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BIBLE PROPHECY

Christians should be interested in future events, especially today since the end of all things is soon to come. Yet while we know the return of Jesus Christ is soon, the Bible clearly states that no man knows the hour or day of His return.

1. Write Matthew 24:36 in your own words. _____

Many sincere Christians have been led astray by some who claim to know the day of the Lord's return. We find as we read God's word that the Lord's command to Christians in every age has **always** been, "Be ready!"

2. Briefly summarize the parable in Matthew 24:42-51. _____

The apostle Paul gave instructions not to be entangled by the things of this life because he felt the time was so short. Read I Corinthians 7:29-31. The Lord has always wanted His people to keep their hearts ready for his return.

I. THE RAPTURE

The next event on the church calendar is the Rapture. This event is not to be confused with the Return of Christ. Actually, both events are part of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The Rapture is a "catching away" to heaven of the redeemed while God prepares the earth for the Return of Christ.

To simplify this, we can say that Christ's Second Coming takes place in two parts:

A. The Rapture B. The Return

List five things that are told about the Rapture in I Thess. 4:16,17.

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. We see that in the Rapture the Lord will appear only in the sky and not actually touch the earth. We who are ready will be caught up to meet Him. At the end of the Tribulation the actual return of Christ will take place. What will happen during His Return that did not occur during the Rapture? Zech. 14:3,4; Job 19:25 _____

9. Only those who are ready will be aware of this “catching away” (the Rapture). Rewrite in your words the scene of Matthew 24:40-42 _____

10. In contrast, how many will see Christ at His Return? Rev. 1:7 _____

11. Before we move ahead in our study, it is important that you become acquainted with a simple chart. Go to the next page and look over the chart carefully; then draw it on a separate piece of paper. When you have done this, check here. []
12. To unbelievers the Rapture will be a surprise, catching them unaware. How is the Rapture described in scripture? I Thess. 5:2 _____

13. According to I Thess. 5:4,5, what will be the position of the faithful Christian? _____

14. Therefore, how are we encouraged to live? I Thess. 5:6,7 _____

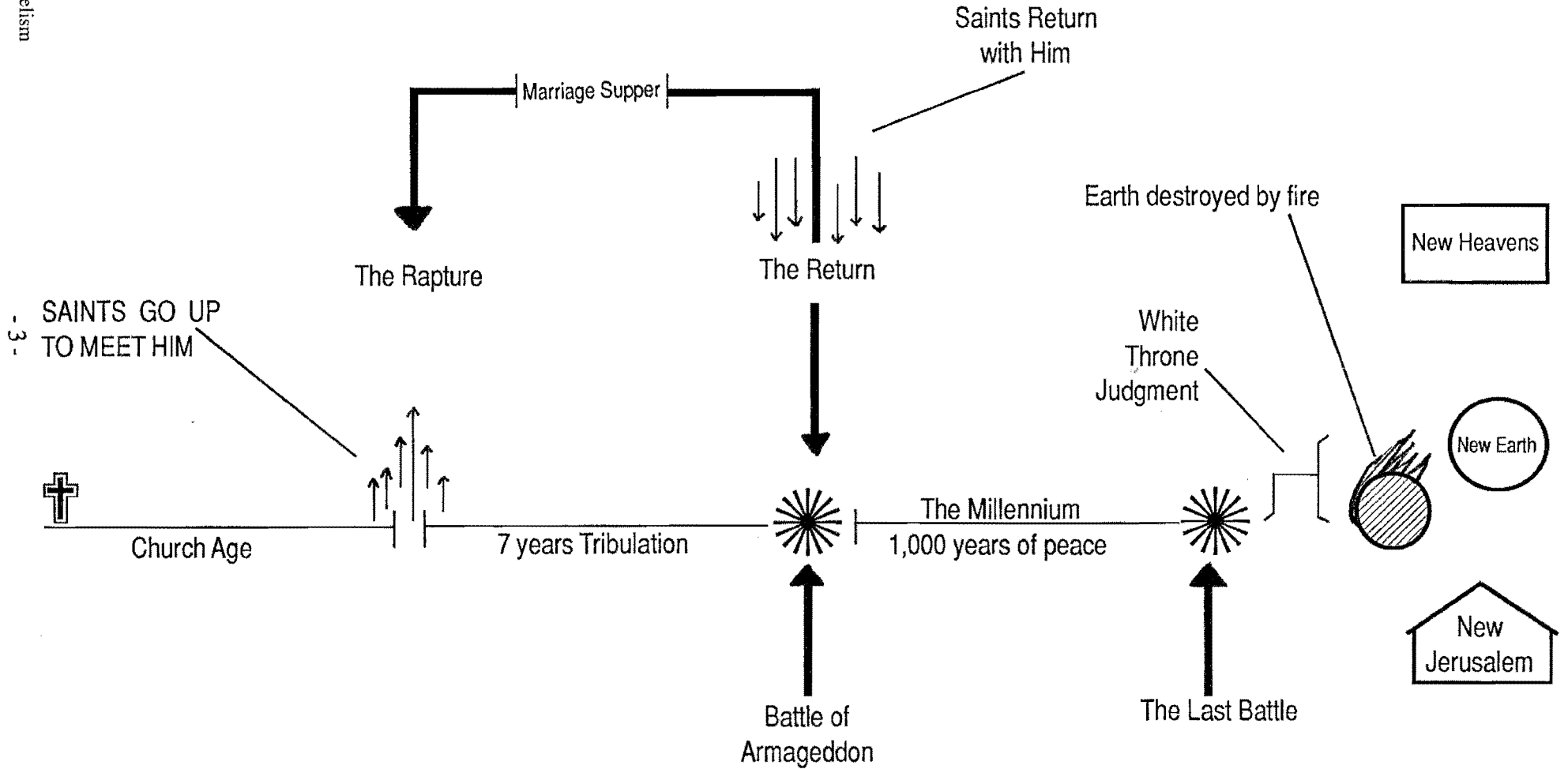
15. Immediately following the Rapture, the Tribulation will begin; it will be the greatest destruction the world has ever seen. What deception will be upon the world? I Thess. 5:2, _____

