

What should the study of end time events result in?

1. EVANGELISM

The apostle Paul wanted the church at Colossae to pray "that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ." Then he said in the next verse "Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time." (Colossians 4:3-5) As we see the day of Christ's second coming approaching we need to, all the more, speak to others of Christ while we still have time.

2. PATIENCE & STEADFASTNESS

"You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)

3. KINDNESS

"Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door." (James 5:9)

4. PRAYER

"But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers." (1 Peter 4:7)

5. FAITHFULNESS IN ASSEMBLING TOGETHER AND ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 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." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

6. PURITY

"Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness... Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless" (2 Peter 3:11, 14 also see: 1 John 3:2-3)

7. JOY & CONFIDENCE

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the *blessed hope* and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ," (Titus 2:11-13)

A Brief Introduction to Bible Prophecy

God said, "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring *the end* from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done..." (Isaiah 46:9b-10). **Fulfilled prophecy** is something that sets the Bible apart from all other religious books. If you were to study the religious writings of the various world religions you would discover that there are **26 books** that followers of these religions claim are divinely inspired and yet *none* of these writings contain any specific fulfilled prophecies.

There are **no fulfilled prophecies** in the Qur'an, the Hindu Vedas, the Bhagavad-Gita, the sayings of Buddha and Confucius, or in the Book of Mormon.

The Bible on the other hand is filled with fulfilled prophecy. In fact, **27% of the Bible spoke prophetically** at the time it was written. The Bible's many authors did not just predict a couple of vague things like Jeane Dixon or Nostradamus. The Old Testament alone contains **hundreds of very specific prophecies** that have already come to pass.

The fact that these prophecies were literally fulfilled gives us **the intellectual basis** for believing that future, unfulfilled prophecies regarding the rapture of the church, a thousand year reign of Christ on earth, etc. will also be literally fulfilled.

The main intent of this timeline is to help clarify for you **the order of events** closely related to the *end times*, events like the rapture, the second coming of Christ, as well as the various coming judgments, and resurrections mentioned in the Bible, etc.

The timeline was designed to be used in conjunction **with your Bible**. You will notice that there are a wealth of verse references included in the timeline for you to look up and study.

May God bring many blessings to your heart as you study His word.

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Recommended References

Every Prophecy of the Bible
(formerly known as *The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook*)

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by Mark Hitchcock

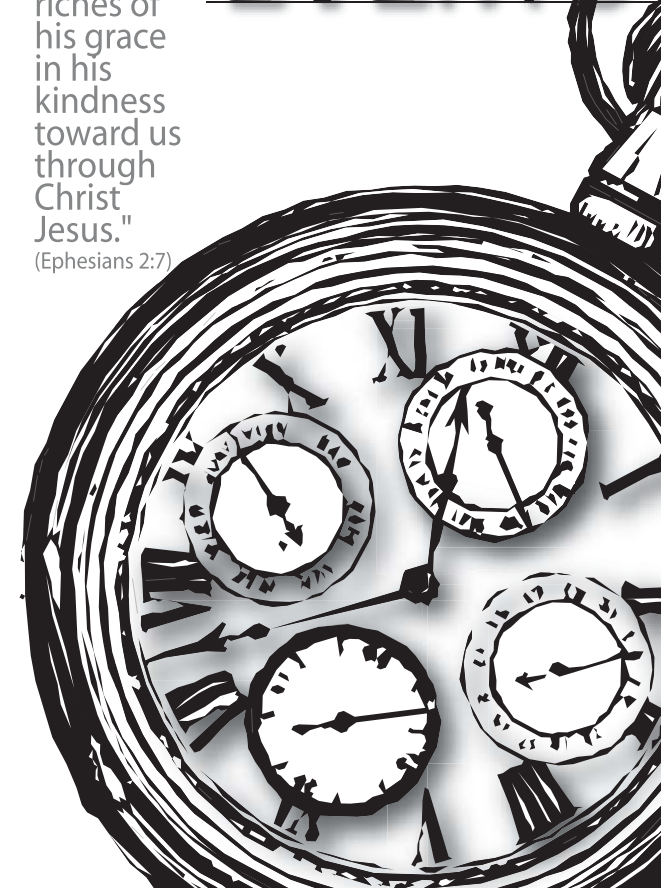
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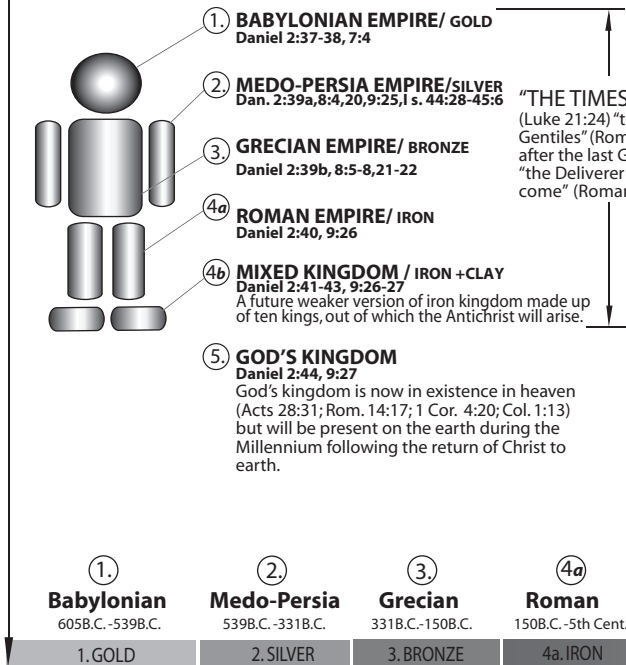
A BIBLICAL TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

