

“Things Which Must Shortly Take Place”
Revelation 1:1-3
6/21/26
Message 1

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Things Which Must Shortly Take Place”

- **Introduction Into the Book of Revelation**

- **A Brief LOOK at the BIG Picture**

- Next week we will zero in on Verse By Verse study through this amazing BOOK

- **We Will Look at 3 Main Points this morning**

- Review Bible Prophecy
 - Recap Bible Prophecy Timeline – (According to the right view 😊)
 - Remember We Are Close

Review Bible Prophecy

- **1. Why Study Prophecy**

- **1. Practical Living**

- Prophecy MUST affect how we live each day
 - HOW - Seeing that the Sovereign God
 - That God DOES Govern in the affairs of man
 - He is not a deist – who created the earth and stepped away
 - He is in COMPLETE control

- If we truly believe this –
 - It will completely change how we live
 - We CAN be at PEACE
 - We CAN Be BOLD

○ **2. Confirmation for our Faith – In His Word**

▪ Fulfilling Prophecies

- Verified by Archaeology
 - Offers Concrete proof of the Bible's INSPIRATION

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

○ **3. Understand Prophecy will give us Discernment**

- Understanding end-times warnings helps protect you from false teachings and widespread deception

Matthew 24:3–5 (NKJV)

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”
4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.**
5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.”

- Sources: Nation Forgets God: 7 Lessons We Must Learn from Nazi Germany by Erwin W Lutzer
- Within the Lutheran church there was a strong pietistic movement!

- They witnessed to the saving grace of Christ but believed that the church's mission was only to preach Christ.
- Pietism, with its emphasis on personal devotion to Christ, was used to inject spiritual life into the mainstream Lutheran church.
- But by insisting that their faith was private and should not be brought into the political sphere, pietism had scant influence in stemming the Nazi tide.
- These pious Christians thought that if they left Hitler alone, he would leave them alone.
- But they discovered that was not possible.
- Hitler also put pressure on them to have their children indoctrinated in the state schools and, thanks to the cultural pressure, their churches were not equipping members to stand against the abuses that were developing around them
- So Studying Prophecy and being in God's Word –
 - We can avoid deception

○ **4. Evangelism**

- This will give us a Sense Of Urgency
 - Recognizing the consequences of judgment
 - Motivates us to boldly and urgently share the gospel.

Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

○ **5. Comfort**

- Prophecy was not given to us to scare us BUT to Comfort US and Prepare US

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NKJV)

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

○ **6. Motivation**

▪ **To LIVE RIGHT = Holiness**

- Looking forward to future eternal realities inspires a pure and faithful lifestyle in the present

2 Peter 3:10–14 (NKJV)

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.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

▪ **To Keep WORKING**

John 5:17 (NKJV)

17 But Jesus answered them, “My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”

- VERY Important Point
- In Germany WW 2 Church thought Hitler was Anti-Christ and there was nothing they could do – so most did nothing
- The Same today

- With some of my pre-trib friends
- Everything happening in America today is prophecy and you can't stop it... so they don't stand up for righteousness in the public square
- We Must keep Praying, Sharing The Gospel, and standing up for RIGHTEOUSNESS & against evil

○ **7. A Special Blessing**

- Bible prophecy is the only subject in Scripture where a special blessing is pronounced on those who study it as well as obey what is written.

Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

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.

• **2. What Is Bible Prophecy**

○ **1. A Brief Definition...**

- *Prophecy at its most basic definition is “a message from God.” So, to prophesy is to proclaim a message from God. The one who does this is, therefore, a prophet. Although foretelling is often associated with prophecy, revealing the future is not a necessary element of prophecy; however, since only God knows the future, any authoritative word about the future must of necessity be a prophecy, that is, a message from God.*
<https://www.gotquestions.org/prophecy-prophecy.html>

○ **2. A Prophet Speaks For Someone Else**

- The Hebrew word translated “Prophet”
 - Occurs over 300 times in the Old Testament
- The Greek word for “Prophet”

