

CHRISTOLOGY – The Doctrine of Jesus Christ

Part 8 The Second Coming Part 3

The 70th Week of Daniel on Earth (Cont.)

Gog & Magog / Ezekiel 38-39

- Gog, the ruler of Magog, with his allies will invade Israel and be conquered.
 - The nations are identified as Russia, Iran, Ethiopia/Sudan, Libya, & Turkey.
 - Noticeably absent are, Syria, Egypt and Iraq
 - Saudi Arabia, Spain (possibly Britain) protest
- Time frame: Anywhere from before, to during, or at the end of the Tribulation.

The 70th Week of Daniel in Heaven

The Bema Seat

Romans 14:10

But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

¹²Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 4:2, 5

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

The Marriage of the Lamb...

...is a phrase that beautifully describes the final and complete union of Jesus Christ and true believers.

Revelation 19:7-9

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine

linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

- The marriage has reference to the church and takes place in heaven, whereas the marriage supper has reference to Israel and takes place on earth in the form of the millennial kingdom¹
- Jesus is viewed on several occasions as the Bride groom

Matthew 9:15

And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

John 3:29

He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, ...rejoices greatly...

- The Church is seen as the Bride

Ephesians 5:23, 32

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church... This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

2 Corinthians 11:2

...I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you* as a chaste virgin to Christ.

Revelation 21:2, 9

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem...prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Then one...talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

- **Hebrew Marriage**

- 1) Betrothal: the groom travels from his father's house to the home of the bride and pays the dowry, the purchase price.
 - a. Jesus gave His life as the purchase price for us. (Mark 10:45)
- 2) The groom returns to his father's house and remains separate from his bride during which time he prepares the living accommodations
 - a. Jesus has gone to heaven to prepare a place for us (John 14:1-3)
- 3) The groom comes at an unexpected time as she waits in expectation for him.
 - a. Jesus will come at an unexpected time (Matthew 24:42)
- 4) He returns for his bride and they return to his father's house for the wedding ceremony, to celebrate the wedding.
 - a. He will take us home to heaven to be with Himself. During which time the earth will experience the Great Tribulation. (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess 4:16-18)

Matthew 26:29

"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

The Second Coming

Acts 1:10-11

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Revelation 1:7, 11, 15-16

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

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.

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. And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Millennium

- Jesus reigns on the throne of David

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

- Jesus reigns with the saints for 1,000 years

Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

- Conditions during the Millennium will depict a perfect environment

Isaiah 11:4-9

...with righteousness He shall judge the poor, Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; Their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

- Some feel the catastrophic judgments of the tribulation will change the earth's surface to restore the gentle climate (via the water canopy) that was present in the beginning.

Isaiah 35:1-10

... the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;

...They shall see the glory of the Lord...

... Behold, your God will come with vengeance...He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.

...A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.

The unclean shall not pass over it...No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it... But the redeemed shall walk there,

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With

everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Isaiah 65:20-22

“No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days...For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Romans 8:19-21

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God... because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The Great White Throne Judgment

- At the end of the Millennium the unsaved dead of all ages are resurrected and judged at the great white throne. They will be condemned and cast into the lake of fire, their final abode.

Revelation 20:11, 15

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.

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The New Heaven & Earth

Following the Millennium, the heavens and the earth will be destroyed and new ones created.

2 Peter 3:10

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.

2 Peter 3:13

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Revelation 21:1-4

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth...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. 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.”

¹ Enns, P. P. (1997, c1989). *The Moody handbook of theology* (393). Chicago, Ill.: Moody Press.

Outline of End-Time Events Predicted in the Bible*

I. Events Before, During, and After the Seven-Year End-Time Period

(This seven-year period is the 70th "seven" of Daniel, Dan. 9:27.)

A. Events immediately before the seven-year period

1. Church raptured (John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:16-18; Rev. 3:10)
2. Restraint removed (2 Thes. 2:7)
3. Judgment seat of Christ (in heaven, 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
4. Antichrist rises to power over the Roman confederacy (Dan. 7:20, 24)¹

B. Event at the beginning of the seven-year period

Antichrist (the coming "ruler") makes a covenant with Israel (Dan. 9:26-27)

C. Events in the first half of the seven-year period

1. Israel living in peace in the land (Ezek. 38:8)
2. Temple sacrifices instituted (Rev. 11:1-2)
3. World church dominates religion and the Antichrist (Rev. 17)

D. Events perhaps just before the middle of the seven-year period

1. Gog and his allies invade Israel from the north (Ezek. 38:2, 5-6, 22)²
2. Gog and his allies destroyed by God (Ezek. 38:17-23)²

E. Events at the middle of the seven-year period

1. Satan cast down from heaven and energizes the Antichrist (Rev. 12:12-17)
2. Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel, causing her sacrifices to cease (Dan. 9:27)
3. The 10 kings under the Antichrist destroy the world church (Rev. 17:16-18)
4. The 144,000 Israelites saved and sealed (Rev. 7:1-8)³

