide support if you're struggling with sin or issues on the Bible.

- **Matthew 28:19** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
- **Hebrews 10:25** "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."
- **2 Timothy 3:16** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

Tell others about Christ
 We all have a calling in this world. This can be anything from pastoring a Church, helping the poor, mission trips, providing finances, developing Christian content, or more. The one thing we all have in common is the need to spread the gospel across the planet to reach all those who are lost, hurting or in need. Find the purpose God has for you and pursue it, you will find it's something you enjoy doing too! If you aren't sure what you're meant to be doing firstly pray about it and then seek ways you can use your talents to reach the lost. If you can knit perhaps you can create clothing or blankets for the homeless. If you're skilled at electrical work you could fix the lights and wiring of your local neighbors while spreading His gospel.

- **Mark 16:15** "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
- **1 Corinthians 9:16** "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"
- **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

Walking with Jesus
 If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour you should dive into your Bible daily to get to know Christ and His plan for redemption better. I recommend the KJV, NKJV or ESV versions as they are the most accurate to the original text. If you have questions, resolve them by firstly asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the answers to you and also by asking another believer to help provide an answer.

- **2 Timothy 2:15** "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
- **Psalms 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Seek Earnestly
 As always if you wish to find answers out for yourself you should search God's word. If you're told something by a friend, pastor or Bible scholar, search the scriptures to ensure what they say is correct. (Acts 17:11) Take caution not to be fooled by what others claim the Bible says but do your own research. There will be great apostasy and a falling away from Christianity in the end times. The word of God is living and He can speak to you through His word.

- **Matthew 7:7-8** "7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."
- **Acts 17:11** "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

Godly Armour
 You need to equip your spiritual armour. For more information see subsection 9 in the Christianity section.

Next Steps
 You should research what the Bible has to say on prophecy and the end times. I recommend watching some of the content in the 'Next Steps' section below.

9 Spiritual Armour

Ephesians 6:13
 "Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

The following pieces of spiritual armour can protect you from the unseen war occurring right now on Earth. Ephesians 6:12 clearly indicates that the conflict with Satan is spiritual, and therefore no tangible weapons can be effectively employed against him and his minions.

We are not given a list of specific tactics Satan will use. However, the passage is quite clear that when we follow all the instructions faithfully, we will be able to stand, and we will have victory regardless of Satan's strategy.

Ephesians 6:14-20
14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,
15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;
18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,
20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Belt of Truth

"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth"

The first element of our armour is truth (verse 14). This is easy to understand, since Satan is said to be the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Deception is high on the list of things God considers to be an abomination. A "lying tongue" is one of the traits He describes as detestable. (Proverbs 6:16-17). We are therefore exhorted to put on truth for our own sanctification and deliverance, as well as for the benefit of those to whom we witness.

Breastplate of Righteousness

Spiritual Armour	Footwear	"having put on the breastplate of righteousness"
		Also in verse 14, we are told to put on the breastplate of righteousness. A breastplate shields a warrior's vital organs from blows that would otherwise be fatal. This righteousness is not works of righteousness accomplished by men. Rather, this is the righteousness of Christ, imputed by God and received by faith, which guards our hearts against the accusations and charges of Satan and secures our innermost being from his attacks.
Spiritual Armour	Footwear	Footwear of Peace
		"and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace"
Spiritual Armour	Shield	Verse 15 speaks of the preparation of the feet for spiritual conflict. In warfare, sometimes an enemy places dangerous obstacles in the path of advancing soldiers. The idea of the preparation of the gospel of peace as footwear suggests what we need to advance into Satan's territory, aware that there will be traps, with the message of grace so essential to winning souls to Christ. Satan has many obstacles placed in the path to halt the proliferation of the gospel.
		Shield of Faith
Spiritual Armour	Shield	"above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one"
		The shield of faith spoken of in verse 16 makes Satan's sowing of doubt about the faithfulness of God and His Word ineffective. Our faith—of which Christ is "the author and perfecter" (Hebrews 12:2)—is like a golden shield, precious, solid, and substantial.
Spiritual Armour	Helmet of	Helmet of Salvation
		"And take the helmet of salvation"
Spiritual Armour	Sword of	The helmet of salvation in verse 17 is protection for the head, keeping safe a critical part of the body. We could say that our way of thinking needs preservation. The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure gospel hope of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine or give way to Satan's temptations. The unsaved person has no hope of warding off the blows of false doctrine because he is without the helmet of salvation and his mind is incapable of discerning between spiritual truth and spiritual deception.
		Sword of the Spirit
Spiritual Armour	Prayer	"and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"
		Verse 17 interprets itself as to the meaning of the sword of the Spirit—it is the Word of God. While all the other pieces of spiritual armour are defensive in nature, the sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon in the armour of God. It speaks of the holiness and power of the Word of God. A greater spiritual weapon is not conceivable. In Jesus' temptations in the desert, the Word of God was always His overpowering response to Satan and was used as a defensive weapon since Satan was doing the attacking. Pick up your sword daily and memorise it.
Spiritual Armour	Prayer	Prayer
		"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints"
Spiritual Armour	Prayer	Prayer is one of the most vital pieces of armour and sometimes isn't even considered as a piece. We should be on our knees daily, praying for those we know to come to Christ, strength for our leaders, that God's will be done on earth and so much more! In verse 18, we are told to pray in the spirit (that is, with the mind of Christ, with His heart and His priorities) in addition to wearing the full armour of God. We cannot neglect prayer, as it is the means by which we draw spiritual strength from God.
		Without prayer, without reliance upon God, our efforts at spiritual warfare are empty and futile. The full armour of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer—are the tools God has given us, through which we can be spiritually victorious, overcoming Satan's attacks and temptations. Below is a list of prayer points which can be raised to God:
Spiritual Armour	Prayer	Prayer Points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Your Spiritual Growth (Wisdom, Guidance, Deliverance) ● Your Family and Relatives ● Unsaved People / Your Enemies (Luke 6:27-28) ● Your Church and Congregation ● Your Neighbors, City, Town and Country ● The Government / Political Leaders ● Your Trials, Worries and Anxieties (Matthew 26:41, Philippians 4:6, Romans 8:26, Psalm 34:17) ● Missionaries / Missions Organisations ● The Protection of Israel ● Your kingdom come and Your will be done
		Prayer Elements (Components of Praying) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worship & Praise (John 4:24, Psalm 95:6, Isaiah 12:5) ● Thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2) ● Intercession (Praying on behalf of another) (1 Timothy 2:1, Ephesians 6:18) ● Confession of Sin (1 John 1:9, James 5:16) ● Prayer for Guidance, Wisdom, Strength and the fruit of the spirit ● Personal Requests ● Mediation Based on the Scriptures ● Spiritual Warfare
Spiritual Armour	Prayer	The Model Prayer
		This is the model prayer also known as the Lord's Prayer as found in Luke 11. It's not called the Lord's prayer in most Christian faiths because the prayer was given to us to pray to Him. It wouldn't make sense if Jesus prayed it because in verse 4 it says "forgive us our sins" and Jesus never sinned.

Luke 11:2-4

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,
For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one."

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After Death

This is an explanation of what happens after death according to the Bible. The catholic church has a flawed and unbiblical view of what happens after death (as example is purgatory) which I why I include this section. Death is man's punishment for disobedience and can be found throughout the scriptures, such as in Romans 3:23. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

So what is death? Firstly we have 3 parts to our current being, these are the Body, Soul and Spirit. Physical death is the separation between body and soul, also called the 'first death' throughout the Bible. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from the spirit, known as the 'second death'. This second death was nullified by Jesus's death on the cross, but only for those who accept Him. Every person's spirit lives forever, the question is where will you spend it after you're judged? For a great study by Chuck Missler on what happens after death, watch: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJyHgJk6rk



Chuck Missler
What Happens When You Die?

Statistics

The Afterlife

This is what people believe about an afterlife:

- 81% of people believe in an afterlife of some sort,
- 9% aren't sure what happens,
- 10% say there's no afterlife.

Heaven

This is what people believe about heaven:

- 46% think it's a state of eternal existence in God's presence,
- 30% think it's a place of rest and reward,
- 14% believe heaven is just symbolic,
- 5% don't believe in heaven,
- 5% aren't sure.

Hell

This is what people believe about hell:

- 39% believe it's a state of eternal separation from God's presence,
- 32% think it's an actual place of torment and suffering,
- 13% think it's just a symbol of a bad outcome,
- 16% aren't sure or don't believe in hell.

Their Destination

This is where people believe they will end up when they die:

- 65% think they will go to heaven,
- 24% have no idea where they will go,
- 5% think you just cease to exist,
- 5% believe they will come back as another life form,
- 0.5% think they are going to hell.

Heaven Bound

This is why people think they will get into heaven:

- 43% believe that because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus as their saviour,
- 15% because they have tried to obey the ten commandments,
- 15% because they are basically a good person,
- 6% because God loves all people and He won't let them perish.

Contrary Findings

Among Born-again Christians:

- 10% believe that people are reincarnated after death,
- 29% claim it is possible to communicate with the dead,
- 50% contend that a person can earn salvation based on good works,
- Many believe there are multiple options for gaining entry into heaven.

Terms

Places

These are the different places used throughout the scriptures relating to death or the afterlife.

Matthew 25:46 (and similarly Daniel 12:2)

And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Grave (Kever)

The location of dead physical bodies. Bodies are unconscious in the grave and slowly decompose.

Hades (AKA: Sheol, Hell, Place of Torment)

Hades is a temporary location of departed souls for both good and bad. It is split into two sections: the 'Place of Torment' and 'Abraham's Bosom' with an impassable gulf between them. Throughout the Bible it's referred to as "Under the earth", the "Underworld" or "Lower parts of the earth". Those which are in Hades are fully conscious and have memory, the ability to speak, can feel pain and have desires. Their eternal destiny is irrevocably fixed.

People know that what they experience here is fair and just. The rich man in the story further below also knew what his brothers needed to do to avoid his own fate - repent. There can only be one Hades, as opposed to having multiple graves. People are conscious in Sheol. Hades will be thrown into the lake of fire at the end of all things. Many believe that when Jesus died on the cross He took those who were in Abraham's bosom to heaven with Him.

Bottomless Pit (AKA: Abyss, Abuso, Tartarus)

The place where the antichrist comes from (Revelation 17:8). "Tartarus (the bottomless pit) is as far below hades as earth is below heaven." - Homers Iliad.

The Lake of Fire (Gehenna)

Located in the "outer darkness" and is specifically created for Satan and his angels. Matthew 25:41. This is the ultimate separation from God outside space and time. Death and hades will be thrown into the lake of fire after The Great White Throne Judgement (Revelation 20:14). The antichrist and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire at His second coming and Satan is thrown in at the end of the millennium.

Those in the Lake of Fire will be tormented for eternity by a 'fire that never consumes' which will be painful beyond comprehension. (Matthew 25:46, Daniel 12:2, Revelation 14:10,11) The lake of fire is referred to as the second death throughout scripture. Those who are here will be utterly separated from God - the life-giver, and will be absolutely without hope of any form.

Heaven (The New Heaven)	<p>It will be a newly created environment unsullied by moral evil and it will be the ultimate model city, or the 'New Jerusalem' as it's known throughout the scriptures. There will be no death in heaven because of our incorruptible bodies and the fact that death and hades have been thrown into the lake of fire.</p> <p>We will be knowing and loving God maximally. We will have fellowship with all other believers. We retain our gender, personal and ethnic characteristics and we will have renewed intellectual, emotional and volitional abilities.</p>
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People may ask, "Why would a loving God send people to Hell?". There are three powerful reasons:

- To vindicate the King's righteousness. (Sin must be paid for by the sinner, or by one who takes the place of the sinner. God must always be righteous in His decisions and actions)
- To defend the moral order of His kingdom. (In the same way some are put in prison for murder to maintain societal order, God has to maintain the moral order of His kingdom by punishing evildoers)
- To highlight the preciousness of the Servant who died to make us just. (Every one of us deserved to go to Hell and then to the Lake of Fire when we died since we've broken God's law. He loves everyone, but He loves His son more and He has to vindicate the price that His Son paid)

Unlike other worldly 'gods' such as Muhammad, the God of the Bible can't do *whatever* He wants. He delights in making and keeping His promises and upholding His law. A god who breaks their promises whenever they want, is a god I do not wish to serve.

Two questions that we can ask ourselves are: Does the punishment fit the crime? To answer that we have to ask whether or not we really understand God's attitude to sin. As a race our sensitivity to the atrocity of sin has been dulled. We have to compare the magnitude of sin to the Majesty of God, which is impossible as humans, as we can only know a limited amount about both. Sin is violation of the character of an infinite being.

A God deserving of worship cannot pardon people who persist in worshipping and serving themselves more than the personal Creator. The condemnation of everyone who is lost will be wholly attributable to themselves for having disregarded God's revealed will.

For more information on hell, see: www.khouse.org/enevs_article/2007/1236

The Judgements

These are the future judgements of all mankind, judged by Jesus. (John 5:27)

The Bema Seat (Christian Tribunal for Rewards)	<p>The Bema Seat judgement occurs in heaven after the rapture of the church during the period before the start of the tribulation. This is when Jesus judges all post-cross believers on how they lived their life, whether they died before the rapture or were still alive and caught-up. Sins won't even be mentioned at the judgement because they have been paid for and forgotten by Jesus Himself. It is a time of reward, not punishment.</p> <p>In the large Olympic arenas, there was an elevated seat on which the judge of the contest sat. After the contests were over, the successful competitors would assemble before the bema to receive their rewards or crowns. The bema was not a judicial bench where someone was condemned. Likewise, the Judgment Seat of Christ is not a judicial bench. However you can lose your rewards, but you can never lose your salvation.</p> <p>Verses relating to the Bema Seat: 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10, Psalm 62:12, Matthew 16:27, Ephesians 6:8, Psalm 103:10-12, Romans 8:1, John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Revelation 3:11, 1 Corinthians 2:9,10.</p>
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The Sheep and Goats Judgement	<p>This judgement occurs after the tribulation when Jesus comes to claim His throne. Those who were loyal to Him, also known as the sheep will be grouped to His right. The goats, those who lived for themselves, took the Mark of the Beast or worshiped the antichrist will be grouped to His left. Those on His left will be sent to burn in hell forever and those on His right will inherit the kingdom with Him and will live during the coming millennium. Some scholars believe that the old testament saints will be resurrected prior to this judgement to live and reign with Jesus.</p> <p>Matthew 25:31-46 <i>"31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats..."</i></p>
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The Great White Throne Judgement	<p>At the end of the millennium all those who haven't yet been judged yet will be resurrected and will give an account for their lives and every idle word they spoke (Matthew 12:36). Romans 1:18-20 says that <u>nobody will have an excuse</u> on judgement day since the heavens declare His handiwork and men will be accountable through creation. Jesus will judge according to <u>His</u> standards and not any standards that man fabricate today, so you better be sure you're in alignment with God before judgement day. Other related verses are: Romans 1:21 & 22, 2 Peter 3:3-6.</p> <p>Matthew 12:36 <i>"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."</i></p>
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Crowns

These are the five *known* crowns that the Lord will give as a reward at the Bema Seat. They have been listed so you can try to work towards them. There could be more than five crowns but these are the only ones mentioned in the Bible.

Crown of Righteousness	Given to those that love the Lord's appearing. (2 Timothy 4:8) This verse seems to imply that anyone who loves the Lord's appearing, whether it's pre-rapture or pre-second coming, will secure this crown.
Crown of Life	Bestowed upon those who persevere under trials. (James 1:12)
The Incorruptible Crown	A special crown given for faithfulness in running the race and exercising self-control in order to serve the Lord and finish the race. (1 Corinthians 9:25)
Crown of Glory	Given to those that feed the flock the word of God faithfully. This crown is given to Pastors, missionaries, teachers, preachers, evangelists, etc. (John 21:16)
Crown of Rejoicing	A crown for soul winners. It is called the Crown of Rejoicing because there is rejoicing in heaven when a soul gets saved. (Luke 15:7, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

The Rich Man and the Beggar

Luke 16:19-31 tells the story, of a rich man and Lazarus the beggar who have both died. It reveals quite a lot about hades/sheol. This story is very likely to be true, since a parable doesn't include names.

- 19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.
- 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,
- 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'
- 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'
- 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'
- 27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house,
- 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'
- 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'
- 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'
- 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Post-Death Table

Below is a table of what happens to you when you die as viewed from a biblical perspective. Depending on whether or not you're saved and what dispensation you die in, depends what happens to you and where you end up. Post-cross, your eternal destination will solely be decided on whether or not you have accepted Jesus as your saviour, since everyone's a sinner.