- Is used over 100 times in the New Testament.
- It Means to In Place Of – To Speak
 - To speak in place of... God
- A Prophet
 - Is someone who speaks in the place of another
 - And at time tells us of the future
- **3. The Job Of The Prophet**
 - To Proclamation Of God's Word
 - He Was / Is a preacher and a teacher of God's Word
 - A person who relays a message from God to humankind
 - He does not preach his message –
 - He preaches God's Message
 - He MUST be faithful with it!
- **4. Prophecy Is Also Predictive**
 - **There is also the predictive element in Bible Prophecy**
 - Forth telling the future
 - Many Prophecies of HOPE in OT
 - Over 300 about the Coming Messiah
 - Jesus HOPE
 - Many Prophecies of Warnings

- About coming judgment if you don't repent
- Many Prophecies of HOPE in NT
 - About the Future Coming of Jesus
- Many Prophecies of Warning In the NT
 - If you don't repent
- Bible prophecy, therefore, has Both
 - Preaching God's Word
 - Future Application
- **The main message in these prophecies**
 - Whether Predictive or Not
 - Was to follow the Lord.
 - According to Deuteronomy 13, there are two signs of a true prophet.
 - 1st Must Follow GOD
 - Don't Follow False god's
 - If he does he is a false prophet
 - 2nd Must be 100% RIGHT
 - If his predictions fail to come to pass
 - Then he is a false prophet.

• **3. Why Is It Important To Study Bible Prophecy?**

- **1. We NEED to Study Scripture**

- The Bible encourages believers to study of the Scripture
 - The Apostle Paul told Timothy to give diligence to the study of Scripture so that he could, in turn, instruct others

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- **2. All Scripture Is Profitable For Study**

- In addition, the Bible says that “all” Scripture is profitable for study

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

*16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- Too many immature Believers in the world today

- **3. A LOT Of the Bible Deals with Prophecy**

- A large part of the Bible Deals with the subject of Bible Prophecy

- Over One Fourth of the books of the Bible

- Can be catalogued as prophetic books.

- In FACT - over 25% of the words of the Bible are prophetic words;

- About the size of the entire New Testament.

- 17 out of 39 Old Testament books are prophetic.

- All of the books from Isaiah to Malachi are prophetic in nature

- As well as many of the psalms are prophetic.
- Many of these prophecies,
 - Which mainly dealing with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to the earth, **still remain to be fulfilled.**
- SO Since a large part of Scripture is devoted to Bible Prophecy
 - AND MANY of the prophecies remain unfulfilled
 - This is a good reason to study the subject
- **4. God Wants Us To Know The Future**
 - We also find that the study of Bible prophecy is important because the living God wants us to know the future.
 - Illustrations
 - Abraham

Genesis 18:17 (NKJV)

17 And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,

- The context of the judgment which He was about to place upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- He did not want to hide the future from Abraham.
- He wanted His man to know what was going to happen.
- Daniel

Daniel 8:19 (NKJV)

19 And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

- The prophet Daniel was told that the future would be made known to him.

- **5. It Is Important Subject To Jesus**

- **Jesus Encouragement and Warning**

- Luke 21:28 (NKJV)**

- 28** *Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."*

- That believers could know certain things about coming events.
 - Jesus wanted believers to be informed, not ignorant, of the future.

- Luke 12:54–56 (NKJV)**

- 54** *Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is.*

- 55** *And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.*

- 56** *Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?*

- Jesus spoke this to the multitudes, not only to His disciples.
 - Jesus wanted everyone to discern this time and be ready for His return.

- **The Road to Emmaus**

- On the day of His resurrection, Jesus rebuked the two wandering disciples for not paying attention to Bible prophecy.

- Luke 24:25–26 (NKJV)**

- 25** *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!*

26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

- They should have listened to the word words of “all” the prophets.
- **Before His death on the cross,**
 - He spoke to His disciples about coming to the earth a second time. He gave them the following encouraging words.

John 14:1–3 (NKJV)

- 1** “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

○ **6. Prophecy Was Important To The Apostle Paul**

2 Thessalonians 2:5 (NKJV)

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

- Remember Paul only spent 3 weeks with them and He taught the PROPHECY

• **4. Warnings About Studying Bible Prophecy?**

- **1. People Often Replace The Gospel – with Prophecy**
 - They Are Missing The Real Message: Jesus
- **2. People Make Prophecy A Test Of Fellowship**
 - Are you in our club?!
- **3. There Is Unwarranted Sensationalism On The Part Of Some**
 - Some folks just go NUTS

- **4. It Is A Matter Of Curiosity Only**
 - Just want knowledge
- **5. Some People Have The Wrong Priorities – Proud**
 - That Knowledge puff up
- **6. There Is Date-Setting On The Part Of Some Bible Teachers**
 - Well if we had a Nickel for every time this has happened
 - 88 Reasons Why Jesus is coming in 88....