"...that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."
(Ephesians 2:7)



NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF COMING KINGDOMS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE ESTABLISHING OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

God gave the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel in Daniel chapter 2. The interpretation includes the prophecy that God would set up an everlasting kingdom during the time of the ten kings of a Mixed Kingdom (see 4b below). Daniel said, "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44) This will happen when Jesus returns to earth immediately after the Tribulation.



*Timeline not to scale.

A BIBLICAL TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

Knowing that Christ could come at any time, the Bible instructs believers to be 1. Evangelizing the world (Colossians 4:3-5, Mark 16:15) 2. Patient and Steadfast (James 5:8) 3. Kind (James 5:9) 4. Prayerful (1 Peter 4:7) 5. Faithful in assembling together and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:24-25) 6. Conducting themselves in holiness and godliness (2 Peter 3:11, 14 and 1 John 3:2-3) 7. Joyfully confident (Titus 2:11-13)

BELIEVER'S IN HEAVEN, WHERE WORKS ARE JUDGED & REWARDED AT THE "BEMA" [Gk.] SEAT
(2 Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10-12, 1 Cor. 3:13-15, Mtt. 6:19-21, 19:21, 1 Tim. 6:18-19)

MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB
Jesus with the Church (Rev 19:6-9)

"THE DAY OF THE LORD" (2 Ptr. 3:8-10, 1 Thess.5:2-4)
"But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

"THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS"
(Phil. 1:6, 10, 2:16; 1 Thess. 5:2; 1 Cor. 1:8, 2 Cor. 1:14)

Satan thrown down to earth.
(Rev. 12:9-13)

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH
"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up ["/>harpazo"-Greek, "/>rapturo"-Latin] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:17) The coming of Christ for His Church is discussed in Jn. 14:2-3, 1 Thess. 4:16-18, 2 Thess. 2:1, 1 Cor. 15:50-53, Phil. 3:20-21. The rapture being prior to the tribulation wrath is supported by: 1st Thess. 1:10, 5:9-11, Nah. 1:2, Luke 21:35-36, Rev 3:10, God's history in delivering Noah & Lot from wrath.

THE ANTICHRIST DECLARES HIMSELF TO BE GOD.
(Dan. 7:20-21, 2 Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 13:5-6) puts an end to regular sacrifice and sets up the abomination that causes desolation. (Dan. 9:27; 12:11, Mtt. 24:15)

An Antichrist led world gov't is now fully in place (Rev. 13:7, 17:12-13). The false prophet (Rev. 13:1-10) performs signs and wonders (Rev. 13:13-14) and deceives the world into worshipping the Antichrist (Rev. 13:8, 12). The false prophet has the authority to kill those who will not worship him (Rev. 13:15). The false prophet requires a mark be given to all of Antichrist's followers that permits them to buy and sell (Rev. 13:16-18).

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING TO EARTH
Jesus returns (Matt 24:27-31, Rev 1:7) to Mount of Olives (Zech 14:3-4, Acts 1:11) with all his saints (1 Thess. 3:13, Rev. 19:8, 14) ending the rule of the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:8, Dan. 8:25b, Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45).

THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST
The millennial kingdom is the 1000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth (Rev. 20:1-6). Christ returns to the earth, establishing himself as king in Jerusalem, sitting on the throne of David (Luke 1:32-33, Is. 9:6-7, 11:1-10). God's people will be re-gathered from the nations (Matt. 24:31, Is. 11:11-16) and recognize Jesus as the Messiah (Zech. 12:10-14). The temple will be rebuilt to specification and filled with the glory of the Lord (Ez 40-46). The Apostles will rule the 12 tribes of Israel (Mat. 19:28, Luke 22:28-30). People from the nations surviving the tribulation will go yearly to Jerusalem to learn of God and to walk in his ways (Is. 2:1-4, Zech. 14:16-21, Micah 4:1-2). Resurrected believers and tribulation martyrs will reign with Christ (Rev. 20:6, 2:26, 2 Tim. 2:12). It will be a time of peace where weapons will be destroyed (Micah 4:3-4, Is. 2:4). It will be a time of obedience (Jer. 31:33, Dan 7:27) and holiness (Is. 35:8). The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God (Is. 11:9, Hab. 2:14). There will be improvements in the environment (Is. 35:1-2, 6-7). People will be healed of deformities (Is. 35:5-6). People will live full lives, building houses, planting vineyards, having children, enjoying the work of their hands (Is 65:20-23). It will be a time of gladness and joy, where sorrow and sighing shall flee away (Is. 35:10).