Dispensation	People Covered	Status	What Happens...	Resurrected at...	Eternal Destination
Pre-Cross Believers (Old Testament)	Noah, Joshua, David, Abraham, Daniel, etc	Dead	(After Death) In Abraham's Bosom until Jesus died, then in heaven with Him from then onwards.	The Sheep and Goats Judgement	Heaven, after judgement
Pre-Cross Unbelievers (Old Testament)	Those who died separated from God before the cross	Dead	(After Death) Tormented in Hades, then resurrected at the Great White Throne Judgement.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
Post-Cross Believers	Those who accepted Jesus but died before the rapture	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God - but body-less. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)	The Rapture, with a glorified body (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Heaven, they will be raised at the rapture
Post-Cross Unbelievers	Unbelievers who died before the Second Coming	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in 'Hades' awaiting their punishment.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
Post-Cross Believers	Those who have accepted Jesus by the Rapture	Alive	(At The Rapture) Their bodies are transformed, then they meet Jesus in the clouds and are taken to heaven with Him.	Still Alive (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Heaven, Given rewards at the Bema Seat
Tribulation Saints (Martyrs)	Those saved in the tribulation but have since died	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God - but body-less. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)	The Sheep and Goats Judgement (Revelation 20:4-6)	Heaven
Tribulation Saints	Those saved in the tribulation and are alive at His second coming	Alive	(At the Second Coming) They populate the millennium.	Still Alive (Revelation 20:4-6)	Heaven
Tribulation Unbelievers	Those unbelievers who survived the tribulation	Alive	(At the Second Coming) Jesus destroys them in judgement when He returns to claim His kingdom. (Revelation 19:21)	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
Millennium Saints	Those who died in the millennium believing	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Heaven
Millennium Saints	Believers who are alive when God judges His enemies in the millennium	Alive	(After God destroys the Rebellion) Taken to the 'new heaven'	Still Alive	Heaven
Millennium Unbelievers	Those unbelievers who died in the millennium	Dead	(After Death) They stay dead until judgement.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
Millennium Unbelievers	Those who chose to rebel against God in the millennium	Alive	(At the end of the Millennium) God kills them in His wrath.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement

Which category are you in? Every soul lives forever, the question is where will you spend it? It's not too late to change your destiny - even in the tribulation.

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The Bible

This section explains the different books of the Bible, how long they are and what the general overview of scripture is. Further below I've included a selection of the most pertinent books and chapters of the Bible to read. To save space I had to make the font size smaller so you'll have to zoom in to read them or use a magnifying glass if you've printed this sheet.

If you wish to read the other books which aren't included, find a KJV, NKJV, ESV, ISV or (if you have to, an) NIV Bible as most of the others are either hard to find or aren't biblically accurate. You can also find a variety of different language Bibles below including English. I pray that God will guide you to a Bible if you are truly seeking his word. The below Bible version is the NKJV (New King James Version). Currently it contains the books of: Luke, John, Romans, Jude, Revelation and Psalms 1-41.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed." **Luke 1:1-4**

The Books

These are the books of the Bible ordered in chronological order and is the default order seen in most Bibles. Each one lists the number of chapters, the type of book it is, who it's written by and a summary of what happens. Every book is divinely inspired by God and is written by the hands of His servants over a period of thousands of years. As a whole they are a personalised, integrated message system to each of us which demonstrates the love of a God outside of space and time.

Old Testament

#	Book	Chapters	Book Type	Written By	Overview
1	Genesis	50	Law	Moses	Genesis answers two big questions: "How did God's relationship with the world begin?" and "Where did the nation of Israel come from?"
2	Exodus	40	Law	Moses	God saves Israel from slavery in Egypt, and then enters into a special relationship with them.
3	Leviticus	27	Law	Moses	God gives Israel instructions on how to worship Him.
4	Numbers	36	Law	Moses	Israel fails to trust and obey God, and wanders in the wilderness for 40 years.
5	Deuteronomy	34	Law	Moses	Moses gives Israel instructions (in some ways, a recap of the laws in Exodus-Numbers) for how to love and obey God in the Promised Land.
6	Joshua	24	History	Unknown	Joshua (Israel's new leader) leads Israel to conquer the Promised land, then parcels out territories to the twelve tribes of Israel.
7	Judges	21	History	Unknown	Israel enters a cycle of turning from God, falling captive to oppressive nations, calling out to God, and being rescued by leaders God sends their way (called "judges").
8	Ruth	4	History	Unknown	Two widows lose everything, and find hope in Israel—which leads to the birth of the future King David.
9	1 Samuel	31	History	Unknown	Israel demands a king, who turns out to be quite a disappointment.
10	2 Samuel	24	History	Unknown	David, a man after God's own heart, becomes king of Israel.
11	1 Kings	22	History	Unknown	The kingdom of Israel has a time of peace and prosperity under King Solomon, but afterward splits, and the two lines of kings turn away from God.
12	2 Kings	25	History	Unknown	Both kingdoms ignore God and His prophets, until they both fall captive to other world empires.
13	1 Chronicles	29	History	Ezra	This is a brief history of Israel from Adam to David, culminating with David commissioning the temple of God in Jerusalem.
14	2 Chronicles	36	History	Ezra	David's son Solomon builds the temple, but after centuries of rejecting God, the Babylonians take the southern Israelites captive and destroy the temple.
15	Ezra	10	History	Ezra	The Israelites rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, and a scribe named Ezra teaches the people to once again obey God's laws.
16	Nehemiah	13	History	Nehemiah	The city of Jerusalem is in bad shape, so Nehemiah rebuilds the wall around the city.
17	Esther	10	History	Unknown	A genocidal plot to bring about Israel's extinction is devised so Esther must face the emperor to ask for help.
18	Job	42	Poetry	Unknown	Satan attacks a righteous man named Job, then Job and his friends debate why evil is befalling him.
19	Psalms	150	Poetry	David: 73, Asaph: 12	A collection of 150 songs that Israel sang to God (and to each other)—kind of like a hymnal for the ancient Israelites.
20	Proverbs	31	Poetry	Solomon: 29, Agur: 1	A collection of sayings to help people make wise decisions in their lives.
21	Ecclesiastes	12	Poetry	Solomon	A philosophical exploration of the meaning of life—with a surprisingly nihilistic tone for the Bible.
22	Song of Solomon	8	Poetry	Solomon	A love song (or collection of love songs) celebrating love, desire, and marriage.
23	Isaiah	66	Major Prophet	Isaiah	God sends the prophet Isaiah to warn Israel of future judgment—but also to tell them about a coming king and servant who will "bear the sins of many."
24	Jeremiah	52	Major Prophet	Jeremiah	God sends a prophet to warn Israel about the coming Babylonian captivity, but the people don't take the news very well.
25	Lamentations	5	Major Prophet	Jeremiah	A collection of dirges lamenting the fall of Jerusalem after the Babylonian attacks.
26	Ezekiel	48	Major Prophet	Ezekiel	God chooses Ezekiel to speak on His behalf to Israel, to reveal the error of their ways and teach them justice.

27	Daniel	12	Major Prophet	Daniel	Daniel becomes a high-ranking wise man in the Babylonian and Persian empires, and has prophetic visions concerning Israel's future.
28	Hosea	14	Minor Prophet	Hosea	Hosea is told to marry a prostitute who leaves him, and he must bring her back: a picture of God's relationship with Israel.
29	Joel	3	Minor Prophet	Joel	God sends a plague of locusts to Judge Israel, but His judgment on the surrounding nations is coming, too.
30	Amos	9	Minor Prophet	Amos	A shepherd named Amos preaches against the injustice of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.
31	Obadiah	1	Minor Prophet	Obadiah	Obadiah warns the neighbouring nation of Edom that they will be judged for plundering Jerusalem.
32	Jonah	4	Minor Prophet	Jonah	A disobedient prophet runs from God, is swallowed by a great fish, and then preaches God's message to the city of Nineveh.
33	Micah	7	Minor Prophet	Micah	Micah confronts the leaders of Israel and Judah regarding their injustice, and prophecies that one day the Lord Himself will rule in perfect justice.
34	Nahum	3	Minor Prophet	Nahum	Nahum foretells of God's judgment on Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.
35	Habakkuk	3	Minor Prophet	Habakkuk	Habakkuk pleads with God to stop the injustice and violence in Judah, but is surprised to find that God will use the even more violent Babylonians to do so.
36	Zephaniah	3	Minor Prophet	Zephaniah	God warns that He will judge Israel and the surrounding nations, but also that He will restore them in peace and justice.
37	Haggai	2	Minor Prophet	Haggai	The people have abandoned the work of restoring God's temple in Jerusalem, and so Haggai takes them to task.
38	Zechariah	14	Minor Prophet	Zechariah	The prophet Zechariah calls Israel to return to God, and records prophetic visions that show what's happening behind the scenes.
39	Malachi	4	Minor Prophet	Malachi	God has been faithful to Israel, but they continue to live disconnected from him—so God sends Malachi to call them out.

New Testament

#	Book	Chapters	Book Type	Written By	Overview
40	Matthew	28	Gospel	Matthew	This is an account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, focusing on Jesus' role as the true King of the Jews.
41	Mark	16	Gospel	Mark	This brief account of Jesus' earthly ministry highlights Jesus' authority and servanthood.
42	Luke	24	Gospel	Luke	Luke writes the most thorough account of Jesus' life by pulling together eyewitness testimonies to tell His full story.
43	John	21	Gospel	John	John lists stories of signs and miracles with the intent that readers will believe in Jesus.
44	Acts	28	History	Luke	Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world.
45	Romans	16	Epistle	Paul	Paul summarizes how the gospel of Jesus works in a letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit.
46	1 Corinthians	16	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a fractured church in Corinth, and answers some questions that they've had about how Christians should behave.
47	2 Corinthians	13	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes a letter of reconciliation to the church at Corinth, and clears up some concerns that they have.
48	Galatians	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul hears that the Galatian churches have been lead to think that salvation comes from the law of Moses, and writes a (rather heated) letter telling them where the false teachers have it wrong.
49	Ephesians	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love.
50	Philippians	4	Epistle	Paul	An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.
51	Colossians	4	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ.
52	1 Thessalonians	5	Epistle	Paul	Paul has heard a good report on the church at Thessalonica, and encourages them to "excel still more" in faith, hope, and love.
53	2 Thessalonians	3	Epistle	Paul	Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus.
54	1 Timothy	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul gives his protégé Timothy instruction on how to lead a church with sound teaching and a godly example.
55	2 Timothy	4	Epistle	Paul	Paul is nearing the end of his life, and encourages Timothy to continue preaching the word.

The Bible	The Books	56	Titus	3	Epistle	Paul	Paul advises Titus on how to lead orderly, counter-cultural churches on the island of Crete.
		57	Philemon	1	Epistle	Paul	Paul strongly recommends that Philemon accept his runaway slave as a brother, not a slave.
		58	Hebrews	13	General Epistle	Unknown	A letter encouraging Christians to cling to Christ despite persecution, because he is greater.
		59	James	5	General Epistle	James	A letter telling Christians to live in ways that demonstrate their faith in action.
		60	1 Peter	5	General Epistle	Peter	Peter writes to Christians who are being persecuted, encouraging them to testify to the truth and live accordingly.
		61	2 Peter	3	General Epistle	Peter	Peter writes a letter reminding Christians about the truth of Jesus, and warning them that false teachers will come.
		62	1 John	5	General Epistle	John	John writes a letter to Christians about keeping Jesus' commands, loving one another, and important things they should know.
		63	2 John	1	General Epistle	John	A very brief letter about walking in truth, love, and obedience.
		64	3 John	1	General Epistle	John	An even shorter letter about Christian fellowship.
		65	Jude	1	General Epistle	Jude	A letter encouraging Christians to contend for the faith, even though ungodly persons have crept in unnoticed.
		66	Revelation	22	Prophecy	John	John sees visions of things that have been, things that are, and things that are yet to come.
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46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." 47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling and falling down before him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." 49 While he was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the teacher."

50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." 51 When the ruler came into the house, he permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. 52 Now all wept and mourned for her, and she said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." 53 And they ridiculed him, knowing that he was dead.

54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." 55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. 56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

57 And he called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases, 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 3 And they said to him, "Not taking for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money, and do not have two tunics apiece.

4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever you do not receive you, and you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

7 Herod seeks to See Jesus 8 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead. 9 And by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. 10 Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but who is the one of whom I hear such things?" So he sought to see Him.

11 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude. 12 So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

13 And He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy bread for these people." 14 For there were about five thousand men.

15 And he said to them, "I am Jesus, and I have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. 22 All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him."

16 Then He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 17 For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

18 And He said, "Woe to you who do, and yet do not receive. Woe to you who say, 'Blessed is he who eats and drinks from My table,' and yet do not receive Me who sent you." 19 And he who receives a prophet in My name and gives him a cup of water to drink because he has traveled for My sake, I will reward him. 20 And whoever has received a prophet or a righteous man and has neglected him, he will be rewarded in the same way. 21 For the Son of Man will come in the likeness of the Son of Man, and He will reward everyone in the same way.

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23 Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see. 24 For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

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2 Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house...

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate
1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate.
2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, a King."

He Is Born
1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they and certain other women from them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared...

John Witnesses The True Light
1 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
2 His name came for the light, to bear witness to the light, although His name might be called...

The Word Becomes Flesh
14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth...

Water Turned to Wine
1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there...

The New Birth
1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
2 His name came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Jesus Mocked and Beaten
43 Now they led Him away, they led Jesus mocked Him and beat Him.
44 And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and spit on Him, and buffeted Him with their hands...

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin
66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, "Art Thou the Christ, Son of David?"

The Road to Emmaus
13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day by a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.
14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened...

A Voice in the Wilderness
19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"
20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

The Lamb of God
29 Then John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
30 This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me."

John Cleanses the Temple
13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem and dwelt in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers exchanging tables...

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Jesus Faces Herod
4 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.
5 And when he said to him that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time...

The Disciples' Eyes Opened
28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.
29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent."

John the Baptist's Testimony
17 Then John said to them, "I baptize with water, but there stands one among you whom you do not know.
18 This is he who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandals I am not worthy to loose."

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.
33 I did not know Him; but who He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

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The King on a Cross
24 How they led Him away, they led him of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus.
27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him...

Jesus Dies on the Cross
44 Now it was the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the earth until the ninth hour.
45 Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.
46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit."

Jesus Appears to His Disciples
38 Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you."
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33 So they rise up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to us!"

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
37 The two disciples heard Him speak, and they followed Jesus.
38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" they said to Him, "Rabbi," which is to say, "Teacher."

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with him that day (now it was about the fourth hour).

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.
28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'"

John the Baptist's Testimony (cont.)
31 He who comes from above is above all: he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth: he who is of the earth is above all: he who is of the earth has seen and heard, that he testifies; and no one receives his testimony.

Luke 23

Luke 24

John

John 1

John 2

John 3

John 4

John is one of the best books to begin reading the Bible. It has been said that it's shallow enough to take a dip in, but deep enough to wade in. John is split into four sections by scholars today:

- The prologue informs readers of the true identity of Jesus
Jesus is baptised, calls his disciples, and begins his earthly ministry. He travels from place to place informing his hearers about God the Father, offering eternal life to all who will believe, and performing miracles which are signs of the authenticity of his teachings.
Jesus prepares the disciples for their coming lives without his physical presence, and prays for them and for himself.
Chapter 21 tells of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to his disciples in Galilee, the miraculous catch of fish, the prophecy of the crucifixion of Peter, the restoration of Peter, and the fate of the Beloved Disciple.

New King James Version (NKJV)

Table with 4 columns and 10 rows of Bible text from Luke, John, and John chapters.

A Samaritan Woman Asks Her Messiah
1 Therefore, when the Lord heard that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John...

12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?
13 And Jesus said to her, "You, sir, you have not drunk from this well...

32 But the hour is coming, and now, is the time when the truth will set you free; and the truth will make you free.
33 And he who hears my voice and believes in me, and who has sent me, will not come into judgment, but will have eternal life...

38 And he who hears receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.
39 And in this the saying is true: One sows and another reaps...

A Nobleman's Son Healed
40 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick of Capernaum...

A Man Healed of the Fool of Bethesda
1 After these things, Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.
2 Then a great multitude followed him, because they saw his signs which he performed on those who were diseased...

12 When they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?"
13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in that place...