F. Events of the second half of the seven-year period

These three-and-one-half years are called "the Great Tribulation" (Rev. 7:14; cf. "great distress," Matt. 24:21; "time of distress," Dan. 12:1; and "a time of trouble for Jacob," Jer. 30:7)

1. Rebellion (apostasy) against the truth in the professing church (Matt. 24:12; 2 Thes. 2:3)⁴
2. Antichrist becomes a world ruler (1st seal, ⁵ Rev. 6:1-2) with support of the Western confederacy (Rev. 13:5, 7; 17:12-13)
3. Antichrist revealed as "the man of lawlessness," "the lawless one" (2 Thes. 2:3, 8-9)
4. War, famine, and death (2nd, 3rd, and 4th seals, ⁵ Rev. 6:3-8)
5. Converted multitudes from every nation martyred (5th seal, ⁵ Rev. 6:9-11; 7:9-14; Matt. 24:9)
6. Natural disturbances and worldwide fear of divine wrath (6th Seal, ⁵ Rev. 6:12-17)
7. Antichrist's image (an "abomination") set up for worship (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 13:14-15)
8. Two witnesses begin their ministry (Rev. 11:3)¹
9. The false prophet promotes the Antichrist, who is worshiped by nations and unbelieving Israel (Matt. 24:11-12; 2 Thes. 2:11; Rev. 13:4, 11-15)
10. Mark of the beast used to promote worship of the Antichrist (Rev. 13:16-18)

11. Israel scattered because of the anger of Satan (Rev. 12:6, 13-17) and because of the "abomination" (Antichrist's image) in the temple (Matt. 24:15-26)
12. Jerusalem overrun by Gentiles (Luke 21:24; Rev. 11:2)
13. Antichrist and false prophets deceive many people (Matt. 24:11; 2 Thes. 2:9-11)
14. The gospel of the kingdom proclaimed (Matt. 24:14)
15. Israel persecuted by the Antichrist (Jer. 30:5-7; Dan. 12:1; Zech. 13:8; Matt. 24:21-22)
16. Trumpet judgments (Rev. 8-9) and bowl judgments (Rev. 16) poured out by God on Antichrist's empire
17. Blasphemy increases as the judgments intensify (Rev. 16:8-11)

G. Events concluding the seven-year period

1. Two witnesses slain by the Antichrist (Rev. 11:7)⁷
2. Two witnesses resurrected (Rev. 11:11-12)⁷
3. The king of the South (Egypt) and the king of the North fight against the Antichrist (Dan. 11:40a)⁸
4. Antichrist enters Israel and defeats Egypt, Libya, and Ethiopia (Dan. 11:40a-43)⁸
5. Armies from the East and the North move toward Israel (Dan. 11:44; Rev. 16:12)
6. Jerusalem is ravaged (Zech. 14:1-4)
7. Commercial Babylon is destroyed (Rev. 16:19; 18:1-3, 21-24)
8. Signs appear in the earth and sky (Isa. 13:10; Joel 2:10, 30-31; 3:15; Matt. 24:29)
9. Christ returns with the armies of heaven (Matt. 24:27-31; Rev. 19:11-16)
10. Jews flee Jerusalem facilitated by topographical changes (Zech. 14:5)
11. Armies unite at Armageddon against Christ and the armies of heaven (Joel 3:9-11; Rev. 16:16; 19:17-19)⁸
12. Armies are destroyed by Christ (Rev. 19:19, 21)⁸
13. The "beast" (Antichrist) and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20)

H. Events following the seven-year period

1. Final regathering of Israel (Isa. 11:11-12; Jer. 30:3; Ezek. 36:24; 37:1-14; Amos 9:14-15; Micah 4:6-7; Matt. 24:31)
2. A remnant of Israelites turn to the Lord and are forgiven and cleansed (Hosea 14:1-5; Zech. 12:10; 13:1)
3. National deliverance of Israel from the Antichrist (Dan. 12:1b; Zech. 12:10; 13:1; Rom. 11:26-27)
4. Judgment of living Israel (Ezek. 20:33-38; Matt. 25:1-30)
5. Judgment of living Gentiles (Matt. 25:31-46)
6. Satan cast into the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3)
7. Old Testament saints resurrected (Isa. 26:19; Dan. 12:1-3)
8. Tribulation saints resurrected (Rev. 20:4-6)
9. Daniel 9:24 fulfilled
10. Marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-9)
11. Christ begins His reign on earth (Ps. 72:8; Isa. 9:6-7; Dan. 2:14-35; 44; 7:13-14; Zech. 9:10; Rev. 20:4)