16. Although the world will be unprepared for the events of the Tribulation, this passage clearly tells us that the Church will stand ready. Look again at I Thess. 5:4,5, and write out these verses below.

17. Many Bible scholars agree that the Tribulation is the time when God judges the earth pouring out His wrath upon it. Some believe the Church will go through the Tribulation. What is the final conclusion of this important passage in I Thessalonians? I Thess. 5:9 _____

18. Looking once again at I Thess. 4:16,17, the best description of the Rapture we have in scripture, what is the Rapture to be for Christians? I Thess. 4:18 _____
The Rapture would be no comfort to us if we had to endure the wrath of God during the Tribulation.

Bible Prophecy Chart



II. THE TRIBULATION

As we have studied, the Rapture is followed by a time of terrible Tribulation upon the earth. The visions and prophecies of Daniel reveal that the Tribulation will last seven years—the worst years the world will ever experience.

19. Write Matt. 24:21 in your own words. _____

List six things that will occur before and during the Tribulation as told in Matt. 24:4-12.

20. _____
21. _____
22. _____
23. _____
24. _____
25. _____

The book of Revelation is almost entirely about the Tribulation. Beginning with a brief outline of Church history (chapters 1-3), the book unfolds the opening of the seals (chapter 6) which begins the Tribulation. The judgments of God are divided into seven trumpets and seven vials (or bowls).

From chapters 8 and 9, list briefly the first six trumpet judgments. Begin in Rev. 8:7.

26. _____
27. _____
28. _____
29. _____
30. _____
31. _____

The seventh trumpet judgment is found in Rev. 11:15. It is actually an introduction to the vial judgments. Read Rev. 11:15-18. The four and twenty elders, representative of the Church, have God's righteous perspective. They rejoice over the judgment of God through which the Lord brings an end to sin and repossesses the earth for Himself.

List the seven vial judgments described in chapter 16.

32. _____
33. _____
34. _____
35. _____

(Please continue on the next page.)

36. _____
37. _____
38. _____
39. Read further about this earthquake in Rev. 6:12-17. What are we told about every mountain and island on the face of the earth ? _____

No wonder God's promise of the Rapture is a comfort to His saints, for they will be caught away before these judgments take place!