Life and Judgment Are Through the Son
16 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears my voice and believes in the Son who sent Me, he will have everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life...

The Fourth Witness
31 "I bear witness of myself, My witness is not true.
32 There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true...

Rejoiced by His Own
41 The Jews complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven..."
42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Feeding the Five Thousand
1 After these things, Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.
2 Then a great multitude followed him, because they saw his signs which he performed on those who were diseased...

13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus said, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world..."

22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there except that one which had brought him out, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but his disciples had gone away alone...

30 Therefore they said to him, "What sign will you perform then, that we may see and believe You? What work will you do?
31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"
53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you..."

Many Disciples Turn Away
40 Therefore many of his disciples complained about him, saying, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"
41 When Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?
42 What then I should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?"

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.
14 Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught.
15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never learned?"

38 And Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself, but as My Father has said.
39 And he who sent Me is true, and I speak the words which He spoke to Me..."

Jesus and the Religious Leaders
32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things: concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.
33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to him who sent Me..."

Who is He?
46 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard his saying, said, "This is the Christ."
47 But some said, "Why doth He say of Galilee?
48 Has not the Scripture said, 'The Christ shall come from the desert of Arabia, and from the town of Bethel, where David was?'"

Jesus the Light of the World
1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.
2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him, and He sat down and taught them.
3 Then the scribes and Pharisees sought to Him a certain caught in adultery...

19 When they said to Him, "where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father, if you had known Me, you would have known My Father also..."

42 Jesus said to them, "I told you that you would love Me, but I proceeded before and came from God; nor have I come of myself, but He sent Me..."

Before Abraham Was, I AM
48 Then the Jews answered and said to him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me..."

57 Then the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?"
58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM..."

Jesus Defends His Self-Witness
13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself, My witness is not true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going..."

24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am who I say, you will die in your sins.
25 Then they said to him, "What are You saying, because we hear many things like this from You, but we know where I come from and where I am going..."

42 Jesus said to them, "I told you that you would love Me, but I proceeded before and came from God; nor have I come of myself, but He sent Me..."

John 9
1 And as He spoke these words, certain of the Jews who were with Him said to Him, "You are not yet forty years old, and you have seen Abraham?"

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John 5

John 6

John 7

John 8

John 9

Jesus Warns and Comforts His Disciples
1 These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble...

The Work of the Holy Spirit
5 For as the wind blows, you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know what it is...

Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World
25 These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language...

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29 His disciples said to him, "See, now you are speaking plainly and using no figure of speech...

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, when each of you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone...

John 16

John 17

John 18

John 19

John 20

John 21

Romans

Jesus Prays for Himself
1 Jesus spoke for these words, lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You...

Jesus Prays for His Disciples
4 I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world...

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in My name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept and none of them is lost except the son of perdition...

24 Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me...

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Behold and Arrest in Gethsemane
1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden...

Before the High Priest
12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him...

Jesus Questioned by the High Priest
19 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I never hid anything in secret...

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself again, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

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The Soldiers Mock Jesus
1 So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe...

10 Then Pilate said to him, "Are you not speaking to me? Do you not know that I have power to crucify you, and power to release you?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all over me unless it had been given you from above...

The King on a Cross
17 And having His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. 18 Where they crucified Him, and two others with him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center...

Behold Your Mother
25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!"

33 But if when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out...

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The Empty Tomb
1 Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb...

Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord
11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet where the body of Jesus had lain...

The Apostles Commissioned
19 Then, the same day of evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you..."

Seeing and Believing
24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The doors being shut, and about midnight Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side..."

29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed..."

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Breaded by the Sea
1 After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Didache of Cana in Galilee, the son of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together...

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish...

Simon Restores Peter
15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You..."

The Beloved Disciple and His Book
20 Then Peter, turning round, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." 23 Then this saying went on among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

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New King James Version (NKJV)
Romans 1

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The Bible Romans	<p>Receiving Others' Burdens</p> <p>1 We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but as it willers. 4 The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me. 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus. 6 That you may with one mind and one message glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>Glorify God Together</p> <p>7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. 8 Now I say to you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. 15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God. 16 That I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sacrificed by the Holy Spirit. 17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ did not accomplish through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum have fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation. 21 But as it is written:</p> <p>"To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."</p>	<p>Plan to Visit Rome</p> <p>22 For this reason I also have been much hindered from coming to you. 23 But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you, 24 whenever I journey to Spain, I shall come to you. For I hope to see you on my journey, and to be helped on my way there by you, if first I may enjoy my journey to a while. 25 But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints. 26 For if I pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem, 27 I pleased them indeed, and they are my debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partners of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. 28 Therefore, when I have performed this and have secured to them this fruit, I shall go by way of you to Spain. 29 But I know that when I come to you I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.</p>
	<p>10 And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people!"</p> <p>11 And again: "Praise the Lord, and you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!"</p> <p>12 And again, Isaiah says: "These shall be a just race: And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."</p> <p>13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.</p>	<p>From Jerusalem to Illyricum</p> <p>14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. 15 Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God. 16 That I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sacrificed by the Holy Spirit. 17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ did not accomplish through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum have fully preached the gospel of Christ. 20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation. 21 But as it is written:</p> <p>"To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."</p>	

Romans 16

The Bible Romans	<p>Greeting Roman Saints</p> <p>3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. 4 Who risked their own necks for me, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 5 Likewise greet the church that is in their house.</p> <p>Greet my beloved Epenetus, who is the firstfruit of Achaia to Christ. 6 Greet Mary, who labored much for us. 7 Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.</p> <p>8 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord. 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 10 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus. 11 Greet Hercules, my countryman. Greet those who are of the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.</p>	<p>12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, judgment and mine. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.</p> <p>16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.</p>	<p>Avoid Divisive Persons</p> <p>17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. 19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf, but I wish that you were all the same concerning one another. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.</p> <p>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Amen.</p>	<p>Greetings from Paul's Friends</p> <p>21 Finally, my fellow workers, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.</p> <p>22 Finally, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.</p> <p>23 Galus, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.</p> <p>Benediction</p> <p>25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the times began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the ever-living God, for obedience to the faith— 27 to God alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.</p>
	<p>Sister Phoebe Commended</p> <p>1 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae. 2 That you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of, for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.</p>	<p>12 Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who have labored in the Lord. Greet the beloved Persis, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, judgment and mine. 14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren who are with them. 15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.</p> <p>16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.</p>	<p>Avoid Divisive Persons</p> <p>17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. 19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf, but I wish that you were all the same concerning one another. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.</p> <p>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, Amen.</p>	<p>Greetings from Paul's Friends</p> <p>21 Finally, my fellow workers, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.</p> <p>22 Finally, who wrote this epistle, greet you in the Lord.</p> <p>23 Galus, my host and the host of the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city, greets you, and Quartus, a brother. 24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.</p> <p>Benediction</p> <p>25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the times began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the ever-living God, for obedience to the faith— 27 to God alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.</p>

Jude

The Epistle of Jude, or Letter of Jude, is the 65th book in the Bible preceding Revelation. It is written by Jude, the servant of Jesus and the brother of James. It warns to be vigilant against false teachers and false doctrine which will be rampant in the last days. It is included because Jude is speaking directly to our generation and if we were living through the Bible, the period from the birth of the Church until now would be Jude.

New King James Version (NKJV)

Jude 1

The Bible Jude	<p>1 Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,</p> <p>2 to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:</p> <p>3 Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.</p> <p>4 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>5 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>6 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>7 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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Revelation

The Book of Revelation, is the 66th book of the Bible and the final book of the New Testament. It's written by John and is split into multiple sections outlined below. Revelation can be quite difficult to understand at times, so if you would like some assistance on interpretation check out the "The Rapture > Addendum > Prominent Figures" section. Alternatively check out Chuck Missler's commentary on Revelation.

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12. Conclusion (22:6 - 22:21)

Revelation 1

The Bible Revelation	<p>1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John. 2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it, for the time is near.</p> <p>4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits of God, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.</p>	<p>5 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>6 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>7 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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Revelation 2

The Bible Revelation	<p>1 To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things say He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars: 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and you have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen, repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."</p>	<p>8 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>9 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>10 I have written to you, because I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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Revelation 3

<p>The Dead Church 1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write,</p> <p>"These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. 2 Behold, and strengthen the things which remain, that no ready doer, for I have not found your works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how you have received the word: hold fast and repeat: therefore will I not wash it, will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. 4 You have a few names, even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. 5 He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments; and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.</p> <p>6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: " </p>	<p>The Faithful Church 7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,</p> <p>"These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David: He who opens and no one shuts, and shut no one opens: 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it: for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 I will make you as pillars in the temple of My God, and you shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, and the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will send with him My name.</p> <p>10 "Who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: " </p>	<p>The Lukewarm Church 14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write,</p> <p>"These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, I have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and wear garments, that they may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.</p>	<p>18 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 19 Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he will dine with Me. 20 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcome and sit down with My Father on His throne.</p> <p>22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches: " </p>
<h2>Revelation 4</h2>			
<p>The Throne Room of Heaven 1 After these things, I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard spoke with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."</p>	<p>2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne sat in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like jasper and a sardius stone in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.</p> <p>"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"</p>	<p>9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever. 10 The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:</p> <p>11 "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for you created all things, and by Your word they exist and were created."</p>	
<h2>Revelation 5</h2>			
<p>The Lamb Takes the Scroll 1 And I saw the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.</p> <p>4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."</p>	<p>Worthy Is the Lamb 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:</p> <p>"You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For you were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."</p>	<p>11 Then I looked, and heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. 12 Saying with a loud voice:</p> <p>"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"</p> <p>13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in it, heard saying:</p> <p>"Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"</p> <p>14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever."</p>	
<h2>Revelation 6</h2>			
<p>First Seal: The Conqueror 1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.</p>	<p>Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth 4 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 5 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and the wine."</p>	<p>Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth 7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and he was followed by Hades. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.</p>	<p>Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances 12 I looked when he opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it shaken by a mighty wind. 14 And the mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"</p>
<p>Seventh Seal: Silence for the Seven Trumpets 1 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.</p>	<p>5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasse twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Isachar twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Zabulon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.</p>	<p>A Multitude from the Great Tribulation 9 After these things I looked, and behold a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands. 10 And crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. 12 saying:</p>	<p>"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"</p> <p>14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."</p> <p>15 So he said to me, "These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."</p>
<h2>Revelation 7</h2>			
<p>The Sealed of Israel 1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that they should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he said with a loud voice to the four angels, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or any tree, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:</p>	<p>6 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.</p> <p>6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.</p>	<p>First Trumpet: Vegetation Destruct 7 The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.</p> <p>Second Trumpet: The Sea Stuck 8 Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.</p>	<p>"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"</p> <p>14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."</p> <p>15 So he said to me, "These are the ones who came out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."</p>
<h2>Revelation 8</h2>			
<p>Fifth Trumpet: The Locusts from the Bottomless Pit 1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fall from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 8 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. 9 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.</p>	<p>7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their feet were like lions' feet. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. 10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.</p> <p>12 One voice I saw. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.</p>	<p>Third Trumpet: The Waters Stuck 11 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the water, and on the springs of water. 11 Then the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.</p>	<p>Fourth Trumpet: The Heavens Stuck 12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.</p> <p>13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"</p>
<h2>Revelation 9</h2>			
<p>Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates 13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God. 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.</p>	<p>5 the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it: that there should be delay no longer. 7 But in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God will be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.</p>	<p>John Eats the Little Book 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."</p> <p>9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."</p>	<p>17 And this I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. 19 For their power was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.</p> <p>20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."</p>
<h2>Revelation 10</h2>			
<p>The Mighty Angel with the Little Book 1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head. His face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land. 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."</p>	<p>The Witnesses Killed When they finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 6 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our lord was crucified. 7 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.</p>	<p>The Witnesses Resurrected 11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and they were seen there. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were affected and gave glory to the God of heaven.</p> <p>14 the second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.</p>	<p>10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."</p> <p>12 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 14 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God. 15 saying:</p> <p>"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who sits on the throne, and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 16 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."</p>
<h2>Revelation 11</h2>			
<p>The Two Witnesses 1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel said, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will trample on it forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."</p> <p>4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, they will thus kill him in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophesy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with plagues, as often as they desire.</p>	<p>13 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and they were seen there. 13 In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were affected and gave glory to the God of heaven.</p> <p>14 the second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.</p>	<p>15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God. 17 saying:</p> <p>"We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, who sits on the throne, and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned. 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."</p>	<p>19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.</p>
<h2>Revelation 12</h2>			

The Women, the Child, and the Dragon
1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars...

The Beast from the Sea
1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his head a blasphemous name...

The Lamb and the 144,000
1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written on their foreheads...

Prelude to the Bowl Judgments
1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete...

The Seven Bowls
1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth..."

The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast
1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters..."

The World Mourns Babylon's Fall
1 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues..."

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having a great outpouring of water, and saying to those who heard his voice, "Come out of her, my people..."

Satan Bound 1,000 Years
1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand...

The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God...

Satan Thrown Out of Heaven
1 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought back...

The Proclamation of Three Angels
1 Then I saw three angels flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth...

The Proclamation of Three Angels (cont.)
8 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication..."

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God Almighty! O God of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy...

Third Bowl: Worms Turn to Blood
1 Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood...

Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched
1 Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire...

Fifth Bowl: Darkness and Pain
10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain...

The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast
1 The angel said to me, "I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns..."

Christ on a White Horse
11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And he who sat on it was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war...

Satanic Rebellion Crushed
7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth...

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come for the sake of our brethren who occupied them before our God day and night..."

The Beast from the Earth
11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon...

Reaping the Earth's Harvest
14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sickle...

12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on...'"

Sixth Bowl: Euphrates Dried Up
12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared...

Seventh Bowl: The Earth Utters Shout
17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

17 Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits, 10 there are also seven kings...

11 And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, linen and purple...

19 They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, "Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who were rich have become poor..."

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse and against his army...

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12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time...

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The Woman Persecuted
13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman gave two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness for a time, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time...

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast; that the image of the beast should speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed...

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark...

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Reaping the Grapes of Wrath
17 Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle...

19 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "That in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe..."

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All Things Made New
I now saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

The Glory of the New Jerusalem
I saw a new temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Revelation 22

The River of Life
I and he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

A Warning
I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to these things, God shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book.

Psalms

This contains the first 41 Psalms in the Bible to be read, meditated on or used as praise and worship to God. New King James Version (NKJV)

The Meaning of Selah by Chuck Missler
Selah means to lift up, or exalt. The word selah is from two roots: s_lah, to praise; and s_lal, to lift up.

Selah does connect the end of one strophe with the beginning of the next; and, in four cases it connects the end of one Psalm with the beginning of the next, thus uniting the two Psalms (Ps 3 with 4; 9 with 10; 24 with 25; and 46 with 47).

It is a "thought-link" which bids us to look back at what has been said and to mark its connection with what is to follow, or to some additional consequent teaching. It is neither the pausing on one subject nor the passing on from one subject to another.

Thus, if it be derived from selah, "to pause," it is not the instruments of music which are to pause while voices continue to sing; but it is our hearts which are to pause and note the connection of precious truths.

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Psalms 30-32

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Psalms 33-34

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Psalms 35-36

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Psalms 37-38

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Psalm 38 Prayer in Time of Chastening A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance. 1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath, Nor chastise me in Your indignation. 2 For You are merciful person, do not hear me, And Your hand presses me down. 3 There is no soundness in my flesh Because of my iniquities. 4 For my iniquities have gone over my head, Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me. 5 My wounds are foul and festering Because of my foolishness. 6 My bones are raw, I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. 7 For my sore are full of inflammation, And there is no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am feeble and severely broken. I groan because of the tumult of my heart. 9 Lord, all my desire is before You, And my sighing is not hidden from You. 10 My heart pants, my strength fails me, As for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me.	11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off. 12 Those also who seek my life lay snares for me: Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan destruction all the day long. 13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear, And I am like a man who does not open his mouth, 14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And whose mouth is no response. 15 For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God, 16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me." Lest, when my foot slips, they extol themselves against me." 17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me. 18 For I will declare my iniquity: I will be in anguish over my sin. 19 But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong: 20 Those also who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. 21 Those also who render evil for good, They are over my adversaries, because I follow what is good. 22 Do not forsake me, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me. 23 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
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Psalms 39-40

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Psalms 41

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Psalm 41
The Blessing and Suffering of the Godly to the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Blessed is he who considers the poor:
The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble,
2 The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive,
And he will be blessed on the earth:
You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
3 The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness:
You will sustain him on his sickbed.
4 I said, "Lord, be merciful to me;
Hear my soul, for I have sinned against You."
5 My enemies speak evil of me:
"When will he die, and his name perish?"
6 And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies:
His heart gathers iniquity to itself.
When he goes out, he tells lies.
7 All who hate me whisper together against me:
Against me they devise my hurt.
8 An evil disease, they say, "rings to him,
And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more."