• **5. Why Do Some People Avoid Prophetic Study?**

- **1. It Is Too Hard To Understand**
 - Bible prophecy seems too hard to understand.
 - The symbols used in the Book of Daniel as well as in the Book of Revelation are confusing.
 - Frustration sets in when they attempt to interpret what exactly is meant.
 - So MANY interpretations
 - Therefore, they give up.... - It's just too hard to understand.
 - It Just Takes a little Effort
 - Nobody should neglect the study of the Word of God because it is too difficult.
- **2. It Is Viewed As Irrelevant For Daily Living**
 - People are mainly concerned with living today.

- They cannot spend their time thinking and speculating about things which will never happen in their lifetime
- Bible prophecy has no interest for them because it does not meet their immediate needs.
- This is the wrong way to look at this subject.
 - For one thing, we do not know that these events will take place at some distant time in the future.
 - Indeed, the coming of Christ could be at any minute.
- **3. There Is A Fear Of The Future**
 - One of the things which keep believers from studying the subject of Bible prophecy is an actual fear of the future.
 - For whatever reason, thinking about the future is frightening for them; they do not want to know what will happen.
 - Therefore, the subject of Bible prophecy is taboo.
 - This is tragic
 - Since Scripture speaks of the glorious future believers will have. In fact, Paul says we have a “blessed hope.” He wrote to Titus.
- **4. Some People Interpret Prophecy Allegorically**
 - They have Already taken Place
 - They take the position that these predictions have already been fulfilled in the past or will be fulfilled in a non-literal manner in the future.
 - Literal fulfillment in the future will not occur.

- **6. 4 Different Views of the End Times**

- **1. Define Millennium**

- Millennium – (from Latin, mille, thousand).
 - The thousand-year reign of Jesus on earth, described in Revelation 20:4–6

- **2. Amillennialism**

- **This viewpoint teaches that there will be NO Millennium AT ALL in the future.**
 - Whatever kingdom there is, is now—
 - It is heaven's rule over the church.
 - Conditions in this present age will become increasingly worse until the second coming of Christ at the end of this church age, and the return of the Lord will be immediately followed by a general resurrection and judgment and the commencement of the eternal state.
 - When Christ returns, he will immediately defeat the powers of evil, resurrect the saved and the unsaved, judge them, and deliver them to their eternal destinies.
- **Israel In Amillennialism**
 - Three different ways of explaining the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant.
 - **1. Fulfilled completely during the reign of Solomon**
 - Who did have much of the promised territory under tribute (1 Kings 4:21).
 - However, he did not possess the total extent of the land, and certainly it was not possessed forever as the covenant promised.

- **2. The Covenant was Conditional**

- Therefore the unfulfilled promises of the covenant do not have to be fulfilled since Israel was disobedient and thus sinned away her right to the promises
- NOPE Genesis 17 say otherwise

- **3. Replacement Theology**

- The church replaces Israel
- Have you ever READ ROMAN 9-11

- **Note**

- This View did NOT become popular until the 5th Century
- Many believe that Augustine of Hippo 345-430 was the First Amillennialist
- Most References to Israel in Revelation are Symbolic

- **3. Postmillennialism**

- **This viewpoint teaches that the second coming of Christ will occur after (post) the millennium.**

- Postmillennialists look for a utopian state on earth to be brought about through the efforts of the church, and during this golden age the church, not Israel, will experience the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham and David.
- The kingdom will be on earth, but it will be a “church kingdom” not a Jewish kingdom, and the King, Christ, will be absent from the earth, not present on it.

- He will rule in the hearts of the people and return to the earth only after the millennium is complete.
- Then will follow a general resurrection of all the dead, a general judgment of all people, and eternity will begin.

- **Israel In Postmillennialism**

- The unfulfilled Abrahamic promises as being fulfilled by the church and, of course, not in any literal sense.
- Its method of interpretation is generally to spiritualize prophecy.

