

## The End Time, World Events, and Church Exploits Dr. Edwin Harper

#### Get ready

Matthew 25:10

"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

#### Get set

Matthew 25:13

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

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#### The beginning of the Endtime 1967

Daniel 8:1-14, 16-17

"In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to pass, when I saw, that I was at Shushan in the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by the river of Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great. And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end shall be the vision."

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2300 years later brings you to 1967 when the "Six Day War" delivered the temple area back to Israel.

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#### Watching for the end of Grace

"Learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth his leaves, you know that summer is nigh. So likewise when you see these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Matthew 24:32

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children". Isa 66:8

Way back in the books of Leviticus, Numbers and the book of and Deuteronomy, and bring you through the old testament to point out to you that there was a promise made to Israel that when the end time was come that Israel would become a nation again. The nation of Israel was dissipated in the year of 70 A.D. The final crushing was the armies of the Roman government who tore their temple down and dispersed the fleeing Jewish people everywhere, worldwide, all over the world.

**George R. Farrow** who in 1929 wrote a song that we sing today based only on Bible references. It is the song "It's all in him".

Last verse: I highlight this because what he wrote was 19 years before it happened in the earth.

"Our God for whom we've waited will be the glad refrain of Israel recreated when Jesus comes again. Lo he will come and save us, our King and Priest to be, for in him dwells all fullness and Lord of all is he, it's all in him."

The United Nations was the product of the influence of Harry Truman. Collectively it set about to find a solution. In a committee meeting, in a small think tank that had been assembled in the last week of August of 1947 brilliant men came together to think and talk about the dilemma of the Jewish people. They, The United Nations Special Committee On Palestine (UNSCOP) concluded that the only reasonable thing to do was parcel out a piece of land in the Middle East, in Palestine, and let the Jewish people come home and set up housekeeping and live there. They submitted that resolve to the policy council members of the U.N. Ad Hoc Committee on September 3rd in 1947. Then on November 29, 1947, the United Nations adopted resolution #181 with a vote of 33 for, 13 against and 10 abstained to establish in the Middle East in the land along the Jordon River a state called Israel. This resulted in the fulfillment of a prophesy of Isa. 66:8 "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children".

If you consider how long it takes for the birth of a child, I want you to see the exactness of the Word of God, count with me from the inception of a State called Israel from the last week of August 1947 until the birth of Israel.

- 1. September
- 2. October
- 3. November
- 4. December

- 5. January
- 6. February
- 7. March
- 8. April
- 9. On May 14, 1948 in one day, the nation of Israel under the leadership of a man by the name of Ben-Gurion was born in the Middle East. And there was a nation literally born in a day. Now, the Bible says that when you see the fig tree put forth its branches, you know that summer is near. The fig tree of the scripture, of course, and the tree of life, of course, was the nation of Israel, it became a symbol of it. And when Israel was born in a day, it started a clock. And the clock was this, that the generation that sees Israel born again will not pass away until all of the things that's in the book of Matthew, the 24th chapter, have come to pass.

**Mat 24:32-34** Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh:

**33** So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors.

**34** Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. With all of this going on we have watched a nation be born in a day. Now, what significance does that have? The Bible tells us how long a generation is. It said it's appointed unto man to live three score and ten (70), and maybe by reason of strength four score (80) years.

Using reason of strength measurement maybe 2027? When that Jewish baby is born, the day that the baby is born, they consider it to be one-year-old.

The second testimony I want you to remember is in Israel, in prophesy and in the application of the practices of God there is in the 23rd chapter of Leviticus **the Seven Feasts of the Lord.** 

The Lord celebrated each feast so "He came not to transgress against the Law but to full the Law. During the spring feast in the time of the former rain:

He was crucified at Passover Buried on Unleavened Bread Resurrection on First Fruits Started the Church on Pentecost

There are 3 Feast left celebrated during the Latter Rain Season: The feasts of Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles.

Notice that prophetically starting with the Rapture are 3 events: **Rapture, Armageddon, Millennial of Peace**.

At the end of the feast of Trumpets is a "Last Trumpet". Armageddon is about blood and Millennial is about His reign on earth. The Rapture happens at the Last Trumpet called "The trump of God". Here is why this is important. When a Feast of Trumpets ended on a Sabbath day, the priest didn't blow the trumpet because they didn't want to violate their Sabbath. But if the Lord is going to blow a trumpet, the time for him to blow a last trumpet of importance would be when the priests are not going to blow the final trumpet of the feast, which would make it the Trumpet or Trump of God.

For a short while let's talk about the first day of the week.