9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
Who ate my bread,
Has lifted up his heel against me.
10 But You, O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up,
That I may repay them.
11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me,
Because my enemy does not triumph over me.
12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,
And set me before Your face forever.
13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

Bible Verses

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:58

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
Psalms 5:3

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
James 1:2-4

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
1 Corinthians 16:13

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.
Proverbs 21:20

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'
Matthew 6:9-13

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.
Joshua 1:7

Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
Matthew 7:15

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
1 Timothy 5:8

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
Matthew 10:28

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God.
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;
Luke 21:21

And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.
Revelation 20:15

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.
Colossians 3:23

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.
Genesis 2:16-17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.
1 Timothy 4:10

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13

A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.
Proverbs 27:12

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.
Deuteronomy 31:6

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:28-31

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
Psalms 27:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalms 23:4

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:1-2

The Parable of the Rich Fool
"And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"
But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"
This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."
Luke 12:13-21

<p>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16</p>	<p>Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. Deuteronomy 15:10</p>	<p>The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naive go on, and are punished for it. Proverbs 22:3</p>	<p>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6</p>	<p>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39</p>
<p>The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. Psalms 37:23-24</p>	<p>Those who work their land will have abundant food but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty. Proverbs 28:19</p>	<p>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13</p>	<p>The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. Proverbs 22:3</p>	<p>Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6</p>
<p>Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth. Ecclesiastes 11:2</p>	<p>A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it! Proverbs 13:16</p>	<p>For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10</p>		

12 Common Questions

The following are some answers to the most commonly asked questions about Christianity and the Bible.

Are natural disasters literally "acts of God"? Does he cause them? (Mark 13:8)
 When a volcano erupts, a hurricane devastates a city or lightning ignites a vast forest fire, it is natural for us to ponder God's relationship to the events. How should we regard such tragic occurrences? Are they really "acts of God," as insurance companies still label them? Jesus asked his disciples a similar question. In Luke 13:4, Jesus asked, Those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?
 Jesus was apparently referring to a well-known disaster of his time that had killed 18 people. His point was simple: events and tragedies beyond our control are part of life. There is not necessarily a direct cause and effect between the people who suffer and the tragedies themselves. The Bible offers two reasons for natural disasters.
 First, the world itself is beautiful but broken. All of creation suffers as a consequence of the entry of sin, death and decay into the world (Ro 5:12; 8:19-22). Second, all of human history takes place within the context of the cosmic battle between the forces of God and the forces of Satan. Job did not know that the Lord was using his life as an example of faithfulness when Satan afflicted him with sores and sadness. Thankfully, Jesus left his disciples (and us) with this encouragement: In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (Jn 16:33).

How do we know the Bible is true? (Hebrews 4:12)
 According to the Bible, all Scripture is God-breathed (2Ti 3:16). Peter confirmed this when he said that those who wrote the Bible were not speaking on their own but spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2Pe 1:21). Many parts of Scripture are directly attributed to God through use of phrases like This is what the LORD says (e.g., Ex 4:22). Finally, Jesus often quoted from the Old Testament and affirmed it as being God's Word. Prophecies that were later fulfilled are corroboration of the accuracy of the Bible's claim to be God's Word.
 For example, the vision recorded in Daniel 7 correctly predicted the rise of the Medo-Persian Empire, the Greek Empire under Alexander the Great, and the Roman Empire. Archaeological discoveries are also important evidence of the Bible's accuracy. For example, for many years King David was believed by some to be a fictional character. But recently a composition from a king of Syria referring to the "house of David" was discovered at Tel Dan. This writing provides tangible evidence that ancient rulers indeed recognized the dynasty of David in Judah. Another reason for confidence in the Bible's authenticity is its internal consistency.
 The Bible is actually a compilation of 66 books written over a period of 2,000 years by more than 40 different authors, and yet there is a unified message and a striking theological coherence—something that clearly speaks of God's guidance throughout the process of writing, transmitting and assembling the Biblical texts. It is important to remember that the original Biblical documents no longer exist. We are dependent on copies, and copyists can make mistakes.
 However, scholars have carefully tracked the accuracy of ancient manuscripts from different centuries, and their consistency gives us good reason to be confident in the Bibles we read today. Furthermore, rigorous standards were applied to determine the canon—both by the Jews, who determined the collection of books that make up the Old Testament Scriptures, and by the early church, which decided the books to be included in the New Testament.

What does it mean to have faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
 In the Bible, faith is always tied to an active trust in God and his Word. For the believer, there is no such thing as "blind faith." Faith is the sensible response to the revealed will of God and the privileges he has promised his people. Biblical faith does not mean that people can believe in any unlikely thing and God, in response, must bring it to pass. In other words, faith that is not directly attached to God's Word is merely positive thinking. At its core, faith (trusting God) is how people access the salvation God has provided in Christ Jesus. Abraham, the father of all who have saving faith (Ro 4:16), believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness (Jas 2:23).
 Faith is not righteousness, but it is how we access Jesus' saving righteousness, something we could never access on our own (Eph 2:8). Faith, God's gift to his followers (Eph 2:8), is fortified by paying careful attention to the Bible and practicing the spiritual disciplines. Romans 10:17 says, Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Throughout the Christian life, faith continues to be how believers receive the privileges and necessities for serving Christ. We trust God to give what he has promised, whether it is gifts and abilities to do the work of Jesus in the world and in our own hearts (Jn 14:12-13) or whether it is carrying us through our spiritual journey and into our eternal home in heaven.

What are angels, and how do they interact with the world today? (Genesis 28:12)

Along with the creation of the physical world, God also fashioned and populated a spiritual realm we call heaven. Little is known about heaven, which is the place where God dwells, because it is beyond human observation. But the Bible identifies some of its inhabitants as cherubim, or "winged beings" (Ex 25:18-22; Eze 10:1-22); others as seraphim, or "burning ones" (Isa 6:2; Rev 4:6-8); and many simply as messengers (Ge 16:7-11; Ex 23:20-24; Mt 1:20-24), from which the term "angel" is derived.

Together, the whole company of angelic beings is called the multitudes of heaven or the heavenly host (1Ki 22:19; Lk 2:13). In the Bible, angels and humans interacted primarily when these spiritual beings delivered messages from God to his people. But sometimes God sent angels to intervene in human affairs. For example, God sent an angel to guide the Israelites through the desert (Ex 23:20-23), provide food for Elijah (1Ki 19:5-8) and execute his divine judgment against the people of Israel (2Sa 24:16-17). For example, God sent an angel to guide the Israelites through the desert (Ex 23:20-23), provide food for Elijah (1Ki 19:5-8) and execute his divine judgment against the people of Israel (2Sa 24:16-17).

While the ministry of angels occurred most specifically in supervising the redemptive history outlined in the Bible, angels also communicated God's divine will directly to individuals (Ac 10:3-5) and provided them with protection (Ac 12:11; 27:23). Throughout subsequent history many people have reported the presence of angelic beings who have communicated specific messages from God or intervened in specific situations. The mysterious and transcendent character of angels has sometimes nurtured cultic obsessions, but such worship is clearly contrary to the Bible's teaching (Col 2:18-19).

Who is God, what does he value, and how can we approach him? (Exodus 3:13-14)

The Bible doesn't explain who God is or try to prove his divine existence. It assumes God is eternally present (Ge 1:1) and depicts creation as a result of his divine thought and action (Ge 1:1-2:25). God has, however, offered us a glimpse of who he is through creation (Ps 19:1-6), his Word (Ps 18:30-31), and especially through the incarnation of his Son, Jesus Christ, who is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being (Heb 1:3). Jesus demonstrated God's compassion, grace and glory in his life, death and resurrection. From this and from the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Ac 2:1-13), our awareness of God as Trinity (one God in three persons) was formed.

While God's being is beyond comprehension or perception (Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18), both the physical world and the human conscience clearly attest to his values and purposes. In addition, God revealed what he values through the Sinai covenant (Ex 20:1-24:18). The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21) were affirmed by Jesus as a faithful summary of God's moral values (Mt 5:17-47), and they continue to shape social values and legal systems today. God also revealed what he values through the dietary regulations (Lev 11:1-47) and worship regulations (Lev 1:1-9:24; 16:1-34; 21:1-25:55) that were given to the ancient Israelites. Those regulations emphasized God's holiness and his desire for his people to be holy (Lev 11:44).

When Jesus came to earth, he taught that while actions are important, God is more concerned with the heart (Mt 5:17-47; 15:18-20). God desires that we love him, trust him, obey him and imitate his character in our interactions with others by being compassionate, loving and forgiving. So how can we approach such a holy God? Access to God is only through faith in Jesus Christ (Jn 14:6; Ro 5:1-2; Eph 2:13-18; 3:12). Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring (us) to God (1Pe 3:18). Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Heb 4:16).

How much influence does Satan have in the world today? (1 Peter 5:8)

Enormous influence! Jesus called him the prince of this world (Jn 12:31), and Paul called him the god of this age (2Co 4:4). Satan controls a vast hierarchical network of fallen angels (Eph 6:12), also called demons. Revelation 12:9 says that Satan ... leads the whole world astray. He manipulates nations, rulers, economies and cultures. He remains disguised behind all the idolatries and false religions of the world. In the end, according to Revelation, Satan will orchestrate a vast, worldwide rebellion against Christ and the church, but he will be defeated and suffer eternal punishment (Rev 20:7-10). At the root of all Satan's efforts on earth is his desire to usurp God's glory.

Satan is insanely jealous of God. Created as a mighty and good angel, he fell due to his arrogant desire to take the place of God (Isa 14:12-15; Eze 28:11-19). Satan works in this world primarily through deceit (Jn 8:44). He is skillful beyond our imagination at tempting people to sin. He is also ruthless and willing to spare no one in his pursuit of glory. However, Satan is no match for Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Christians will certainly face Satan's attacks as he tempts, tests and accuses them (Job 1:8-12; Rev 12:10). But Christians may always take refuge in Jesus, for by the power of his name (Lk 10:17-20) they are successfully able to resist Satan (1Pe 5:8-10).

How do I balance concern for the poor with the needs of my family? (Exodus 23:10-11)

The poor mentioned in these verses are those who are in need of basic necessities (e.g., food, clothing, shelter). But elsewhere the Bible mentions other types of people who are poor. Whereas Matthew recorded Jesus saying that the poor in spirit are blessed (Mt 5:3), Luke's account states that the poor are blessed by God (Lk 6:20). The poor in spirit referred to in Matthew 5 are those who are spiritually bankrupt and desperate for God. The poor of Luke 6 are those who are desperate because they have no one to care for them. And the apostle Paul admonished Timothy to care for the widows in his congregation, saying, Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need (1Ti 5:3).

The fundamental principle here is that God provides for the needs of the poor (Mt 6:25-34). But the question is, How does God do this? The answer is that he does this in a variety of ways. He often meets tangible needs through the generosity of his people, who want to give out of the abundance they have been given. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2Co 9:8). But God also assigns responsibilities to certain individuals who are close to people with material needs. In 1 Timothy 5 Paul said that local needs ought to be met by institutions and individuals who are in closest proximity to those in need. Continued Below.

So in the case of widows, Paul said that children or grandchildren bear the first line of responsibility to care for a widow's material needs (1Ti 5:4). But if the widow is all alone and remains upright in her loneliness, then she is to be cared for by the deacons (1Ti 5:5, 16). Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (1Ti 5:7-8). So how do we balance concern for the poor with the needs of our own family?

There is no one-size-fits-all answer. We should begin by examining the stance of our own heart in relation to the apostle's admonition to the Corinthians: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2Co 9:6-7). God has given his people ample resources to supply every imaginable need.

Can our prayers cause God to change his mind? (Exodus 32:14)

Scripture teaches that God sometimes adjusts his plans in response to our actions or requests. The Bible contains several examples of this: the Hebrews on the outskirts of Canaan (Nu 14:11-23); Hezekiah's repentance on behalf of Israel (Am 7:1-7) and the sparing of Nineveh (Jnh 3:1-10). Experiencing God's will is dynamic. As with any interpersonal relationship, God's relationship with humanity involves complex twists and turns. God modifies his responses based on ours, and we adjust our responses to God's. So, in a sense, it can be said that God sometimes changes his mind in response to our prayers. At the same time, God's will is determined.

There are decrees and promises he has made that do not change. He kept his covenant with the forefathers of the Israelites (Dt 7:7-8), and he keeps his new covenant with those who believe in Jesus (Jn 6:37-40, 44). God wants us to live out his will obediently. He has predetermined ways he expects us to respond, but he has made us capable of resisting him (Ps 143:10; 1Th 5:16-18; Heb 10:35-39; 2Pe 3:9). These aspects of God's will work together. While it is not possible for us to fully understand how they work together, we know that God is ultimately in control.

How are these laws relevant to us today? (Leviticus 19:19-28)

Though some of the laws in Leviticus seem readily applicable today, others do not. It can be unsettling to see a general principle (Love your neighbour, v. 18) alongside what seems to be a culture-specific rule (Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head, v. 27) The result can be an apparent inconsistency in how we obey these laws. For example, how can we continue to view homosexual intercourse as sin (20:13) if we no longer care about blended fabrics of cotton and wool (19:19)? People attempt to resolve this problem in different ways.

Some believe the laws fit into different categories of behaviour: moral laws are still binding, but ceremonial and civil laws were superseded when Jesus came. The distinction between a moral, civil and ceremonial law is not always clear, however. Others believe that only those laws mentioned or repeated in the New Testament remain binding. We can gain some insight into the problem by seeing what Jesus said about the law. He told his disciples that not a single letter of the law would disappear until everything is accomplished (Mt 5:17-20). Continued Below.

Yet because Jesus followed the true spirit of the law rather than the legalistic views of the religious teachers, he was accused of violating the law (Lk 6:1-2). Because the Bible is God's Word, we may assume that each law expresses some aspect or enduring principle of God's revealed will. Some details, written specifically for Israel's situation, will not fit ours today. But many of the regulating principles behind them are timeless. Matthew 5 provides several examples where Jesus upheld the deeper, spiritual principles of the law.

The relevance of Old Testament laws may elude our understanding today because the content often addressed Israel's particular call to be God's distinct people. However, by seeking the timeless principle behind the letter of the law, we can still apply God's standards to the details of our lives within the context of our culture.

Does obedience bring prosperity? (Leviticus 26:3-39)

There is no question that righteous living has its own rewards. When the people of Israel served God, they enjoyed good social and economic climates. People who live disciplined lives of moderation generally enjoy the benefits of good health and finances. Even insurance companies formulate their premium rates according to the risks of certain lifestyles. However, these are general principles and cannot be expected to apply in every situation.

The New Testament agrees with the Old Testament that God honours obedience and disdains disobedience, but the New Testament differs in its application of that principle. Where the Old Testament insists that a person's character, speech and actions immediately determine the resulting consequences, the New Testament teaches that by faith, righteous living will eventually be rewarded. The Old Testament says the faithful experience the good life now; the New Testament says they will one day. At the heart of the New Testament is Jesus, the only perfect human being, a man whose life ended in the suffering and disgrace of the cross.

Even though he was sinless, he was abandoned by God. Hardly the picture of prosperity and blessing! Yet his obedience provided righteousness for those who believe and resulted in his exaltation as Christ the Lord (Ro 5:19; Php 2:8). Romans 8:35-39 lists a number of things that cannot separate the believer from Christ: trouble, famine, nakedness, etc. Many items listed match items from the "curse" texts of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Therefore, the New Testament teaches that to obey does not guarantee an absence of material problems. Rather, the guarantee concerns spiritual security despite material troubles.

Which is better, spiritually speaking, to be rich or poor? (Deuteronomy 8:10-18)

The relationship between spirituality and wealth in the Bible is complicated. On the one hand, riches can be a sign of God's blessing (Ge 24:35; Dt 8:18), while poverty can symbolize divine judgment (Jer 8:10, 13). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were God's friends and were very wealthy, as was Job, one of the most godly figures of the Old Testament. David, a man after God's own heart (1Sa 13:13-14), was also very rich. On the other hand, the luxuries and benefits wealth afforded altered Solomon's early devotion to God (1Ki 11:4).