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT
The remaining dead will be raised (Rev. 20:11-13) to stand before Jesus (Jn. 5:22) and all will be judged for their works (Jn. 5:28-29, Matt. 25:31-46). Those not found in the book of life are thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever (Rev. 20:14-15) and then death itself will be destroyed (1 Cor. 15:24-26)

NEW HEAVEN NEW EARTH
The old heaven and old earth will pass away, melt away, be burned up, be dissolved (2 Ptr. 3:10-13) giving way to a new heaven and new earth (2 Ptr. 3:13, Rev. 21:1-22:5, Is. 65:17, 66:22). A new Jerusalem will come down from heaven (Rev. 21:2) and God will dwell with his people (Rev. 21:3). He will wipe away every tear, death will be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor pain (Rev. 21:4). The New Jerusalem will be 1,380 miles in each direction, adorned with precious foundation stones, its streets paved with pure gold (Rev. 21:15-21). The temple will be replaced by God the Father and Jesus who will give light to the city (Rev. 21:22-23, Is. 60:19-20). All people will come there to worship before God (Rev. 22:3, Is. 60:3, 66:22). There will be a river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the middle of the main street. The tree of life will be along each side of the river producing 12 kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month (Rev. 22:1-2). People will eat the fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God (Rev. 2:7). It's leaves will be used for healing the nations. The kings of the earth will bring their splendor, glory, honor, wealth, silver, gold, spices, animals, and lumber into the city, and the gates of the city will never be shut (Rev. 21:24-26, Is. 60:5-13, 16-17). And God's servants will reign with Him on the new earth forever and ever (Rev. 22:5, Luke 19:17, 19).

CHRIST'S FIRST COMING TO EARTH
(Is. 7:14, Mic. 5:2, Mtt. 1:21-23)

JESUS CHRIST IS RESURRECTED
(Ps. 16:10, Acts 2:27-31, John 20) followed forty days later by His ascension into heaven. (Acts 1:9-10)

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ISRAEL DECLARED A NATION
after 1,878 years w/out a homeland May 14, 1948.

4b Days of the ten kings in the Mixed Kingdoms (Dan. 2:41-44, Dan. 7:24-26, Rev. 17:12-14).

4b. IRON mixed w/clay
Signs Increasing (Mtt. 24:3-14)

Seal, Trumpet, & Bowl Judgments
(Mtt. 24:15-31, Rev. 6-16)

1,000 YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST
[See notes above]

JESUS CHRIST IS CRUCIFIED FOR OUR SINS
A.D. 30-33

The Bible recorded 1000 years prior in Psalm 22, 700 years prior in Isaiah 52:13-53:12, and 500 years prior in Daniel 9:22 how the Messiah would be "cut off".

ROMANS DESTROY THE JEWISH TEMPLE A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:26, Matt. 24:1-2, Luke 21:20-24). Jews scattered throughout world.

THE CHURCH AGE
From Pentecost (Acts 2) to the Tribulation (Rev 4).

JEW'S RETURNING TO HOMELAND
(Jeremiah 31:7-14, 32:37-38, 41)

RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS
The Bible teaches that those who have died as believers are "present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8, Phil. 1:21-24, Luke 23:43) but their bodies will be "raised imperishable" (1 Cor. 15:42-44) at the time of the rapture when "the dead in Christ will rise." (1 Thes. 4:16, Is. 26:19-21)

7 YEAR PEACE AGREEMENT made between Antichrist and Israel. (Dan. 9:27) Many commentators believe this is what will allow the Jews to rebuild their temple.

THE TRIBULATION PERIOD, 7 YEARS
(Matt.24:3-31). Also known as the "Seventieth Week [or 7 year period] of Daniel" (Dan. 9:24-27).

By this point, Jewish temple will be standing once again (2 Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 11:1-2).

THE "GREAT" TRIBULATION
(Mtt. 24:21, Rev. 6:1-18:24) culminating at Armageddon.

ARMAGEDDON
(Literally: the mount of Megiddo) armies from around the world will gather together at Megiddo in N. Israel before launching a massive attack against Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1-3, 14:1-5, Rev. 16:14,16; 19:19)

RESURRECTION OF TRIBULATION MARTYRS
(Rev. 20:4-6) This resurrection is the "first" resurrection (Rev. 20:4, 6), in which the tribulation martyrs will be raised to reign with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead do not come to life until the thousand years is ended (Rev 20:5, 11-15).

ANTICHRIST and false prophet thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20). Armies that attacked Israel will be destroyed (Rev. 19:21, Zech. 14:12-15).

SATAN IS BOUND
For a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

SATAN RELEASED, "for a short time" at the end of 1,000 years (Rev. 20:3, 7-10), deceiving the nations from Gog and Magog into going to war against the saints and Jerusalem (Ez. 38-39). Gog and Magog are consumed by fire from heaven (Rev. 20:9). Satan is thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).