

TIME LINE OF END TIMES

1. **The RAPTURE**.....John 14:2,3; 1st Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1st Corinthians 15:51-55

A. Two special events occur in Heaven after the Rapture:

1. **The Judgment Seat of Christ**...Romans 14:10; 1st Corinthians 3:13-15; 2nd Corinthians 5:10
2. **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb**...Revelation 19:7-9

2. **The TRIBULATION PERIOD**....Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:1; Revelation 3:10

A. Immediately following the Rapture, the 70th week (a week being a week of years; in other words, 7 years) of Daniel's great prophecy of 70 weeks will be fulfilled....see Daniel 9:24-27.

1. The first 69 weeks ended when the Messiah (Christ) was "cut off"...verse 26.
2. Israel was then set aside and the Church Age fills in the gap between the 69th & 70th week.
3. Upon the removal of the Church from earth (the Rapture), God resumes His dealings with Israel and the prophetic time clock of Daniel's prophecy begins ticking once again. **It begins with a 7-year treaty being signed between the Roman Prince and the apostate Jews settled in the land**...verse 27.

B. The 7-year tribulation period is divided into two equal periods of 3 ½ years. The first half is referred to as "**the beginning of sorrows**" (Matthew 24:8) and the latter half as "**the great tribulation**" (Matthew 24:21). There is an event which will end the first half and herald the latter half known as "**the abomination of desolation**" (Matthew 24:15).

1. **The Beginning of Sorrows**....Matthew 24:3-14; Revelation 6:1-8:12

a. This period includes *the signs outlined by the Lord Jesus, the seven seals judgments, the first four trumpet judgments and the sealing of the 144,000 Israelites.*

2. **The Abomination of Desolation**....Daniel 9:27; 12:11; Matthew 24:15; 2nd Thess. 2:3,4; Revelation 13:14-18

a. After the first 3 ½ years, the Roman Prince (the Head of the Revived Romans Empire) will break the covenant with Israel and there will be an image of himself set up in the temple in Jerusalem by the Antichrist. The Antichrist will demand worship for himself and cause all men to worship the image of the beast (the Roman Prince). He will compel men to take the number of beast (666) as an act of allegiance to him.

3. **The Great Tribulation**....Revelation 9:1-18:24

a. This period includes *the last four trumpet judgments, the two witnesses who prophesy in Jerusalem, Satan being cast to the earth and persecuting Israel, the seven vial judgments and the fall of Babylon the Great.*

3. **The REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST**....Matthew 24:30; 25:31; 2nd Thess. 1:7,8; Revelation 1:7; 19:11-16

A. The Lord Jesus Christ comes to earth to:

1. **Save His earthly people (Israel) from destruction**...Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:13; Romans 11:26
2. **Cast the Beast and the False Prophet into the Lake of Fire**...Revelation 19:20
3. **Bind Satan in the bottomless pit**...Revelation 20:1-3
4. **Sit upon His throne of glory and reign over the earth**...Matthew 25:31
5. **Judge the living**...Acts 17:31; Matthew 25:32-46

4. **The MILLENNIAL KINGDOM...***Millennium* means “*thousand year*.” The phrase “thousand years” occurs 6 times in *Revelation 20:2-7* and each occurrence refers to the period when Christ and His saints reign over the earth.

A. The Millennial Kingdom in Old Testament prophecy....Psalm 2:1-10; Psalm 72:1-19; Isaiah 2:1-4; 11:1-13; 42:1-4; 60:1-22; 61:1-6; 65:18-25; Jeremiah 23:38; Ezekiel 34:11-15, 22-31; Daniel 2:31-45; 7:9-14; Zechariah 14:1-9

1. Many more verses could be added to these. They all speak of the blessed Golden Age when the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign over the earth, with Israel being the center of blessing for all the nations. The earth itself shall undergo a wonderful transformation and all creation shall be blessed.

B. The Millennial Kingdom in New Testament prophecy....Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:14-18; Acts 3:19-25; Romans 8:19-22; Ephesians 1:10; 1st Timothy 4:1; Revelation 20:1-6; 21:10,11,23-26.

5. **The JUDGMENT OF SATAN...**Revelation 20:7-10

6. **The JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD...**Revelation 20:11-15

A. Verse 11....Christ sits upon His throne (John 5:22,27) and the present earth and heaven are destroyed (see 2nd Peter 3:10-12; Revelation 21:1b).

B. Verses 12 & 13....The *UNSAVED DEAD* are raised and stand before Christ to be judged. Verses 5 & 6 prove they are unsaved, for only those participating in the “first resurrection” (John 5:29a; 1st Corinthians 15:50-54; 1st Thessalonians 4:16) escape the “second death.”

1. This is called the “*resurrection of judgment*” in John 5:29b and includes all who “*died in their sins*” (John 8:21, 24).

2. Their bodies are raised from the sea and the grave; their souls and spirits are released from Hades (the unseen world) to be reunited with their bodies.

3. They are there because they are void of eternal life....verse 15; John 3:18-36.

4. Their *degree of punishment* in the Lake of Fire will be determined by their works...see also Matthew 11:20-24; Luke 12:46-48; Romans 2:5,6,8,9.

C. Verse 14...Death (the *grave*) and Hades (the *unseen world*) come to an end. All of their occupants are gone and they have served their purpose, for *physical death* (the separation of the body from the spirit...James 2:26) gives way to the permanent condition of the *second death* (the separation of the body, soul and spirit from God...2nd Thessalonians 1:9).

D. Verse 15...This verse proves that it is the lack of eternal life that fits one for the Lake of Fire. One must be *born again* to enter heaven (John 3:3,5), resulting in them being written in the *book of life* (Revelation 13:8; 21:27).

7. **The NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH...**2nd Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1

A. Characteristics of the New Heaven and the New Earth

1. The *absence of sin*....2nd Peter 3:13

2. The *absence of suffering*....Revelation 21:4

3. *Eternal COMMUNION* (with God)....Revelation 21:3

4. *Eternal CONTENTMENT*....Revelation 21:6; Psalm 16:11