III. THE END OF THE TRIBULATION: THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

During the Tribulation, there will arise one powerful world ruler whom the Bible calls Antichrist. Because the Jewish nation shall begin to serve God once again during the Tribulation, this evil ruler who will claim that he is God will gather the world's armies together to destroy Jerusalem. This last event of the Tribulation is called the Battle of Armageddon. Read once again the pouring out of the sixth vial in Rev. 16:12-16.

40. Inverse 13 we are told that spirits come out of the mouths of the _____, the _____ and _____. These three persons are part of the world rulership of Antichrist.
41. What do these spirits go out to do? Rev. 16:13,14 _____
42. Where are they gathered together? Rev. 16:14-16 _____
43. The battle of Armageddon is the same as the harvest spoken of in Rev. 14:17-20. The Bible describes the wicked men of the earth as a great vine that is to be cut down and crushed. How deep will the blood be at this battle? _____

The Bible states that blood will flow for 1600 furlongs, or about 200 miles. The Valley of Armageddon actually comprises the central interior of Israel. In the book of Joel this area is called the Valley of Jehoshaphat because King Jehoshaphat fought one of Israel's decisive battles there.

44. Read the passage in Joel 3:9-15. What is the call to the world in the first two verses? _____
45. Who do you think is saying, "I will judge"? v. 12 _____
46. What is the valley called in verse 14? _____
47. What physical manifestations in the heavens will happen at this time? v. 15 _____
48. Joel also tells of this battle in chapter two. Read Joel 2:1-10. What do we see in verse 10? _____

49. Once again, what do we read in Matt. 24:29? _____

IV. THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST TO THE EARTH

All of these passages concerning the battle of Armageddon continue in the next verses to relate the outcome of the battle. The Lord himself will return to earth and save His people.

50. Describe His coming from Matthew 24:30. _____

51. Now look again at the passage beginning in Joel 3:14. How is the Lord's coming described in verse 16? _____

The most detailed description of the Return of Christ is found in Rev. 19:11-15. List 10 facts that describe His coming.

52. _____

53. _____

54. _____

55. _____

56. _____

57. _____

58. _____

59. _____

60. _____

61. _____

62. Jesus, as described above, appears in the sky in the midst of the terrible battle of Armageddon. When He appears, how shall "that wicked" (Antichrist) be destroyed? II Thess. 2:8 _____

63. When the Lord returns, apparently all of the wicked men in the valley are killed. What does the angel do? Rev. 19:17,18 _____

Ezekiel also prophesied of this death feast. Answer the next two questions from Ezek. 39:17-22.

64. What will the heathen know? _____

65. What will Israel know after this, and for how long? _____

66. Look again at Rev. 19:14. Who are the Lord's armies clothed in fine linen? _____

Read Rev. 19:7,8.

67. The apostle Jude also speaks of an army. Who are they? Jude 14,15 _____

We find that in the Rapture the saints are caught up to meet Jesus in the air. At His Return, they accompany Him back to earth. What a glorious, unspeakable privilege has been given to His redeemed children! The reality of our return with Christ is also clear to the apostle Paul. Read I Thess. 3:13. The next chapter describes the Rapture—that blessed meeting in the air of Christ and His Church. The Bible clearly divides the Second Coming of Christ into the Rapture and the Return.

V. THE PERSONAL RULE OF CHRIST UPON THE EARTH: THE MILLENNIUM

When Jesus Christ returns to earth, He does not return merely to win one battle but to set up 1,000 years of perfect peace and righteousness upon the earth. This time is called the Millennium, a Latin word meaning “a thousand years.”

68. What happens to Satan after Armageddon and at the beginning of the Millennium? Rev. 20:1-3 _____

With Satan bound and many of the wicked kings and rulers killed in the battle of Armageddon, the Lord Jesus will begin His rule of righteousness upon the earth.