Through the prophet Amos, God blamed wealth for leading Israel into idolatry and moral decay (Am 3:13-4:1). On a number of occasions, Jesus spoke harshly about the rich who ignored God and the poor (e.g., Lk 12:13-21) and compromised their commitment to God (e.g., Mt 19:16-23). Jesus declared that the love of wealth can steal hearts away from God (Mt 6:24). Paul told Timothy to warn people about the temptations of wealth (1Ti 6:6-10, 17-19), and James wrote stern words on the same topic (Jas 2:5-7).

It can't be said that people who are poor are necessarily in a better spiritual condition than those who are rich. Rather, our spiritual health depends on how we steward our blessings, view our possessions, and serve God and others with them. The Bible commands, Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19-20). We are to work so that we will have resources to share with those who are poor (Eph 4:28). We are also to give quietly, generously, thoughtfully and cheerfully (Mt 6:3; 2Co 9:6-7).

Is there a connection between spiritual and physical health? (Deuteronomy 28:58-63)

Generally, we must acknowledge that our Creator knows what is best for us, so in that regard our physical health and spiritual well-being are closely connected. The Hebrew word used most often to describe humans in the Old Testament is nephesh, translated person. It described the wholeness of life and was not easily reduced to the "body" and "soul" distinctions that emerged later in the Greek world of the New Testament. As part of God's design to make Israel a spiritually vibrant nation, long sections of the social codes in Leviticus were devoted to dietary regulations and hygiene as well as acceptable responses to illnesses, injuries and blood flow.

The psalmist David clearly connected the blight of his physical condition to spiritual distress, noting that when he failed to confess his sins and remained at odds with God and others, his bones wasted and his strength was sapped (Ps 32:3-4). Paul recognized the connection between spiritual laxity and physical sickness (1Co 11:27-30) as well as the need for physical sustenance to maintain spiritual strength (1Ti 5:23). Still, care must be taken not to completely equate spiritual righteousness and physical health.

The psalmist Asaph observed that many wicked people were models of vibrant strength (Ps 73:3-5). And the apostle Paul struggled constantly with at least one, if not several, physical ailments (2Co 12:1-10; Gal 4:13-15) that were by no means a result of spiritual deficiency. Humans are complex beings, and although we know there are connections between our physical and spiritual health, we can't always pinpoint what those connections are. Our task is to nurture our souls so that we maximize our spiritual health and take the best possible care of our bodies to maximize our physical health. We are to consider our bodies temples of the Holy Spirit (1Co 3:16; 6:19-20).

Why does God allow bad things to happen? (Deuteronomy 31:16-21)

No one knows the mind of God, except for God himself. He is infinite; we are finite. We are not entirely clueless about his character, however, because God speaks to us through his Word. According to the Bible, one reason bad things happen is because the whole world is under the control of the evil one (1Jn 5:19). That's why Jesus taught us to ask God to deliver us from the evil one when we pray (Mt 6:13). Even in the Garden of Eden, in paradise, before Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, Satan was already there, waiting to tempt them to disobey God (Ge 3:1-6). Another reason bad things happen is because people sin.

The reason why God allows people to sin and be tempted to sin is not for us to know, at least for now (Dt 29:29). What we do know is that when bad things happen, we should not rage against God. To revolt against God is to fall prey to the devil. The devil is a liar (Jn 8:44) and wants us to believe that God is blameworthy. But the Bible says that God is light; in him there is no darkness at all (1Jn 1:5). God is not the enemy; Satan is the enemy. Through his Spirit God empowers us to war against the enemy by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, during good times and bad times.

What values does a Christian family hold? (Joshua 24:15)

A Christian is someone who knows there is nothing he or she can do to deserve God's love but who gratefully accepts and trusts in what God has done through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ. This faith translates into a life lived in love, gratitude and service. A Christian family, then, reflects these same values. While the members of a Christian family are not perfect people and are not without problems, they do believe that God has their best interests at heart. The Bible and the commandments from God found in it serve as their rules for living.

They strive to live according to God's Word and make God the foundation of their beliefs as a family unit. However, the modern family unit has changed since the days of Leave It to Beaver. Whether comprised of a husband and wife with no children, a husband and wife with children, a single parent raising a child or children alone, or any number of other scenarios—the goal of a Christian family is to love God and love people. With that in mind, the definition of "family" can extend beyond blood relatives and those related by marriage.

One Biblical illustration of what a Christian family can look like may be found in Matthew 12:48-50, where Jesus said that his "family" is comprised of those who do the will of his Father in heaven. Jesus' answer emphasizes the great importance of our spiritual family—those with whom we may not share blood but with whom we share a common and strong faith in God and his Son, Jesus Christ. It should be noted, however, that being a Christian doesn't necessarily mean that every member of your family will also be a Christian. It's possible that only one spouse may believe (1Co 7:12-14; 1Pe 3:1) or that some children won't believe. After all, even Satan rebelled against the perfect Father.

Does it matter when and where we pray? (1 Kings 8:29-30)

When Jesus introduced prayer by saying, Our Father (Mt 6:9), he reminded us that prayer is more personal than prescriptive. Prayer is a "divine dialogue" between God and those who have a relationship with him. Therefore, we are welcome to come to God anytime and anywhere. Like Jesus, we may pray early in the morning (Mk 1:35) or in the evening (Mk 14:32). We may pray when we are afraid (Ps 119:145-146), when we are in need (Mt 7:7-12) or when we lack wisdom (Jas 1:5). We may also pray to express the joy (Php 1:4) and the gratitude (1Th 5:16-18) we feel when we see God at work around us. And while many of our prayers include requests for our personal needs, it is right to pray for others (1Th 5:25), including those in authority (1Ti 2:1-2) and even our enemies (Mt 5:44).

We should pray on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests (Eph 6:18). Our prayers at any time may also be offered in any place. Hannah's prayer in the temple (1Sa 1:9-11) was no more spiritual than Moses' prayer in the desert (Ex 32:11-14). Jesus prayed in a garden (Mk 14:32-42). Jonah prayed in the belly of a fish (Jnh 2:1-10). Paul prayed in prison (Ac 16:22-25). Nehemiah prayed in the king's court (Ne 2:4). No matter where we are, we can always be assured of great reception with God when we pray.

How can we handle guilt and regret over our past decisions? (Ezra 9:6)

As every psychiatrist knows, unresolved guilt and brooding regret are significant blocks to healthy living. The Bible emphasizes self-analysis and awareness (Ps 139:1-24), confession and repentance (Ps 32:1-11; 51:1-19; Jas 5:16), and forgiveness (Mt 6:14) as elements of a sound spiritual lifestyle. But the past cannot be altered. Therefore it is also important to accept what has happened and learn how to live with the consequences of our choices and decisions.

Once the consequences are acknowledged and dealt with (Ps 51:1-19), and the lessons are learned (Ps 107:1-43), we must be able to forgive ourselves because God forgives us. We need to forgive ourselves so that we can move ahead with hope into the future. Forgiving ourselves is not always easy, nor is it a matter only of individual concern. The teachings of the Bible indicate that self-forgiveness is a spiritual journey that takes place best in community. It is often within the faith community that we come to understand that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Ro 8:1).

It is there that we find the grace, forgiveness and comfort of both God and others (2Co 1:3-7; 2:7). It is there that we can confess our sins to God and others and be healed (Jas 5:16; 1Jn 1:9). And "community" isn't limited to church congregations. There are many communities of faith working to help people heal from the consequences of their past choices. The "Twelve Steps" of Alcoholics Anonymous were formed on the basis of Biblical teachings and spiritual insights; as such, they often help people respond constructively to the tortures of an imperfect past.

Should Christians today observe the Sabbath? (Nehemiah 13:15-22)

The rules of the Sabbath, which in Hebrew means "rest," are based on two specific principles. First, in the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:2-17), a sabbath rest on the seventh day of each week was patterned after the events of the creation story (Ge 2:1-3), which describes God ceasing from creative activity on the seventh day after bringing humankind into being. In that teaching, the Sabbath was a time for reflection on good things done and the enjoyment of important relationships.

Second, when Moses repeated the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5:6-21, he noted that the Israelites had recently been rescued from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. In that teaching the Sabbath was a celebration of freedom from an existence solely devoted to work. For the Israelites, the Sabbath was both a rhythm of life bred into human understanding from the very beginning and a celebration of freedom from oppression.

Jesus emphasized the former value of the Sabbath in his own teachings (Mk 2:23-28), while his followers focused on the latter value of the Sabbath—especially once they realized the great deliverance from the bondage of sin brought by Jesus' death and resurrection (Ac 20:7; Rev 1:9-10). This understanding was amplified by the writer of Hebrews 4:1-11 as a forwardlooking anticipation of the renewal of all things. Even though the Bible makes it clear that Sabbath observance is not mandatory (Col 2:14, 16), the practices of both Jesus and the early Christian community testify to its enduring value in a believer's spiritual life.

Are people just pawns in God's chess game? (Job 1:13-19)

It sometimes seems that people are caught in events beyond their control, events manipulated by God or Satan. They may feel forced into situations they would not choose if they were given a choice. While this seems unfair, there is another way, a higher way, to interpret the circumstances of life. We can see them as Godgiven opportunities to cooperate with God's purposes and plans that allow us to participate in something far more significant than our own schemes. We are more than pawns in a chess game.

We can honour Almighty God by the way we live and die. Still, many unanswered questions remain. Only God knows why dozens of bystanders had to die in this unfolding drama between Satan and God. We struggle with the fact that some who are righteous have short, tragic lives, while others who are wicked enjoy wealth and long life. There is one thing we can affirm, however: what seems unfair in this life will be made right in eternity. Our problems will be resolved and many of our questions answered. God has permitted Satan certain freedoms. Satan is called the prince of this world (Jn 14:30) and the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Eph 2:2), for he sometimes uses sicknesses, plagues, wicked people and the forces of nature.

Though God dealt a fatal blow to Satan through Jesus' death and resurrection, Satan continues to struggle against God and will do so until the end (Ro 16:20). There are two sides to the suffering of the righteous: the earthly and the heavenly. The apostle Paul understood the tension of living in a corrupt world. He placed his trust in God and things eternal—God's justice, mercy and love—not in the temporary things of this world—success, wealth and fame. Paul recognized that our struggle is not against flesh and blood (Eph 6:12) and took courage in knowing that our citizenship is in heaven (Php 3:20).

Is God responsible for Satan's actions or people's sins? (Job 19:8-12)

We know that evil exists in this world. Its origins are personified in a cruel being identified in the Bible as Satan ("adversary") or the devil ("slanderer"), but this creature's origin is never tied to the Creator who made all things good (Ge 1:31). Satan first appears in the creation story (Ge 3:1), with no explanation of how he got there or where he came from. Some think the poetic imagery of Isaiah 14, which describes the power and demise of the king of Babylon, alludes to Satan's origins. But this is only theological speculation.

A cryptic scene in the drama of Job shows Satan as part of the company of angels who presented themselves before God (Job 1:6-2:7). While this being had the power to wreak havoc on Job's life in an attempt to make him sin, Satan's power was limited by God's permissions and prohibitions. This limitation of Satan's power by God is echoed by Jesus (Lk 10:17-21) in the New Testament and is pictured graphically in Revelation (Rev 20:7-10). We also know that the Bible does not absolve humans of their guilt for sinful choices and behaviours (Jas 1:13-18).

If we are treated unfairly, is God still good? (Job 34:19)

Because of the intrusion of sin and evil into our world, it seems to us that life is often not fair or just (Ps 73:3-12). Events occur that we do not cause or desire, and all our best efforts are not able to produce perfect results. Yet the Bible consistently declares that God is good, fair and just (Ps 9:7-12; 101:1; 145:1-21; 1Th 1:5-7; Rev 19:1-2, 11). Sometimes we find this truth difficult to grasp because of the complexity of this world and its evils. We have limited ability to clearly interpret it. But once we have spiritual insight about the truth, we can conform our behaviours more fully to reflect God's fairness, goodness and righteousness (Php 4:8-9).

Even when things happen that contradict our expressed efforts and knowledge of God's ultimate designs, we can have confidence that God's purposes will prevail (2Co 3:7-5:10); he will restore the fortunes of earth and humankind to his original desires (2Pe 3:13). Both Peter (1Pe 1:6-7; 2:19-25) and Paul (Ro 8:18-39) insisted that when we experience unfairness in life, we are gaining insights into what Jesus went through. We are also learning how to hope for the fullness of God's goodness to renew our world.

Why does it sometimes seem like God is far away? (Psalm 10:1)

God promised his people, The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you (Dt 31:5). Yet sometimes God seems distant. During such times, the ever-present God hasn't gone anywhere. Instead, specific obstacles we create or experience can make God seem far away. One obstacle is busyness. Our overloaded schedules can crowd out time with God and make it difficult to sense his presence in our lives.

When Jesus arrived for dinner at the home of friends, Martha chose to busy herself with kitchen duties while her sister sat at the feet of Jesus and was commended for doing what was better (Lk 10:38-42). Busyness isn't next to godliness. In fact, our crammed calendars can cause us to miss connecting with God daily. A second obstacle is "stuff," or possessions. In Matthew 19:16-22, Jesus urged a man to sell all he had and to follow him, but the man went away sad, because he had great wealth (Mt 19:22).

Unfortunately, possessions and wealth can prevent people from pursuing Jesus. He warned, Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Mt 6:21). So, if our hearts wander after more and more stuff, we will have little room for God. A third obstacle is sin. Christians can be secure in their relationship with God because their sins have been forgiven through Jesus' death on the cross. But lingering sin in our lives can still stand in the way of present fellowship with God. Fortunately, when we confess our sin, repent and obey God, we will feel the Father's love and personal presence once again (Jn 14:23, 25-27).

Why do our prayers seem ineffective at times? (Psalm 39:12)

One of the differences between the personal God of the Bible and all other so-called gods is that the Lord is near us whenever we pray to him (Dt 4:7). However, anyone who has ever prayed has surely experienced a time when their prayers didn't seem to make it higher than the ceiling. Sometimes God is silent when we harbour sin in our lives. The psalmist understood that the Lord would not listen to his prayers if he cherished sin in (his) heart (Ps 66:18).

Indeed, if Jesus experienced separation from the Father when he took our sin on himself at the cross (Mt 27:46), we should not be surprised to experience a sense of distance from God when we have unconfessed sin in our lives. When we rebel against God, he does not listen to our prayers (Isa 1:2, 15; 1Pe 3:7; cf. Heb 5:7). Similarly, our prayers may go unanswered if we ask with self-centred intentions (see Simon's story in Ac 8:9-25). Jesus' model of prayer, the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9-13), included not only personal requests but also praise, thanksgiving and intercession. Selfish requests made with insincere motives will fall on deaf ears (Jas 4:3).

At other times, our prayers may seem ineffective when, in fact, the silence of God is intended to bolster our faith. In Luke 18:1-8, Jesus told a parable about a woman who sought help from a judge who initially refused her request but eventually gave her what she asked for because of her persistence. The lesson of the story is that God, a just judge who cares for us, will see to it that our needs are met, but we must exercise faith in his sovereign goodness (Lk 18:8). And while our praying may not produce immediate results, praying with persistence changes us and moves us toward greater dependence on God.

Does God send troubles? (Psalm 71:20)

We have trouble in the world and in our lives because of humanity's sinful nature. But the book of Job shows that troubles do not necessarily come in direct proportion to our sin. Troubles may come not because we have committed a particular sin but because of someone else's sin against us. In this psalm the writer looked back on his life and admitted that God had allowed him to experience some bitter troubles. God is not the blameworthy cause or originator of evil in the world, and he is neither capricious nor a mere passive observer. Sometimes God permits trouble in people's lives; other times he seems to deliberately bring people to a place where they will experience difficulties.

The Bible says that God has many reasons for allowing the godly to experience suffering. Suffering may:

1. Lead someone away from sin and closer to God (Heb 12:4-11),
2. Build up a person's character (Jas 1:2-6) or (3) provide a means to glorify God (Jn 9:1-3). Then again, there is the lesson of Job: explanations cannot always be found. At times we may not understand why God allows us to experience troubles, but even without answers it is good to say with the psalmist, You will restore my life again ... you will again bring me up.

Does anything prevent God from responding to our prayers? (Psalm 102:1-2)

No entity has the power to stop God from responding to our prayers. Nor does anyone have the power to force God to reveal what his answer to a prayer might be. In fact, God might choose not to answer our prayers—especially if our requests are selfish. James 4:3 says, When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. It is solely God's prerogative to answer prayer or not. Sometimes God might test us to see if we will trust him even without clear answers to our prayers. God wants us to know and love him personally; he doesn't want us to merely ask him for things.