- **4. Preterist**

- According to preterism, Almost all prophecy in the Bible is really history.
 - The preterist interpretation of Scripture regards the book of Revelation as a symbolic picture of first-century conflicts, not a description of what will occur in the end times.
 - The term preterism comes from the Latin praeter, meaning “past.”
 - Thus, preterism is the view that the biblical prophecies concerning the “end times” have already been fulfilled—in the past.
 - The "new heavens and new earth" spoken of in Revelation 21:1 is, to the preterist, a description of the world under the New Covenant.
 - Just as a Christian is made a "new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17), so the world under the New Covenant is a "new earth." This aspect of preterism can easily lead to a belief in replacement theology.

- Israel In Preterism

- That the Law was fulfilled in AD 70 and God's covenant with Israel was ended.

- **6. Premillennialism**

- The Rapture before the Tribulation Period

- 7 Year Tribulation Period (We are in Heaven)
- After Tribulation Period – Jesus Return – We return with Him
- He sets up His Millennial Reign

- Israel In Premillennialism

- God's Covenant with Israel is Everlasting Gen 17
- Tribulation Period Known as Jacob's Trail – It all about Israel and God fulfilling His Covenant with them

- We Interpret the Scriptures Literally whenever possible

- *Tim LaHaye wrote that there are "two keys to understanding the prophetic Word of God. First, one must interpret the Bible literally unless the context provides good reason to do otherwise. Second, we must understand that Israel and the church are distinct! If a person fails to acknowledge these two facts of Scripture, all discussion and argument is fruitless. The issue is not so much prophecy as it is one's view of Scripture and the church."*

- Prominent dispensational premillennialists include:

- J. Nelson Darby, C.I. Scofield, Harry A. Ironside, Gleason Archer, Donald G. Barnhouse, Hal Lindsey,

Chuck Smith, John MacArthur, Charles Ryrie, Charles Stanley, Norman L. Geisler, and Tim LaHaye.”

Recap Bible Prophecy Timeline

- **Show Timeline**

- **1. The Rapture**

- **1st The Rapture of the Church is when Jesus will come and snatch believers away into heaven.**

- Not all of us will go through “death”, some will be taken immediately into God’s presence

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NKJV)

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

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.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

- **Caught Up – Latin Rapture – Before Tribulation**

- Greek Word – harpazō - här-pä'-zo

- Means: to seize, carry off by force - to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly - to snatch out or away

- **Jesus says be READY – Live with expectation of His coming**

Matthew 24:42 (NKJV)

42 *Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.*

- Are you ready?

• **2. Psalm 83**

- Some NOT Many believe that Psalm 83 is yet future
 - And it will happen before Ezekiel 38-39

• **3. Gog & Magog**

Ezekiel 38:1–6 (NKJV)

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.

- Ezekiel is describing a great invasion of Israel by a coalition of nations. The identity of some of those named:
- **Who Will Invade Israel?**
 - Ancient Name Modern Equivalent
 - Rosh - Russia (or Chief)
 - Magog - Central Asia
 - Meshech and Tubal - Turkey (also southern Russia and Iran)

- Persia - Iran
 - Cush - Northern Sudan, Ethiopia
 - Put - Libya
 - Gomer - Turkey (Armenia)
 - Beth-togarmah - Turkey
 - Many peoples Other Islamic nations - (possibly Iraq)
 - This is the general consensus as to what these ancient names represent in modern times—though some of the precise identifications are questionable.
- **When these nations gather against Israel, God will step in and protect Israel**

Ezekiel 38:22 (NKJV)

22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

- God will wipe out 5/6 of the invading army (Eze. 39:2)
- **In the end, Israel will know that God has poured out His Spirit on Israel**

Ezekiel 39:28–29 (NKJV)

28 then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

29 And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD."

- I think that this may even be tied to the end of the times of the Gentiles, when God has taken the Church off the planet, and He again begins to deal with the nation of Israel as His chosen people.

- That means this may all happen around the time of the Rapture.

• **3. The Antichrist**

- **The antichrist is the title we put on the soon to be revealed world leader**
 - The prefix “anti” means “in place of”, and he will come “in place of” Jesus Christ.
 - He will attempt to take Jesus’ place as the Messiah, the Savior of the world.
 - He is also known in the book of Revelation as “the beast”.
Nine things about the antichrist
- **For now, something is keeping the antichrist from being revealed:**

2 Thessalonians 2:6–8 (NKJV)

- 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.***
- 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.***

- We believe that the “restrainer” is the work of the Holy Spirit in the church.
- For now, we are the “salt of the earth”, like a preservative we have a way of holding back evil.
- But when the church is gone, there will be no more preserving, and the antichrist will move into power on the world scene.
- At first, it will seem as if this antichrist is indeed the Savior.