The Baptism of Jesus; was baptized on a Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, he ascended on high on a Sunday, started the church on the day of Pentecost, Sunday, gave John the Revelator Revelation on a

Sunday. I propose to you if I was in a court of law the evidence shows that Jesus favors Sunday. In fact, that's why Apostle Paul referenced worship on Sunday. This fulfilling the prophesy from the book of Ezekiel that said "And the seventh day shall become the eighth".

(Eze 43:26-27 Seven days shall they purge the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves. 27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day...)

Considering this make sense that he probably might be planning to take his church out of this world on the first day of the week?

I can't prove that other than considering the historical practices of the Lord. Let me illustrate that fact with creation.

He created **light on the first day**. The **second day** he **separated the air and the water**. And the **third day** he made the **land come up out of the water**. God set a pattern with first three days of creation. **He is a God of repetition.** 

Take notice of the Lord's work on day four, five and six. On day four He created the sun and the moon and the stars, that are light. On day five He put birds in that air and fish in that water that he made on the second day. On day six He created mammal and from man the earth that he brought up out of the water on the third day.

He is a God of **repetition**, and keeps doing it over and over again. Since **He has favored Sunday**, there's a **good possibility that he's coming back on a Sunday**. But for that to happen, then we have got to find a Feast of Trumpets that ends when the sun goes down on a Saturday.

If you look at the calendars closely and check it out, you will find someday that the Feast of Rosh Hashanah, as it is now called, is going to start on a day that allows it to end at sunset on a Saturday.

"Immediately you conclude, Preacher, you're setting dates. Don't you know the Bible says no man knows the day or the hour?" That's right, if you know what that scripture is talking about, you're absolutely right. Most think this scripture is referencing the rapture. It is not! The very last two verses of the book of Matthew the 23rd chapter.

The last two verses of Mat 23:38-39 Reads, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

**39** For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Notice, Matthew 24:1 reads, "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple."

Matt. 24:2, "And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." He is speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem.

Matt.24:3 reads, "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, and his disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us now,"... (Here is what they want him to tell them.)

- 1. "when shall the City of Jerusalem be destroyed?"
- 2. "what's the sign of thy coming?"
- 3. "what is the sign of the end of the world?"

So Jesus deliberately answers questions 1 and 2 through and including verse 34 of Matthew 24 in a very succinct order. After He answers the first two questions, He tells them something else that is very important the disciples and us to know.

After he said in Mat 24:34, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

He has told them the signs of when the city is going to be destroyed and the signs of his coming to fight the Battle of Armageddon. Now in Matt, 24:35 He is answering their last question about the end of the world. "Verily I say unto thee, heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away." Next verse is about **the end of the world** and not the Rapture of the Church.

Matt.24:36 "But of that day and hour (the end of the world) knoweth no *man,* no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. "

Because Jesus Christ had not been Glorified yet, and all the fullness of the Godhead does not dwell in him yet, and because "all power in heaven and earth has not been given unto him yet", at the time the only one that knew when the end of the world was going to happen was God the Father.

He is the only one at that time that knew the time of the end of the World. He is talking about the end of the world, not the coming of the Lord.

The Apostle Paul reveals in:

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. For the sake of this discussion, I want to tell you about the week of Jesus crucifixion. That week had more than one Sabbath in it. Take note, because every Jewish feast day is a Sabbath. The Passover is considered a Sabbath, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was considered a Sabbath, there was the seventh day Sabbath and then the first day of the week is ceremonial a Sabbath because it was the Feast of First Fruits.

The week that Jesus was crucified had more than one Sabbath Day in it. And here's why we make mention of these Sabbath Days. The historical calendars show that the Passover, of the week that Jesus Christ died, actually came on a Wednesday. **Luk 23:56** "And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment."

So Jesus Christ was crucified on a Wednesday, he was buried before the Sabbath day Feast of Unleavened Bread began. That is why they hurried to bury him before the Sabbath; the Feast of Unleavened Bread began. Therefore, Jesus crucifixion was on a Wednesday, and then he is in the tomb three days and three nights. The Word of God does not make a mistake.

He was in the grave Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night. He was in the grave all day Thursday, all day Friday and all day Saturday.

The Jewish day starts when the sun sets. And when the sun went down, set on Saturday evening, that started the first day of the week, and that's when Jesus rose from the dead.

Now to all of those good religious' people in the world that like to go to a sunrise service on Easter, you're wasting your time, why because Jesus had already been out of the grave all night when the sun come up the next morning.