Because God is relational, it is possible even for Christians to quench the Spirit (1Th 5:19) or grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30), who intercedes on our behalf when we pray (Ro 8:26). We can do so through repeated sin, for example, which means it is possible for us to make our own prayers ineffective (e.g., 1Pe 3:7). At the same time, God assures us that he is not far away: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2Ch 7:14).

Is there any secular evidence to support the Bible's claims? (Psalm 119:160)

Although the Bible is not an ancient history textbook, it does report events that have been confirmed by other historical works. Consider the following examples:

- Archeological digs and ancient Assyrian records confirm the Bible's portrayal of King Sennacherib's invasion of Judah (2Ki 18:13-19:37).
- Until recent excavations at Tell Mardikh uncovered tablets mentioning Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 19:1-29), scholars dismissed the existence of both cities as a Biblical legend.
- The Hittites were also considered a Biblical legend until their capital and records were discovered in modern-day Turkey.
- The palace of King Sargon, an Assyrian ruler mentioned in Isaiah, was uncovered in Iraq. The events recorded in Isaiah 20 were even recorded on the palace walls.
- In 1947, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (which are copies of the Old Testament) confirmed how accurately the Bible was copied from 200 BC to AD 1200.
- Greek and Jewish writers (e.g., Pliny, Tacitus and Josephus) supported the Bible's claims that Jesus really lived, that he was executed between AD 26 and AD 36 and that he was worshiped as God.
- Many of the details of the New Testament including facts about Pontius Pilate, the census recorded in Luke 2, the death of Agrippa I, the execution of Ananias the high priest and the crucifixion of Jesus—are also mentioned in other historical works.

Does the Bible define when human life begins? (Psalm 139:13)

A simple assumption undergirds the entire Bible: God, the author of life, creates each and every human being. Therefore, every person is sacred to him. Psalm 100:3 says, Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. The Bible also assumes that life begins in the womb. God declared to the prophet Jeremiah, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you (Jer 1:5). And Job 31:15 refers to God forming us in the womb. So, medically speaking, God knows us and shapes us even minutes after conception, when our most primitive cells begin to separate; even at the fifth week of life, when our cerebral cortex starts to form; even at the sixth week, when our heart chambers converge; even at the seventh week, when our fingers and toes grow distinct; and even at the tenth week, when we become sensitive to touch.

Perhaps Dr. Seuss captured the Bible's view on this issue best in his children's classic Horton Hears a Who: "After all, a person's a person no matter how small." In the Biblical story, all human beings, no matter how small or vulnerable—unborn babies and overwhelmed mothers, the weak and the frail, the imprisoned and the traumatized, the disabled and the diseased, the righteous and the sinners—are valuable to God, the author of all life.

Does God approve of war? (Psalm 144:1)

The Old Testament seems to say yes. The New Testament seems to say the opposite. This apparent contradiction must be understood within its historical context. Old Testament Israel conquered the sinful Canaanites as part of God's judgment. Israel was a theocracy, a nation-state in which God was King. But New Testament followers of Jesus Christ knew only the oppressive rule of the Roman state. Jesus introduced a whole new paradigm concerning violence, resistance and peace in his teachings regarding the kingdom of God.

In fact, some early Christians did experience tension between loving one's enemy and serving in the military, while others such as the Roman centurion in Matthew 8:5-13 were encouraged by Jesus for their faith and their witness to those around them. At the end of the second century, soldiers began converting to Christianity, and by the time of Augustine (fourth century), Christians in the military were recognized as an essential component to carrying out warfare in a just manner. In Romans 13:1-7, we read that God gives governments the right to bear the sword, the power of retributive justice to punish evildoers.

Any nation has a God-given responsibility to exercise just and appropriate force to protect its citizens from evil. The Bible does not detail how this is to be carried out, but the principles of punishing wrongdoers and protecting the innocent are the basis of our system of law enforcement today, on both a national level (police, FBI, etc.) and an international level (the military). This does not mean that God approves of everything that is done in the name of law enforcement or war (e.g., torture, wars of conquest, use of nuclear weapons). But the basic principles of punishing wrongdoers and protecting the innocent are in keeping with the character of God.

How do I show love to people who violate God's standards without endorsing their sin? (Proverbs 1:15)

Nobody likes the stereotypical judgmental "religious" person who condemns others for their sinful ways. Fortunately, the Bible provides advice on how to deal constructively with the faults and sins of other people: Be personal. Jesus had a very realistic view of the damage caused by sin. So if we see someone betraying God, others or their deepest selves, we should deal with it by approaching the person personally (Mt 18:15-20). This means that we should not complain or gossip about the person. Be humble.

The Bible instructs us to consider our own lives before judging others. Jesus used a humorous illustration about the person who sees the speck in someone else's eye but fails to see the plank protruding from his or her own eye (Mt 7:3-5). The point is this: Don't project blame and shame on others. We're all sinners. We must be humble enough to admit our own mistakes first. Be humble. The Bible instructs us to consider our own lives before judging others. Jesus used a humorous illustration about the person who sees the speck in someone else's eye but fails to see the plank protruding from his or her own eye (Mt 7:3-5).

The point is this: Don't project blame and shame on others. We're all sinners. We must be humble enough to admit our own mistakes first. Be gentle. The Bible directs us to address people's sins with a gentle attitude (Gal 6:1-2). There is no reason to deal harshly with people for their faults. Be truthful. Spiritually speaking, we all have a lot of growing up to do. Honest people can help us grow by gently but firmly pointing out areas in our lives that could use work.

The Bible refers to this process as speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). It takes courage to do this, but most of us know that this kind of tough love helps us grow. Be hopeful. After we've approached someone personally—with humility, gentleness and truth-filled love—we can leave it in God's hands. We can't force someone to change and grow, but we can hope and pray that Jesus will continue to work in that person's life (Php 1:6).

How should children be disciplined? (Proverbs 19:18)

Proverbs begins with the assumption that children are born in need of correction. They enter the world with a bent toward doing wrong. Fathers and mothers are expected to lovingly but firmly train children in the ways of wisdom, responsibility and righteousness. The direction children receive at home sets the course for their entire lives: Start children on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it (22:6). This isn't a blanket promise that godly parents won't have wayward children, but it does underscore the general principle that good parenting can have a life-long impact. Parents who fail in their duty to discipline their children bear a heavy responsibility. The writer sees them as a willing party to (their child's) death (19:18). In ancient Israel the penalty for several crimes was death, so failing to properly control a child could indirectly lead to his death.

Parents who ignore their children or fail to give them the discipline they need consign them to a bleak and dismal future. There is disagreement today over disciplinary methods. Proverbs appears to favor the stronger forms of discipline: Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them (13:24). Taken to an extreme, of course, such punishment is abuse, which the Bible never encourages. The other side of the coin is that children who never learn that their actions carry consequences will eventually face even more grief.

How can parents prepare their children to impact the world? (Proverbs 22:6)

There is an old saying that ships were meant for the sea, not for the harbour. While the harbour is safe, the ship never fulfills its purpose until it is tested in deep waters. We face a similar dilemma in overseeing the lives of our children. Our natural instinct and primary duty while they are young is to protect them. But just as important, we must prepare them to face the risky, even dangerous, situations that life inevitably presents.

Parents can find a healthy balance by working to develop three interrelated qualities in their children that will bear much fruit when their children grow to be adults. First, parents should raise their children to desire wisdom. What parent would not desire for his or her child to follow Solomon's example and ask God for wisdom above wealth and honour (1Ki 3:6-9)? The pursuit of wisdom will help children stay out of harm's way and equip them with the skills needed for effective leadership in any calling.

Second, parents need to teach their children how to distinguish between right and wrong. Moral discernment and wisdom complement each other. Solomon, in fact, joined them together in his prayer for wisdom: So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours? (1Ki 3:9). Finally, parents should look for opportunities to vest maturing children with significant responsibilities that impact other people. This is one way to put into practice the stewardship principle found in Matthew 25:23: You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

What does the Bible say about sex? (Song of Songs 2:3-7)

The Bible has a lot to say about sex. In fact, God's creation of sex is recorded at the very beginning of his written Word, and God's first instruction to humankind was to have sex: Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it (Ge 1:28). No one who studies the Bible can say that it is prudish about sexuality. Song of Songs is such a steamy account of sexual love that Jewish boys were forbidden to read it until they were 14 years old. However, as our creator, God knew that people needed committed love to protect them. He knew that outside of a God-ordained marriage, sex can cause many emotional, physical and spiritual problems. The Bible says: Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished (Pr 6:27-29).

This instruction isn't just for adultery. In fact, any sexual relationship outside of marriage is outside of God's good plan for us. Sex was meant to be the intimate bond that holds a marriage together, as Jesus noted in Mark 10: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh (vv. 7-8). Paul said that we are to honour God with our bodies (1Co 6:20). That means sex is essential between a husband and wife (1Co 7:3-5) but prohibited under any other circumstance. All people should flee from sexual immorality (1Co 6:18).

What does the Bible say about the dangers of pornography? (Ezekiel 23:14-16)

Because of the time and culture in which the Bible was written—no Internet, printed page or video, pornography isn't directly discussed in the Bible. However, the parable of Israel's unfaithfulness in Ezekiel 23:1-49 provides an interesting commentary on how images can seduce and corrupt. Verse 14 describes a woman, who represents Jerusalem, who saw figures of men drawn on a wall.

As soon as she saw them, she lusted after them (v. 16). Not only did these depictions stir up lust, they also led her to seek out men with whom to have sex. That is exactly what pornography does; it arouses within people impure and unhealthy sexual desires and intensifies sexual temptation. Pornographic images—and the idea of instant sexual pleasure—can dominate the way a person thinks about God's gift of sex. Here's the bottom line: pornography takes something beautiful, which is meant to be shared intimately between two married people, and twists it into something selfish and demeaning.

Furthermore, there are two other Biblical principles that can be applied to the issue of pornography:

- (1) We should fill our minds only with true, noble and pure thoughts (Php 4:8).
- (2) No matter what sins we've committed in the past, we're never too dirty to be forgiven and cleansed by God (1Co 6:9-11).

What is hell like? (Matthew 5:21-30)

The Bible offers a variety of disturbing pictures of hell. Hell is described as a place of unquenchable fire (Mk 9:43); condemnation (Mt 23:33); darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 8:11-13); chains and judgment (2Pe 2:4). While some of these images create an apparent conflict (e.g., fire and darkness), together they are a picture of misery. The clearest picture we have of hell comes from Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31. In this parable, Jesus warned that the boundaries between heaven and hell are permanently fixed.

While Lazarus entered a place of comfort (Lk 16:25), the rich man existed in torment, longing for even a drop of cool water (Lk 16:24). Jesus' description of hell also leads to several observations. People are recognizable there, and it is a place of agony and torment (Lk 16:23). The chasm between heaven and hell prevents escape or movement from hell to heaven (Lk 16:26). And it is not possible for anyone in hell to warn loved ones alive on earth about the reality of hell (Lk 16:31).

How can I tell if I have too much "stuff"? (Matthew 6:19-20)

When we have too many material possessions, we often hold on to them too tightly; we overemphasize their importance and purpose in our lives, and this causes us anxiety. A good way to find out if we have a healthy view of material possessions is to ask ourselves, Am I actively seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness or am I worrying about losing or increasing my stuff? Jesus said, Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear (Mt 6:25).

The remedy to our anxiety and acquisitiveness is to seek first (God's) kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to (us) as well (Mt 6:33). So what's needed is the cultivation of a right frame of reference concerning material possessions. What we have (or do not have) should not define who we are (or are not). Furthermore, we should be looking for creative ways to share what we have with others—especially those who cannot repay us in monetary or material ways. Have you ever stopped to wonder why God entrusts us with all this stuff in the first place? It is certainly not because we deserve it more than anybody else.

The answer, in large part, goes back to what God said to Abram in Genesis 12:2-3: you've been blessed to be a blessing to others. We should never lose sight of the fact that we've been called to use what God has given us to serve others (Mt 20:25-28; 1Pe 4:10). We should acknowledge the reality that sometimes those with the least give the most materially (giving the shirt off their back) and relationally (giving from the heart), and that is the sacrificial giving the apostle Paul praised so highly in 2 Corinthians 8-9.

So the issue is not simply how much we have or don't have; the issue is what we do with what we have. That core issue makes all the difference in the love we develop for stuff. We know we have too much stuff when anxiety or greed, which is idolatry (Col 3:5), keeps us from sharing with others; when we find our contentment in what we buy and own rather than in whom we love; and when we find our identity in what we possess rather than in our relationships. Seek first his kingdom, and everything else will fall into line.

What does it mean to love my neighbour? (Matthew 22:37-40)

Henri Nouwen once said that true community is the place where the individual we least like always lives next door. This is certainly a Biblical principle. Jesus taught that our neighbour might be the person least like us—consider the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). We are called to be like the Samaritan rather than the religious leaders who passed by their Jewish countryman who had been beaten, robbed and left for dead along the road. They didn't lift a hand to help him. In contrast, the despised Samaritan did not walk past the Jewish man but cared for him—paying out of his own pocket for the man's needs, not expecting repayment.

This Samaritan loved radically, sacrificially and at great risk to himself. He acted decisively; he didn't question what his fellow Samaritans would think or what might happen if the robbers were still nearby. Loving our neighbour involves caring for those in need who cross our path. This applies certainly to friends, but especially to those least like us and to those we like the least. Those who experience eternal life with Jesus must love like Jesus loves. So, just as Jesus loves his neighbour—like the Samaritan loved the Jewish man who was attacked by robbers—we too must love our neighbour, even though they might not like us or be able to pay us back. Jesus loves unconditionally and we should too.

What are demons, and how do they interact with the world today? (Luke 9:37-43)

Demons are called deceiving spirits (1Ti 4:1). They are also called impure spirits (Mt 10:1; see Lk 4:33). The origin of demons is not described in the Scriptures, but Jesus' reference to the devil and his angels (Mt 25:41) suggests that demons are angels who fell when Satan rebelled (Rev 12:4). Demons can speak and can possess people and animals (Mk 5:9, 12; Ac 19:15). Deceitful spirits are also capable of appearing as angels of light (2Co 11:14). Yet despite their apparent beauty and power, their influence is ultimately destructive (Mk 5:2-5). Demonic manifestation during the New Testament era often resulted in symptoms similar to those of mental or physical illness (e.g., Mt 9:33; 17:15, 18; Mk 5:15).

Demonic influence is also a source of false religion (Dt 32:17; 1Co 10:19-21). The fact that demons are rarely mentioned in the Old Testament has caused some Bible scholars to conclude that the high frequency of demonic activity in the New Testament era was unique and may have been a response to the presence of Jesus. Others believe that demons are just as active today. In either case, Jesus gave his disciples authority over evil spirits (Mk 6:7). This power is rooted in Jesus the Messiah's kingdom authority (Mt 10:1, 7-8), which remains very much in effect today.

Does God expect me to forgive someone who keeps hurting me? (Luke 17:1-4)

The entire Christian understanding of forgiving others is based on God's forgiveness of us through Jesus Christ. We are to forgive each other just as in Christ God forgave (us) (Eph 4:32). Peter once asked Jesus how many times he was supposed to forgive someone who continued to sin against him (Mt 18:21). Jesus responded with a chilling statement and a story that teaches us the limitless nature of forgiveness. We should not set limits on our forgiveness, because God has forgiven us a far greater debt (Mt 18:23-35). So does God expect you to forgive someone who keeps hurting you? Yes, because we have been shown such abundant forgiveness. Yes, because we have a new nature—a new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). But steps should also be taken in difficult relationships to establish boundaries and to encourage true reconciliation.

One person can bring forgiveness to a relationship, but it takes two people to bring reconciliation. You are responsible to forgive others because Christ has forgiven you. However, you cannot bring reconciliation to a relationship if the other person does not want to make peace with you. Consider Paul's counsel in Romans 12:18: If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Relationships can only be healed through forgiveness and repentance. Where repentance is not present, reconciliation cannot take place.

What about those who have never heard about Jesus? (Acts 4:12)

Jesus was clear about the rules for receiving salvation when he said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6). And when speaking about Jesus, the apostle Peter said in this passage, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Further, all people have to answer to God whether or not they have "heard" about him (Heb 9:27).