69. Much of the earth is desolate as a result of God’s judgments of wars, fires, plagues, and earthquakes during the Tribulation. Read Isaiah’s description of the earth in Isa. 24:1-12. Write out three especially descriptive phrases from any of these verses.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

70. The prophet Jeremiah also sees this terrible desolation at the end of the Tribulation. Read Jer. 4:23-27. What is the Lord’s promise in verse 27? _____

Scripture teaches that when Jesus returns to earth He will miraculously restore the earth, and creation will be more beautiful than we have ever known it. Read Isaiah 35. Answer the next two questions from this chapter.

71. What will happen to the desert? _____

72. What will happen in the wilderness? _____

73. How does Isaiah see this restored creation in Isa. 55:12? _____

74. We are told in Genesis that thorns and briars came as a result of sin. (Gen. 3:17,18) What will happen to these weeds? Isa. 55:13 _____

75. In Joel 2:21, what does the Lord tell the land? _____

76. In the next verse, what does the Lord tell the beasts? _____

During the Millennium the Lord will cause all the animals of creation to be at peace with one another. Read Isaiah 11:6-9 and answer the next three questions.

77. What kind of animals will be led by a child? _____

78. What will lions eat? _____

79. With what will the earth be filled? _____

80. When the Lord is King of the earth, what kind of covenant will He make with man and beast?

The Lord Jesus Christ will personally rule the earth. If we were to combine all the finest qualities of past presidents, governors and kings, we would still fall short of the perfect leadership of the Lord as He rules the earth. He will rule from Jerusalem making Israel the center of the earth.

Many times in prophecy the Lord Jesus is called "The Branch." Read in Isaiah 11 about the righteous and glorious rule of Christ upon the earth. What qualities will rest upon the great leader? Isa.11:2

81. _____ 82. _____

83. _____ 84. _____

85. _____ 86. _____

87. What will happen to the wicked who will not submit to His rule? Isa. 11:4 _____

88. What are the two "girdles" or belts that will characterize His rule? Isa. 11:5
a. _____
b. _____

89. What will He execute upon the earth? Jer. 23:5 _____

Psalms 72 begins by speaking about King Solomon, but the author is moved upon by the Holy Spirit and launches into a prophetic picture of the rule of the Lord Jesus upon the earth. Read all of Psalm 72 and answer the next two questions.

90. How vast will His dominion be? _____

91. With what will the whole earth be filled? _____

92. Although Christ will rule with love and peace, He will also rule with a strong hand. What is the symbol of His rule? Rev.19:15 _____

During the Millennium the Lord will honor and reestablish His people, the Jews, who will again have a temple and celebrate some of their ancient feasts.

93. What does Zechariah 6:12,13 say the “Branch” will build? _____
94. What feast will everyone be called to celebrate every year in the presence of the King? Zech. 14:9,16,17 _____

Chapter 60 of Isaiah is prophetic poetry of the day when Israel will be exalted as the center of the earth and the Gentiles (the rest of the world) will honor Israel and bear precious gifts to Jerusalem. The prophecy is addressed to the Jewish nation. After the gross darkness of the Tribulation, light will first appear in Jerusalem as King Jesus sets up His throne there. Read the chapter through once; then read it again carefully and answer the following three questions.

95. To what will the Gentiles and kings come? _____
96. Why will the gates of the city be open continually? (Note: In this passage the word forces means “wealth.”) _____
97. What will the walls and gates of Jerusalem be called in that day? _____

98. Read Isaiah 61:4-6. What will the Jews be called when strangers and Gentiles come to them?

Read Isaiah 65:18-25 and answer the following four questions.

99. What voices will never be heard again in Jerusalem? _____
100. From verse 20 we learn that during the Millennium man’s life span will be much longer. How old will a child be? _____
101. How close will the Lord be to hear the call of His people? _____
102. What animals will feed together? _____

The prophet Micah sees King Jesus exalted in Mount Zion. Answer the next three questions from Micah 4:1-3.

103. What will the nations say to one another? _____
104. What will the world do with its weapons? _____
105. What will never again be taught or learned? _____
106. Read Zech.8:20-23. What will the people of the world say to the Jews? _____

VI. THE LAST BATTLE

As we read earlier in Revelation 20, Satan will be bound and cast into a bottomless pit during the 1,000 years of peace and righteousness upon the earth. We also learned (see questions 87 and 92) that in spite of the beauty and perfection of the King, there will yet be some who rebel. In order to test men's hearts and loyalties, God will allow Satan to be loosed for a short season.