**Joh 20:1** The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

It was still being dark, they found the stone rolled away and He was gone. And the angel said, "Why seek ye the living among the dead." That happened while it was still dark, because Jesus left the grave the evening before. Remember and let me emphasis this fact:

## Matt 5:17: Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

The Lord matched and fulfilled His destiny on the Feasts of "Passover", "Unleavened Bread", "First Fruits", and "Pentecost". Turn our attention now to the "Feast of Trumpets". Taking note of what the Lord has done it is only logical that the Lord is going to fulfill His destiny on this Feast as well.

The next Feast Yom Kippur is a symbol in Israel of the Battle of Armageddon, the day of the shedding of blood for atonement. **Rev 16:6** For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

The Battle of Armageddon will start on the Day of Atonement, seven years after the church is gone. Understand this, these feasts are not The Feast of Israel but rather they are The Feasts are for the Lord. Logically the Lord is going to make his appearance at the last trumpet.

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What can I say for it all? I do not know, except there are some things lining up that looks like we could be in the last years of the dispensation of grace, it looks like that the Lord's coming, he is going to steal the church out of this world. How many of you know a backslider? You might ought to call them, tell them that this is an emergency call, this you are reaching out to you to help them, because just want all of us to get ready by seeking God.

What if the Lord does not come in the next few years, what if the church is still here the next year after 2028? My answer is we are still going to live for Him. The point is that this is a landmark that God put in the

earth, in the nation of Israel and in the festivals of the Lord that were kept by the Lord Jesus Christ. The signs are in the heavens. It is in agreement that frames a time that looks like the Lord is coming. A date I cannot set. I am sharing with you that he is coming soon. We're looking for the Lord to come.

#### Paul wrote in

**2Ti 4:6-8** "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but **unto all them also that love his appearing**."

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#### The Big Debate

Does the rapture take place before the tribulation, in the middle of the tribulation or at the end of the tribulation period?

Let me begin this presentation by allowing you to see that the taking of the Church out of the world happens before the appearance of the Anti-Christ. I begin by directing your attention to Daniel 9:

Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Since Ezekiel 4:6 tells us that the measure of time in prophesy in this era was one day equaled a year. Daniel tells us that the prince (Ant-Christ) that has come from the city that destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D. will confirm a treaty or covenant with Daniel's people (Israel) for one week. He is speaking of a seven (7) year time period. It is the same time period that John the Revelator talks about repeatedly with the reference of time (1 year) times (2 years) and half a time (6 months) (1+2+1/2=3 %), forty-two months and 1260 days. This scripture points out that in the midst of the week, half way through the Seven (7) years, the Anti-Christ breaks the treaty/covenant and stops the activity that the agreement allowed, he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.

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In one of the first major conferences of the New Testament found in Acts 15: they took time out to teach on prophecy.

Acts 15:13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men *and* brethren, hearken unto me: Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

Act 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Act 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Here Pastor James, the brother of The Lord, gives the gives us the sequence of events that will take the Church out of the world.

(1) Act 15:14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to **take out of them a people for his name**.

(He then referenced the teachings of Isaiah and Amos.)

(2)Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David... (The Tabernacle of David was a temporary shelter for the Ark of the Covenant set up by King David in Jerusalem which was used for Levitical worship until the Temple of Solomon was completed. It will be set up again so that Levitical worship can resume and allowed as provided for by the treaty of the Anti-Christ. The treaty is necessary because of where the Tabernacle is located,)

Acts 15:16 ... I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:... (the only ruins of significance to Daniel's people is the

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Temple Mount In Jerusalem. A treaty of International proportions which will allow Israel to worship again on that site.)

The next verse, Acts 15:17 tells why,... That the residue of men (those left behind) might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, (Both of whose presence is absent from the earth) saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

This further enforces the language meaning of the old English term let and letteth that is found in 2Thesselonians 2:7 for the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he (Holy Ghost) who now letteth (preventeth) will *let* (*prevent*), until he be taken out of the way.

When the church leaves the world so does God's Holy Spirit because he has put his Spirit and Heavenly treasurer in these earthen vessels, The Church. II Cor. 4:7

In fact, we need to look at that portion of scripture found in 2Thesselonians.

#### The Holy Ghost must leave before the Anti-Christ can appear.

**2Th 2:1** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day** of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** (II Thes 1:5-10) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the

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temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

- 2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- 2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now **letteth (preventeth)** will **let (prevent)**, until He be taken out of the way. (He is the Holy Ghost)
- 2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- 2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- 2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Note again that the reference is made to "that day" which is not the day that the Lord takes the Church out of the world but rather "the day" of the actual return of the Lord and the Church to the Earth to the Battle of Armageddon. At the taking of the Church it is as a Thief stealing (1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief; and 1Th 4:15-17 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep, For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord). At Armageddon every eye shall behold him.