The Bible states that God has clearly revealed himself in creation (Ro 1:19-20) and that he has set eternity in the human heart (Ecc 3:11). This means that people see all around them the evidence of God and sense within themselves the truth that they are meant for more than this world. God is not the problem; humankind is. Because of sin, people reject this knowledge of God and rebel against his will (Ro 1:21-23). It is only because of God's grace (Eph 2:8-9) that he saves people from their own sinful desires (Ro 1:24-32).

How God works out his plan is mysterious and complicated. We have our ideas of what it means for Jesus to be "the way," but he is not bound by our understanding. God works to accomplish his goals in ways that we will never see or comprehend. The wideness of God's mercy and the tenacity of his love is beyond our intellectual capacity. Jesus is central in the redemption story.

But God rewards those who seek him (Heb 11:6). It is our mission to help those who seek him and make sure that those who have yet to answer God's call hear and understand the gospel (Mt 28:19-20; Ac 1:8). God always acts justly; he never acts unfairly or wrongly (Dt 32:4). We might be surprised at the final roll call of heaven. Fortunately, it is God—not us—who will sort out the details in each person's case.

What is the value of baptism? (Acts 19:1-7)

Jesus' final instructions to his disciples were to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Mt 28:19-20). For centuries, brilliant minds have debated whether baptism is a symbol or a sacrament, whether it is for believers or infants. But clearly, baptism is a crucial step in a Christian's faith journey. The real question is, When precisely does our faith journey begin?

Scripture is clear that baptism points to the fact that a person has already begun a relationship with God. However, it is God who initially draws us to himself (Jn 6:44). We don't create our own spiritual sensitivity, and this aspect of our faith journey is poignantly illustrated in the baptism of helpless, dependent infants. The disciples Paul met in Ephesus were adults who had a way to go in learning how to imitate and trust in Jesus the Messiah. They were becoming the kind of people who consistently obey Jesus. Baptism into the name of the Lord Jesus was the key for enabling them to living a Spirit-filled and empowered life.

In a world where individualism and privacy are cherished values, baptism publicly and boldly proclaims our allegiance to Jesus. Through baptism, we fly our colours—declaring we are unashamedly committed to following Jesus, and proclaiming our union with Christ in his death and resurrection. Life is hard. Sin is enticing. Our identity is often uncertain. Our faith is sometimes weak. Baptism is a reference point during challenging times that helps us rediscover "true north." We remember our baptism.

We remember to whom we belong. We remember that we are part of the body of Jesus Christ. And we also remember that, spiritually speaking, we are like helpless, dependent infants who can't live on their own without the sustaining grace and power of their Father in heaven. Finally, baptism immerses us into the reality of the Trinity (Mt 28:19). The precise meaning of this may elude us, but complete understanding is not a prerequisite to rejoicing. We are no longer on our own. We have fellowship with the Trinity.

Does God expect me to keep my mind and body pure in today's culture? (1 Corinthians 6:18)

In his Word, God calls his people to a life of holiness. Peter wrote, As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy" (1Pe 1:14-16). When we read a passage like this, we might think, How can God expect me to live a holy life in a culture that bombards me every day with the very antithesis of holiness?

When we're tempted to respond this way, we must keep three things in mind. First, the culture of the Old and New Testament writers was every bit as decadent as ours is today. Sinful human nature hasn't changed, nor has our adversary, the devil. We cannot excuse lowering our standards on the basis of the changing conditions in which we live.

Second, the moral standards in the Word of God are no less applicable and binding today than they were when the Old and New Testament writers recorded in written words what God had previously made known to countless generations before through the witness of conscience and creation. God's moral standards are as unalterable as the holy nature of God himself. His moral standards reflect his holy nature, and Peter calls us to mimic God as obedient children (1Pe 1:14).

And third, God hasn't left us alone in our fight against sin. He has given us the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. While no one will achieve sinless perfection on this side of heaven, the Spirit within is a powerful resource to aid us in becoming increasingly conformed in mind and body to the image of the holy God we love and serve.

How do Christians practice evangelism in a culture that frowns on "proselytizing"? (1 Corinthians 9:19-23)

Ever since Jesus charged his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19), Christians have understood that it's our privilege and responsibility to share the gospel. The early Christians obeyed this charge in a culture that frowned on proselytizing even more than our own culture does. When Peter and John were threatened and commanded by the Jewish authorities to stop preaching, they responded by saying, We must obey God rather than human beings! (Ac 5:29).

Despite the consequences, our commitment today should be no less than theirs was. The charge to proclaim the gospel in a culture that frowns on doing so requires both courage and sensitivity. Paul modelled both of these qualities when he preached to the Athenians at the Areopagus (Ac 17:16-34). In that sermon, he showed remarkable fluency in Greek literature and religion, communicating the unchanging gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that the Athenians could understand and appreciate.

At the same time, he didn't shrink from proclaiming the resurrection—a doctrine that flew in the face of their preconceived ideas and philosophical commitments. When sharing the gospel, we, like Paul, must be mindful of our culture, yet never shrink away from those eternal truths that may rub people the wrong way. And we must always season our words with acts of compassion so that unbelievers may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] Father in heaven (Mt 5:16). Paul's wise counsel to the Colossians sums it up best: Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone (Col 4:5-6).

What is my purpose in life? And how can I be certain of it? (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Mt 6:10). This is the essence of our purpose. We are to honour God and advance his kingdom through who we are and in everything we do. Through our cooperation with God's Spirit who is at work within us, we can grow to the point that what we want aligns with what God wants—our passions and purposes are his passions and purposes; we think, speak, act and relate in a Christ-like way. We will never be perfect or without struggle in this life, but we can be inwardly connected to Jesus (Jn 15:1-8). We listen for the Spirit's guidance. We cultivate our gifts. We live our lives pursuing God's kingdom interests (1Co 10:31-11:1).

But often this isn't enough for us. We want to know our specific, individual purpose with certainty. We want the mystery solved. We want to find a unique purpose that focuses our energies and convinces us that our life counts. Perhaps our feverish search for the specific is misguided. Maybe our need for certainty reflects our addiction to control and what Eugene Peterson calls "insiders' pride." God wants us to trust him, and sometimes knowing too much leads to trusting too little. Maybe letting go of the pressure to find our purpose—and instead following hard after God each new day—will centre us squarely in the target.

How can we identify our spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
 Every believer has been blessed with at least one spiritual gift (a God-given ability to be used in building up the body of Christ). See the article What are spiritual gifts? (1Co 12:1-31). But how can we discover what our gifts are? Here are several guidelines that will prove helpful in answering this question:

- Learn: Scripture mentions dozens of spiritual gifts. In order to recognize the gifts in our lives, we should know what they are (Ro 12:6-8; Eph 4:11-12; 1Pe 4:10-11).
- Pray: We should go to God in prayer and ask him what our gifts are. We should remain open. God the Holy Spirit chooses our gifts (1Co 12:11), and he is able and willing to reveal them to us.
- Serve: We should not wait for God to tell us what our gifts are before we begin serving in ministry. As we get more involved, patterns will emerge that will give us a clue as to what our gifts are.
- Ask: We should go to other believers who know us well and ask them what they think our gifts are. It is hard to imagine God giving us gifts that no one else recognizes but us!
- Desire: We should ask ourselves, "What do I desire to do? What do I delight in doing for Christ? What am I passionate about in relation to fellow believers?" God has given us these passions and desires, and they are often another clue as to what our gifts may be.

Is there value in other religions like Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism? (Galatians 1:9)
 Yes, there is value, especially ethical value, in other religions. But the more significant question is, Is there eternal value in other religions? No. Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism all provide very different answers to questions concerning the nature of God, sin, who Jesus Christ is, what the purpose of life is, the afterlife and the eternal significance of being a good person. We should acknowledge the diversity of religions and the diversity of their answers to such basic questions. The writer of Hebrews tells us that God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Heb 11:6).

God wants to be found, and traces of him can be found throughout the world's religions. But much about God's revelation of himself through nature and the world's religions has also been distorted through sin, ignorance, falsehood and superstition (Ro 1:18-32). This is why we all need a more definitive form of revelation. In the Christian faith, the most rudimentary issues concern who Jesus Christ is and whether he actually has the authority to speak on God's behalf. The Gospels record Jesus' teachings and the rest of the New Testament corroborates, clarifies and applies his teachings.

While world religions help to express the human soul's longing to know its Creator, all religions must wrestle with the question of truth about Jesus Christ. Was he a charismatic leader, a prophet, a martyr or the way and the truth and the life (Jn 14:6)? The Bible teaches that believing in Jesus and following his way is the only path to finding a personal relationship with God and receiving eternal life. Jesus said, No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6). And the apostle Peter said, when speaking about Jesus, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Ac 4:12).

It is logically impossible for the various religions of the world to all be correct. Everyone can't be right. The common practice of picking and choosing from each of the religions creates a self-made spirituality governed by a god made with our own hands and in our own image. All roads do not lead to God. But all roads can be a way to get started on the quest to find him.

What is spiritual warfare, and how does it affect me? (Ephesians 6:12)
 Spiritual warfare is the unseen battle of believers against Satan and his army of demons, or fallen spirits. It is not a physical battle, says the apostle Paul, but a spiritual struggle against the dark forces of evil in the world and in the heavenly realms. The battleground for spiritual warfare is in our hearts and minds. The apostle Paul urges us to resist being taken captive by worldly philosophies (Col 2:8). Spiritual battles take place as the enemy attacks our thoughts about the truths of God and our relationship with God (Dt 13:13). We are encouraged to remember that Satan and his forces have already been defeated and disarmed by Christ (Col 2:15). Paul tells believers that they have access to spiritual authority, knowledge and power in the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 1:18-21). Believers in Christ, therefore, need not fear God's enemies—spiritual or physical.

Satan may still have limited freedom to harass followers of Jesus, but he has no direct authority over them. The armour of God (6:10-17) is a picture of the protection Jesus gives us against spiritual attack. Believers who fill their minds with God's truth and remain alert through prayer will guard their hearts and minds against attack, resulting in a peaceful spirit (Php 4:6-7). Two passages which serve as marching orders for those in God's army are Romans 12:1-21 and James 4:1-12. The best way to avoid being frightened by darkness is to walk in the light (1Jn 1:5-7).

What can Christians do to become more like Jesus? (Philippians 3:7-11)
 Changes in behaviour always start with a radically new way of thinking, because what we believe shapes what we do. The same is true of becoming more like Jesus (Ro 12:2). Therefore, in order for us to change our thinking, we must learn about the spiritual treasures that are part of our salvation—things like freedom in Christ, free access to God's rich spiritual resources, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the immeasurable love of God. The Bible says that as followers of God, we have every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph 1:3).

As Christians we become more like Jesus by drawing on these Christ-given riches to enable us to behave like the new creations that we are (2Co 5:17). We determine to be humble, loving, pure, grace-giving people. When we make mistakes and bad decisions, we confess our sins and repent, which keeps our relationship with the Lord strong. When we discover our weaknesses, we draw on God's wisdom and power for help. No one can become more like Jesus without having close relationships with other believers. As the body of Christ, Christians need one another to grow.

We need a church in which fellow believers are speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15) and in which the Bible is being preached so we know how to do works of service in Jesus' name (Eph 4:12). In addition, Christians have always found that practicing spiritual disciplines—such as regular Bible reading, prayer, fasting, solitude and giving, among others—provide deep insights into their own souls and open pathways into Christlikeness. Finally, we must reckon with God's discipline (Heb 12:6). As a loving Father, God sometimes invests in our growth by allowing us to experience painful situations that arrest us in our sinfulness, reveal our weaknesses and build into our lives a deeper reliance on Christ and his Word (Heb 12:4-13).

In what ways can people experience God today? (James 4:8-10)
 In some respects, experiencing God is like experiencing air. We rarely think about air, yet our lives are fully dependent on its unseen presence. It's the same with God: although we may ignore God (Isa 1:2-4; 17:10), deny his existence (Ps 14:1) or even be ignorant of who he is (Ac 17:22-23, 30), we remain as connected to God as a fish is connected to the water in which it thrives.

However, people certainly do experience God on many different occasions and in many different ways: seeing the power of creation (Ps 29:1-11); experiencing the warmth of a caring community (Gal 6:2); being the recipient of specific acts of kindness (Eph 4:32); hearing the testimonies of others (Mt 5:13-16); observing God's work in the lives of others (1Th 1:2-10); having dreams or visions (Da 7:1-8; 27); reading the words of Scripture (Ps 119:1-176); observing miracles or mighty wonders (Jn 12:20-33); or having direct interaction with the divine presence of God (Ex 33:1-23). Some of these are fairly common experiences, while others happen only occasionally or under special circumstances.

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Biblical Timeline

This is an overview of the history of the Bible. Some dates are not precisely known and are therefore estimated. Read down the left column first.

Old Testament

Date	Description	Bible Verses	Date	Description	Bible Verses
Before Time	In the Beginning was the Word	John 1	976 BC	Absalom's Conspiracy	2 Samuel 15
< 4000 BC	The Creation	Genesis 1	976 BC	David Flees Jerusalem	2 Samuel 15:13
< 4000 BC	The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2	972 BC	David and Ziba, Shimei	2 Samuel 16
< 4000 BC	The Fall of Man	Genesis 3	972 BC	Shimei Curses David	2 Samuel 16:5
< 3000 BC	Cain kills Abel	Genesis 4	972 BC	David's Psalm of Trust for God (2Sa 16)	Psalms 63
< 3000 BC	From Adam to Noah	Genesis 5	972 BC	Hushai's Warning Saves David	2 Samuel 17
< 2500 BC	Wickedness Provokes God's wrath	Genesis 6	972 BC	David Psalms of Deliverance (2Sa 17)	Psalms 41, 55
< 2500 BC	The Great Flood	Genesis 7	972 BC	Absalom Slain by Joab	2 Samuel 18
< 2500 BC	The Flood Subsides	Genesis 8	972 BC	Joab Comforts David	2 Samuel 19
< 2500 BC	Covenant of the Rainbow	Genesis 9	972 BC	Sheba Rebels Against David	2 Samuel 20
< 2500 BC	Shem, Ham and Japheth	Genesis 10	970 BC	The Gibeonites Avenged	2 Samuel 21
< 2100 BC	Job's Suffering and Faith	Job 1 - 42	970 BC	David's Song of Deliverance	2 Samuel 22
< 2100 BC	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11	970 BC	David's Last Song	2 Samuel 23
2091 BC	God Sends Abram to Egypt	Genesis 12	970 BC	David's Psalm of Steadfastness (2Sa 23)	Psalms 108
2090 BC	The Famine in Canaan	Genesis 12:10	970 BC	David Counts the Fighting Men	2 Samuel 24