- **Many Jews will initially think this is their Messiah**

Matthew 24:24 (NKJV)

24 *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

- **The antichrist will be powerful, performing great miracles**

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)

9 *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,*

- **Healed from a Deadly Wound**

- **Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, this person will have some kind of a “deadly wound” which will be healed and cause the world to fall in love with him:**

Revelation 13:3 (NKJV)

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.*

- **He will cause the world to worship Satan**

Revelation 13:4 (NKJV)

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?”*

- **This person will have the power of persuasive words**

Revelation 13:5 (NKJV)

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

- **He will bring a great persecution against Christians and Jews**

Revelation 13:7 (NKJV)

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.*

- **He will cause people to take a “mark” to show their worship of him**

Revelation 13:16–18 (NKJV)

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.

- **4. The Tribulation**

- The Tribulation is a period of seven years that will bring God’s judgment to the earth.
 - It is the last of the “Seventy weeks of Daniel”

Daniel 9:24 (NKJV)

24 “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

- These “seventy weeks” are seventy groups of seven years.
- Among other things is a wonderful prediction, to the very day, of when Jesus, the Messiah, would come. As you follow the prophecy through, you will find that all but the last “week” has been fulfilled. It seems as if God’s timepiece was clicked off when the Messiah was “cut off”
- Important: These seventy weeks are for a certain group of people, “thy people”, Daniel’s people, the Jews. This is another reason why I do not believe we are going to go through the Tribulation, because God will be turning His attention from the church to the Jews

Daniel 9:26–27 (NKJV)

26 *"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.*

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. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."*

Jeremiah 30:7 (NKJV)

7 Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's trouble, But he shall be saved out of it.

• **5. The Second Coming**

- It's at this point that Jesus returns, at the battle of Armageddon

Revelation 19:11–16 (NKJV)

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*

• **6. The Millennium**

- You can read about all this in Revelation 20.
- God Will make everything right – that we have made wrong
- For a 1000 years we will rule and reign with Him

- The purpose – to show mankind that even in a perfect environment we are still sinners

• **7. The Great White Throne**

- At the end of the Millennium, there will be one last final time of judgment known as the Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)

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.*

• **8. Eternity**

Revelation 21:1–4 (NKJV)

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.”*

- We will be with Him forever.
- Why bother with all this?

- The Bible has never been wrong in any of its prophecies. You can bet that things will happen just as the Bible says.

Remember We Are Close

- Sign 1 The Miracle of Israel's Survival
- Sign 2 Israel Will Miraculously Return to its Ancient Homeland in the "Last Days."
 - Became a nation again in May 14, 1948
- Sign 3 Israel Will be in the World's Spotlight
- Sign 4 There Will be a Continual Search for Peace in Israel
- Sign 5 Preparations Will Be Made to Build the Third Temple
- Sign 6 In the Last Days, Certain Specified Nations Will Invade Israel (Ezekiel 38,39)
- Sign 7 The Nations Missing from the Ezekiel 38-39 Invasion
- Sign 8 No Superpower Will Intervene on Israel's Behalf When They are Invaded (Ezekiel 38,39): Something Will Happen to the United States
- Sign 9 There Will Be a Ten Nation Confederation in Western Europe (The Revival of the Ancient Roman Empire)
- Sign 10 There Will Be a One-World Political and Economic System (Globalism)
- Sign 11 The World Will Desperately Look for a Leader
- Sign 12 There Will Be an Exponential Increase in Technology
- Sign 13 Plagues and Pestilence Will Trouble the World
- Sign 14 The World Will Be Characterized by Lawlessness

- Sign 15 The World Will Be Characterized by Violence
- Sign 16 The Organized Church Will Turn Away from the Faith (Apostasy)
- Sign 17 There Will Be a Rise in False Prophets, False Teachers, and False Christs
- Sign 18 There Will Be a Rise in Anti-Semitism
- Sign 19 Christians Will Continue to Be Persecuted
- Sign 20 Unbelievers Will Scoff at the Idea of Christ's Return
- Sign 21 The Wicked Will Not Understand the Signs of the Times
- Sign 22 Bible-Believers Will Understand What Is Taking Place

Closing

- ARE YOU READY –
 - JESUS is COMING