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Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**2Th 2:1** Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day* shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Here I give to you a number of scriptures in context that explain "that day".

#### The Judgment at Christ's Coming

2Th 1:5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

2Th 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense **tribulation** to them that trouble you;

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

2Th 1:10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

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Zec 14:1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall* be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**Joe 2:1** Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD** cometh, for *it is* nigh at hand;

Joe 2:2 **A day** of darkness and of gloominess, **a day** of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

Joe 2:3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

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Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood:

and his name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, *both* free and bond, both small and great. Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

#### (The prophetic Focus is Jerusalem)

**Mat 24:1** And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

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Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Mat 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Mat 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Mat 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Mat 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Mat 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Mat 24:23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Mat 24:25 Behold, I have told you before.

Mat 24:26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mat 24:28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

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#### The Coming of the Son of Man

Mat 24:29 Immediately after **the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, **from one end of heaven to the other**.

The Lord Jesus will return with the Saints accompanying him that were taken from earth to heaven Seven years earlier and set his foot on the top of the mount of Olivet as seen by Enoch.

Jud 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Jud 1:15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Jud 1:16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

So the Antichrist will meet his doom at the end of the Seven Year Tribulation at the Battle of Armageddon.

2Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the

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temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

- 2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.
- 2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (preventeth) will let (prevent), until he be taken out of the way.
- 2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
- 2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- 2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

# Now I give you all of that to plainly show the proper place of the (rapture) the taking of the Church out of the world before the Tribulation period and the actual return of the Lord is to the Earth 7 years later for the battle at Armageddon.

Rev 14:14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. Rev 14:16 And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

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**Rev 14:17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

Rev 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Rev 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

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## Taking advantage of public awareness Inevitable events (once God sets events in motion) impossible to stop

James 5:7-8

"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

**Joel 2:23**: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month."

**Hosea 6:2-3:** "Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth."

#### We have seen the later rain.

It was recorded and published by Life magazine, and listed in the top 100 events of the second millennium, put Pentecostalism at 68th. The Dictionary of Christianity in America says that Pentecostalism is perhaps "the single-most-significant development in twentieth-century Christianity."

However the scripture points out and promises that here in the Last Days that the **FORMER RAIN** will be poured out **SIMULTANEOUSLY** with the **LATER RAIN**.

Here is a list of the results of the FORMER RAIN found in the book of The Acts of the Apostles.

- 1. Many miracles were performed by the apostles (2:43).
- 2. Peter healed the lame man at the Temple (3:7-11).
- 3. God answered **Peter** in a miraculous earthquake (4:31).
- 4. Ananias and Sapphira were slain by the Lord (5:5-10).
- 5. Signs and wonders continued to be **done by the apostles** (5:12).
- 6. Peter healed many from various cities (5:12-16).
- 7. The **prison doors were opened** by an angel (5:19).
- 8. Stephen wrought great wonders and signs (6:8).
- 9. In Samaria, **Philip** did great miracles and signs (8:6,7,13).
- 10. The **Lord appeared to Saul**, but Saul is unsaved until he responds to the preaching of the gospel by Ananias (9:3-9).
- 11. Ananias healed Saul's blindness (9:17-18).
- 12. Peter healed Aeneas (9:32-35).
- 13. In Joppa, **Peter** raised Dorcus from the dead (9:39-42).
- 14. Cornelius saw an angel. He and his family spoke in tongues, but he was saved by responding to the preaching of the gospel by Peter (10:4,46; cf. v. 48; 11:14).
- 15. Peter saw the vision on the roof and spoke with the Lord (10:9-22).
- 16. A prison gate was miraculously opened (12:10).
- 17. Paul blinded Elymus (13:11-12).
- 18. Paul performed miracles in Iconium (14:3,4).
- 19. At Lystra, Paul healed a crippled man (14:8-18).
- 20. Paul healed a woman possessed by an evil spirit (16:18).
- 21. The miraculous earthquake unloosed all the chains and doors in the Philippian prison (16:26).
- 22. In Ephesus, twelve men spoke in tongues, and prophesied (19:6).
- 23. Paul performed other miracles in Ephesus (19:11,12).
- 24. In Troas, Paul raised Eutychus from the dead (20:8-12).
- 25. Paul was not affected by the viper at Melita (28:3-6).
- 26. He also healed those on the island (Melita) who were diseased (28:8-9

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