Old Testament	1024 BC	David Kills Goliath	1 Samuel 17	584 BC	Jeremiah Prophesies against Babylon	Jeremiah 50, 51
	1015 BC	Jonathan's Friendship with David	1 Samuel 18	584 BC	Jeremiah's Lamentations	Lamentations 1 - 5
Biblical Timeline	1014 BC	David Protected from Saul	1 Samuel 19	584 BC	Ezekiel Pronounces Judgment on Tyre	Ezekiel 26 - 28
	1013 BC	David and Jonathan's Covenant	1 Samuel 20	584 BC	Ezekiel Prophesies against Egypt	Ezekiel 29 - 32
Old Testament	1013 BC	David's Psalm of Deliverance (1Sa 20)	1 Samuel 21	584 BC	Ezekiel The Watchman	Ezekiel 33
	1012 BC	David at Nob and Gath	1 Samuel 21	585 BC	Ezekiel Explains Jerusalem's Fall	Ezekiel 33:21
Biblical Timeline	1012 BC	David's Psalm Fleeing Saul (1Sa 21)	Psalm 52	585 BC	Ezekiel Foresees Reproof and Restoration	Ezekiel 34 - 36
	1012 BC	David's Psalm Before Ahimelech (1Sa 21)	Psalm 34	585 BC	Ezekiel Sees Resurrection of Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37
Old Testament	1011 BC	David's Psalm at Gath (1Sa 21)	Psalm 56	585 BC	Ezekiel Sees Future Battle	Ezekiel 38
	1011 BC	Saul Slays the Priests at Nob	1 Samuel 22	585 BC	Ezekiel Sees God's Judgment upon Gog	Ezekiel 39
Biblical Timeline	1011 BC	David's Psalm in the Cave (1Sa 22)	Psalms 57, 142	585 BC	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3
	1011 BC	David Flees Saul	1 Samuel 23	582 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4
Old Testament	1011 BC	David's Psalm at Keilah (1Sa 23)	Psalm 54	582 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4:19
	1011 BC	David Spares Saul's Life	1 Samuel 24	573 BC	Ezekiel's Second Temple Vision	Ezekiel 40 - 48
Biblical Timeline	1011 BC	Samuel Dies	1 Samuel 25	573 BC	Daniel Interprets Handwriting on the Wall	Daniel 5
	1011 BC	David Spares Saul a Second Time	1 Samuel 26	573 BC	Daniel Survives the Lions' Den	Daniel 6
Old Testament	1010 BC	David Flees to the Philistines	1 Samuel 27	573 BC	Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts	Daniel 7
	1010 BC	Saul and the Witch of Endor	1 Samuel 28	573 BC	Daniel's Vision of the Ram and Goat	Daniel 8
Biblical Timeline	1010 BC	Archib Sends David Away	1 Samuel 29	573 BC	Daniel's Prayer and Gabriel's Answer	Daniel 9
	1010 BC	David Destroys the Amalekites	1 Samuel 30	573 BC	Daniel Comforted by the Angel	Daniel 10
Old Testament	1010 BC	Saul and His Sons Killed	1 Samuel 31	573 BC	Daniel Prophesies Overthrow of Persia	Daniel 11
	1010 BC	David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan	2 Samuel 1	573 BC	Daniel Prophesies Deliverance for Israel	Daniel 12
Biblical Timeline	1010 BC	David Made King over Judah	2 Samuel 2	573 BC	The Proclamation of Cyrus	Era 1
	1008 BC	Civil War between Abner and Joab	2 Samuel 2:12	573 BC	The Exile Begins	Era 2
Old Testament	1004 BC	House of David Strengthened	2 Samuel 3	573 BC	Temple Work Begins	Era 3
	1005 BC	Joab murders Abner	2 Samuel 3:22	573 BC	Adversaries Hinder Temple Work	Era 4
Biblical Timeline	1004 BC	The Murder of Ish-bosheth	2 Samuel 4	573 BC	Artaxerxes Orders Work Stopped	Era 4:17
	1003 BC	Genealogies of the Israelites	1 Chronicles 1 - 9	573 BC	Tattenai's Letter to Darius	Era 5
Old Testament	1003 BC	Saul's Overthrow and Defeat	1 Chronicles 10	573 BC	The Word of the LORD by Haggai	Haggai 1, 2
	1003 BC	David Reigns over All Israel	2 Samuel 5, 1 Chronicles 11	573 BC	The Word of the LORD to Zechariah	Zechariah 1 - 14
Biblical Timeline	1002 BC	David's Army Grows	1 Chronicles 12	573 BC	Temple Work Resumed by Darius' Decree	Era 6
	1000 BC	David fetches the ark	1 Chronicles 13	573 BC	Completion and Dedication of the Temple	Era 6:16
Old Testament	1000 BC	David's Family Grows	1 Chronicles 14	484 BC	Queen Vashti Deposed	Ester 1
	1000 BC	The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 15	478 BC	Ester Becomes Queen	Ester 2
Biblical Timeline	1000 BC	David Plans a Temple	2 Samuel 7	478 BC	Mordecai Thwarts a Conspiracy	Ester 2:21
	998 BC	David Defeats the Philistines	2 Samuel 8	474 BC	Haman Seeks Revenge on the Jews	Ester 3
Old Testament	998 BC	David's Psalm of Victory (2Sa 8)	Psalm 60	473 BC	Mordecai Informs Esther of Haman's Plot	Ester 4
	998 BC	David's Psalm of Praise	Psalm 15	473 BC	Esther Prays to the LORD	Ester 5
Biblical Timeline	998 BC	David's Psalm of Glory to God	Psalm 24	473 BC	The King Honors Mordecai	Ester 6
	998 BC	David's festival sacrifice	1 Chronicles 16	473 BC	Haman is Hanged	Ester 7
Old Testament	998 BC	Psalms of Praise (1Ch 16)	Psalms 96, 105, 106	473 BC	Xerxes' Edict on Behalf of Esther and Jews	Ester 8
	997 BC	David Purposes to build a Temple	1 Chronicles 17	472 BC	Purim Instituted	Ester 9
Biblical Timeline	995 BC	Amnon Killed by His Kingdom	1 Chronicles 18	472 BC	Xerxes Tributes to Mordecai	Ester 10
	995 BC	David and Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 9	458 BC	Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem	Era 7
Old Testament	995 BC	David Defeats Ammon and Aram	2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19	458 BC	Ezra Commissioned by Artaxerxes	Era 7:11
	995 BC	The Capture of Rabnah	1 Chronicles 20	457 BC	Families Return to Jerusalem with Ezra	Era 8
Biblical Timeline	995 BC	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11	457 BC	Ezra's reforms	Era 9
	991 BC	Nathan Rebukes David	2 Samuel 12	456 BC	Ezra's Prayer About Intermarriage	Era 10
Old Testament	991 BC	David's Psalm of Repentance (2Sa 12)	Psalm 51	445 BC	Nehemiah's Prayer for the Exiles	Nehemiah 1
	990 BC	Solomon is Born	2 Samuel 12:24	444 BC	Artaxerxes Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem	Nehemiah 2
Biblical Timeline	990 BC	Amnon and Tamar	2 Samuel 13	444 BC	Builders of the Walls Named	Nehemiah 3
	990 BC	Amnon Killed by Absalom	2 Samuel 13:23	444 BC	Builders Overcome Ridoon	Nehemiah 4
Old Testament	988 BC	The Widow of Tekoa	2 Samuel 14	444 BC	Nehemiah Abolishes Debt and Bondage	Nehemiah 5
	980 BC	Absalom Recalled	2 Samuel 14:21	444 BC	Sanballat's Plot	Nehemiah 6
Biblical Timeline	979 BC	Psalms of David	Psalms 2 - 145 (Assorted)	444 BC	Completion of the Wall	Nehemiah 6:15
	979 BC	Psalms of Korah	Psalms 42 - 44, 84, 85, 87, 88	444 BC	Census of Returned Exiles	Nehemiah 7
Old Testament	979 BC	Psalms of Asaph	Psalm 50, 73, 75 - 78, 80 - 83, 89	444 BC	Ezra Reads the Law	Nehemiah 8
	979 BC	Psalms of Unknown Authors	Psalms 1 - 150 (Assorted)	444 BC	Israelites Fast and Repent	Nehemiah 9
Biblical Timeline	979 BC	David Forces a Census	1 Chronicles 21	444 BC	Israelites Seal the Covenant	Nehemiah 10
	979 BC	Preparation for building the Temple	1 Chronicles 22	444 BC	People Settle in Jerusalem	Nehemiah 11, 12
Old Testament	979 BC	Preparation of Priesthood	1 Chronicles 23	432 BC	Nehemiah Restores Law	Nehemiah 13
	979 BC	Divisions of Levites	1 Chronicles 24	429 BC	The Word of the LORD by Malachi	Malachi 1-4
Biblical Timeline	979 BC	Preparation of sanctuary singers	1 Chronicles 25	167 BC	Antiochus Epiphanes (The first Abomination of Desolation)	
	979 BC	Preparation of gatekeepers, treasurers	1 Chronicles 26	165 BC	The Maccabean Revolt	
Old Testament	979 BC	Preparation of government	1 Chronicles 27	63 BC	The Roman Conquest	

New Testament

New Testament	4 BC	Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1, John 1:6	30 AD	Apostles Preach and Heal	Acts 5:11
	6 BC	Augustus Taxes the Roman Empire	Luke 2	31 AD	Stephen's Speech, Stoning and Death	Acts 6, 7
Biblical Timeline	5 BC	Birth of Jesus	Matthew 1, Mark 1, Luke 2:6, John 1:14	31 AD	Saul Persecutes the Church	Acts 8
	5 BC	Visit of the Magi	Matthew 2	31 AD	Philip in Samaria	Acts 8:3
Old Testament	5 BC	Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13	31 AD	Simon the Sorcerer	Acts 8:9
	4 BC	Slaughter of Infants	Matthew 2:16	31 AD	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26
Biblical Timeline	4 BC	Return to Nazareth	Matthew 2:23	37 AD	Saul's Conversion	Acts 9
	8 AD	The Boy Jesus at the Temple	Luke 2:41	37 AD	Peter Preaches to the Gentiles	Acts 10, 11
New Testament	26 AD	John the Baptist Prepares the Way	Matthew 3, Mark 1:4, Luke 3, John 1:15	42 AD	Barnabas Sent to Antioch	Acts 11:22
	26 AD	The Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3:13, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21	42 AD	Peter Led from Prison by the Angel	Acts 12
Biblical Timeline	27 AD	Templation of Jesus	Matthew 4, Mark 1:12, Luke 4	44 AD	Herod Antigonus Dies	Acts 2:20
	27 AD	Jesus Calls his First Disciples	Matthew 4:18, Mark 1:16, Luke 5	45 AD	James Writes his Letter	James 1 - 5
Old Testament	27 AD	Wedding at Cana	John 2	48 AD	Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 13
	27 AD	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus	John 3	48 AD	Paul preaches in Pisidian Antioch	Acts 13:14
Biblical Timeline	27 AD	Jesus Teaches to the Samaritan Woman	John 4	48 AD	Paul and Barnabas in Iconium	Acts 14
	27 AD	Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5 - 7	48 AD	Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe	Acts 14:8
New Testament	28 AD	Instructions on Prayer	Luke 11	48 AD	Paul and Barnabas Return to Syrian Antioch	Acts 14:21
	28 AD	Jesus Ministers in Galilee	Matthew 8, Mark 2, Luke 4:14	48 AD	Return to Syrian Antioch	Acts 14:24
Biblical Timeline	28 AD	The Pool of Bethesda	John 5	48 AD	The Council of Jerusalem	Acts 15
	28 AD	Jesus Lord of the Sabbath	Matthew 12, Mark 3, Luke 6	49 AD	Paul's Second Missionary Journey	Acts 15:36
Old Testament	28 AD	Jesus Answers John's Disciples	Matthew 11, Luke 7	49 AD	Paul in Philippi	Acts 16
	28 AD	Jesus Speaks Many Parables	Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8	49 AD	Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens	Acts 17
Biblical Timeline	28 AD	Jesus Heals a Demoniac	Matthew 8:28, Mark 5, Luke 8:26	51 AD	Paul in Corinth	Acts 18
	28 AD	Jesus Heals a Paralytic	Matthew 9	51 AD	Paul Writes to the Thessalonians	1 Thess 1 - 5
New Testament	29 AD	Jesus Sends out his Twelve Apostles	Matthew 10, Mark 6	51 AD	Paul Writes again to the Thessalonians	2 Thess 1 - 3
	29 AD	John the Baptist Beheaded	Matthew 14, Mark 6:14	54 AD	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19
Biblical Timeline	29 AD	Jesus Feeds the 5,000	Matthew 14:15, Mark 6:30, Luke 9, John 6	54 AD	Paul Writes to the Corinthians	1 Corinthians 1 - 16
	29 AD	Teachings on Clean and Unclean	Matthew 15, Mark 7	54 AD	Paul Writes to the Galatians	Galatians 1 - 6
Old Testament	29 AD	Peter's Confession of Christ	Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18	57 AD	Paul in Macedonia and Greece	Acts 20
	29 AD	The Transfiguration	Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28	57 AD	Paul Writes to the Romans	Romans 1 - 16
Biblical Timeline	29 AD	Greatest and Least in the Kingdom	Matthew 18	57 AD	Paul Writes again to the Corinthians	2 Corinthians 1 - 13
	29 AD	Jesus Sends out the Seventy-Two	Luke 10	59 AD	Paul Returns to Jerusalem	Acts 21 - 23
New Testament	29 AD	Jesus Teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles	John 7	60 AD	Paul imprisoned in Caesarea	Acts 24
	29 AD	The Woman Caught in Adultery	John 8	62 AD	Paul Before Festus	Acts 25
Biblical Timeline	29 AD	Jesus Affirms He is the Son of God	John 9	62 AD	Paul Before Agrippa	Acts 26
	29 AD	The Shepherd and His Flock	John 10	62 AD	Paul Sails for Rome	Acts 27
Old Testament	30 AD	Jesus Speaks More Parables	Luke 12 - 16	62 AD	The Shipwreck	Acts 27:13
	30 AD	Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers	Luke 17	62 AD	Paul Ashore at Malta	Acts 28
Biblical Timeline	30 AD	Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11	62 AD	Paul Preaches at Rome	Acts 28:11
	30 AD	Final Journey to Jerusalem	Matthew 19, 20, Mark 10, Luke 18	62 AD	Paul Writes to the Ephesians	Ephesians 1 - 6
New Testament	30 AD	The Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12	62 AD	Paul Writes to the Philippians	Philippians 1 - 4
	30 AD	Closing Ministry in Jerusalem	Matthew 22-25, Mark 12, 13, Luke 20, 21	62 AD	Paul Writes to the Colossians	Colossians 1 - 4
Biblical Timeline	30 AD	Thursday Before Passover	Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13	62 AD	Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1
	30 AD	Jesus Comforts his Disciples	John 14	62 AD	Paul Writes to Timothy	1 Timothy 1 - 6
Old Testament	30 AD	Jesus the True Vine	John 15	64 AD	Peter Writes his First Letter	1 Peter 1 - 5
	30 AD	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit	John 16	66 AD	Paul Writes to Titus	Titus 1 - 3
Biblical Timeline	30 AD	Jesus' Intercessory prayers	John 17	67 AD	Paul Writes Again to Timothy	2 Timothy 1 - 4
	30 AD	Jesus' Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion	Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18, 19	67 AD	Peter Writes his Second Letter	2 Peter 1 - 3
New Testament	30 AD	Jesus' Resurrection	Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, 21	68 AD	Letter to the Hebrews	Hebrews 1 - 13
	30 AD	The Ascension	Acts 1	70 AD	Jude Writes his Letter	Jude 1
Biblical Timeline	30 AD	Matthias Chosen by Lot	Acts 1:12	70 AD	The Temple Destruction	
	30 AD	The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost	Acts 2	90 AD	John Writes his First Letter	1 John 1 - 5
Old Testament	30 AD	Peter Heals and Preaches	Acts 3	92 AD	John Writes his Second Letter	2 John 1 - 3
	30 AD	Peter and John Arrested and Released:	Acts 4	94 AD	John Writes his Third Letter	3 John 1
Biblical Timeline	30 AD	Believers Share All	Acts 4:32	95 AD	John's Revelation on Patmos	Revelation 1 - 22
	30 AD	Deaths of Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5			

The Gap

The Gap	340	Mongols invade Europe	1900	Pentecostalism Founded	
	380	Origin of Catholicism	1914	World War I Starts	
Biblical Timeline	431	The Council of Ephesus	1918	World War I Ends	
	451	The Council of Chalcedon	1933	Start of the Holocaust	
New Testament	476	Fall of Rome	1939	World War II Starts	
	610	Origin of Islam	1945	World War II Ends, End of the Holocaust	
Biblical Timeline	1054	The East-West Schism	1947	The Cold War Starts	
	1095	First Crusades	1948	Israeli Declaration of Independence (May 14)	
Old Testament	1348	The Black Death	1948	War of Israel's Independence	
	1415	Battle of Agincourt	1955	Origins of Scientology	
Biblical Timeline	1458	War of the Roses	1956	Sinai War & Suez Crisis	
	1499	Origin of Sikhism	1967	Six Day War, Start of the War of Attrition	
New Testament	1509	Reign of Henry VIII	1973	Yom Kippur War	
	1517	The Protestant Reformation	1977	Camp David Accord	
Biblical Timeline	1534	Anglican Communion Founded	1982	First Lebanon War	
	1534	Lutheranism Founded	1989	Berlin Wall Comes Down	
Old Testament	1560	Presbyterianism Founded	1991	The Cold War Ends	
	1605	Baptist Churches Founded	1991	Operation Solomon	
Biblical Timeline	1665	The Great Plague	1993	Oslo Declaration in Ethiopia	
	1739	Methodism Founded	2001	September 11 Terrorist Attacks	
New Testament	1830	Nationalism Founded	2001	Israel's Withdrawal from Gaza	
	1830	Latter-day Saints Founded	2004	Israel's Second Lebanon War	
Biblical Timeline	1860	Seventh Day Adventists Founded	2008	Israel's Gaza War	
	1865	Salvation Army Founded	2014	Operation Protective Edge	
Old Testament	1870	Yehovah's Witnesses Founded	2020	Jews flock back to Israel due to COVID-19 and lawlessness	
	1879	Christian Science Founded	20x?	The Rapture?	

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Further Reading

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