107. What will Satan do when he is released from his prison? Rev. 20:7,8 _____

Gog and Magog are thought to represent Northern Asia and Russia.

The following three questions can be answered from Revelation 20:9,10.

108. Where does this great army of Israel's enemies go, and why? _____

109. How does the Lord stop this final attack on Jerusalem? _____

110. After this battle, where is the devil sent, and for how long? _____

Many unbelievers maintain the argument that if they could really see Jesus they would believe in Him. The final battle proves that even in the fullness of Jesus' presence and glory on earth, even without Satan's evil influence, man will still choose to rebel against God. Man will not attempt to kill or crucify Jesus the second time He comes to earth because He will not come as the humble Son of Man but as the King of Kings with a rod of iron in His hand. Unless man submits to the transforming power of the gospel, he will always rebel against God.

VII. THE FINAL JUDGMENT

At the end of the Millennium the earth is destroyed by fire, and a new heaven and new earth are created. Before this takes place, however, there is a final judgment of all the unsaved dead. This judgment does not include believers because after the Rapture our **works** are judged and rewarded, but we are never judged nor condemned for our sins.

Answer the following five questions from Revelation 20:11-15.

111. On what kind of chair is the Lord seated? _____

112. How many books are opened? _____

113. What is one of the books called? Also see Rev. 21:27. _____

114. Other books contain the record of all the deeds that each individual has ever done. The dead are judged according to _____

115. Death and hell (hades) are merely waiting places until the final judgment. Where is the place of final judgment? _____

116. Who else is in this lake? Rev. 20:10 _____

The lake of fire is called the “second death” because death has already been experienced physically, but this is the eternal **judgment** of death. Some teachers have advocated the doctrine of “annihilation” saying that there is no eternal punishment of the unsaved. However, it is clear that God has chosen not to tamper with the human will nor destroy the human soul. Where a person chooses to spend eternity is up to him, but his consciousness will exist forever.

117. How long does Jesus say that punishment will last? Matt. 25:46 _____

VIII. THE NEW HEAVEN, THE NEW EARTH, AND THE NEW JERUSALEM

118. What will happen to the first earth and heaven? Rev. 21:1 _____

119. Will we think about the former earth when we enter into eternity? Isa. 65:17 _____

120. How long will the new heaven and the new earth remain? Isa. 66:22 _____

121. How will the earth be destroyed? II Peter 3:10-13 _____

122. When the New Jerusalem appears, what will be the glorious truth proclaimed from heaven? Rev. 21:2,3 _____

What five things will be wiped away forever? Rev. 21:4

123. _____ 124. _____

125. _____ 126. _____

127. _____

Write three things that the Lord will speak from His throne. Rev. 21:5,6.

128. _____

129. _____

130. _____

131. What will we inherit if we overcome? Rev. 21:7 _____

132. In the list of sinners in Rev. 21:8, unbelievers are listed along with murderers and whoremongers. God sees unbelief as a willful rejection of His salvation. Where will all unbelievers go? _____

133. What will the New Jerusalem have? Rev. 21:11 _____

134. What is unusual about the city? Rev. 21:18 _____

135. What are the 12 gates of the city? Rev. 21:21 _____

136. Why won't the city need the sun or moon? Rev. 21:23 _____

137. What will never enter the New Jerusalem? Rev. 21:27 _____

138. As servants of the Lord, what will we spend eternity doing? Rev. 22:3 _____

As Christians our greatest joy and fulfillment are in serving the Lord. God has planned that for all eternity we will be busy for Him, helping Him conduct the affairs of the new heaven, the new earth, and the whole universe! What a great plan God has for those who will serve Him now. No wonder the Bible says in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation...."

For a final exercise, please study the chart on page three until you can draw it from memory. Keep trying until you can draw the chart entirely from memory. When you are able to do this, without referring to the Bible Study, put an X in the box below.

139. I have drawn the Bible Prophecy chart from memory.

KEEP LOOKING UP — HE IS COMING SOON!

I have answered all questions and completed all memory work to the best of my ability.

Please indicate the version of the Bible you used to complete this study.

Date _____

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