II. Characteristics and Events of the Millennium

A. Physical characteristics

1. Topography and geography of the earth changed (Isa. 2:2; Ezek. 47:1-12; 48:8-20; Zech. 14:4, 8, 10)
2. Wild animals tamed (Isa. 11:6-9; 35:9; Ezek. 34:25)
3. Crops abundant (Isa. 27:6; 35:1-2, 6-7; Amos 9:13; Zech. 14:8)
4. Human longevity increased (Isa. 65:20-23)

B. Spiritual and religious characteristics and events

1. Satan confined in the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3)
2. Millennial temple built (Ezek. 40:5-43:27)
3. Animal sacrifices offered as memorials to Christ's death (Isa. 56:7; 66:20-23; Jer. 33:17-18; Ezek. 43:18-27; 45:13-46:24; Mal. 3:3-4)
4. Feasts of the New Year, Passover, and Tabernacles reinstated (Ezek. 45:18-25; Zech. 14:16-21)
5. Nations worship in Jerusalem (Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:2; 7:12; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-21)
6. Worldwide knowledge of God (Isa. 11:9; Jer. 31:34; Micah 4:5; Hab. 2:14)
7. Unparalleled filling of and empowerment by the Holy Spirit on Israel (Isa. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 36:24-29; 39:29; Joel 2:28-29)
8. New Covenant with Israel fulfilled (Jer. 31:31-34; Ezek. 11:19-20; 36:25-32)
9. Righteousness and justice prevails (Isa. 9:7; 11:4; 42:1-4; Jer. 23:5)

C. Political characteristics and events

1. Israel reunited as a nation (Jer. 3:18; Ezek. 37:15-23)
2. Israel at peace in the land (Deut. 30:1-10; Isa. 32:18; Hosea 14:5, 7; Amos 9:15; Micah 4:4; 5:4-5a; Zech. 3:10; 14:11)
3. Abrahamic Covenant land-grant boundaries established (Gen. 15:18-21; Ezek. 47:13-48:8, 23-27)
4. Christ in Jerusalem rules over Israel (Isa. 40:11; Micah 4:7; 5:2b)
5. Davidic Covenant fulfilled (Christ on the throne of David, 2 Sam. 7:11-16; Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 33:17-26; Amos 9:11-12, Luke 1:32-33)
6. Christ rules over and judges the nations (Isa. 11:3-5; Micah 4:2-3a; Zech. 14:9; Rev. 19:15)
7. Resurrected saints reign with Christ (Matt. 19:28; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 5:10; 20:6)
8. Universal peace prevails (Isa. 2:4; 32:17-18; 60:18; Hosea 2:18; Micah 4:2-4; 5:4; Zech. 9:10)
9. Jerusalem made the world's capital (Jer. 3:17; Ezek. 48:30-35; Joel 3:16-17; Micah 4:1, 6-8; Zech. 8:2-3)
10. Israel exalted above the Gentiles (Isa. 14:1-2; 49:22-23; 60:14-17; 61:5-9)
11. The world blessed through Israel (Micah 5:7)

D. Events following the Millennium

1. Satan released from the abyss (Rev. 20:7)
2. Satan deceives the nations (Rev. 20:8)
3. Global armies besiege Jerusalem (Rev. 20:9a)
4. Global armies destroyed by fire (Rev. 20:9b)
5. Satan cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10)
6. Evil angels judged (1 Cor. 6:3)
7. The wicked dead resurrected (Dan. 12:2b; John 5:29b)
8. The wicked judged at the Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-14)
9. The wicked cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8)

III. Eternity

- A. Christ delivers the mediatorial (millennial) kingdom to God the Father (1 Cor. 15:24)
- B. Present heavens and earth demolished (Rev. 21:1)
- C. New heavens and new earth created (2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 21:1)
- D. New Jerusalem descends to the new earth (Rev. 21:2, 10-27)
- E. Christ rules forever in the eternal kingdom (Isa. 9:6-7; Ezek. 37:24-28; Dan. 7:13-14; Luke 1:32-33; Rev. 11:15)

Notes

1. Some identify Antichrist's initial rise to power with the first seal judgment (Rev. 6:1-2)
2. Some place the battle of Gog and his allies at the very middle of the seven-year period; others place it later.
3. Some say the 144,000 will be saved and sealed in the first half of the seven-year period.
4. According to some, this apostasy will begin in the first half of the seven-year period.
5. Many premillenarians place the seal judgments in the first half of the seven-year period.
6. Some Bible scholars say the work of the two witnesses will be in the first half of the seven-year period.
7. Some suggest that the two witnesses will be slain and resurrected in the first half of the seven-year period.
8. Some equate these events with the battle of Gog and his allies.

*Though premillenarians differ on the order of some of these events (see notes at the end of this outline) they do include all these events in the pattern of the end times. ¹

¹Walvoord, J. F., Zuck, R. B., & Dallas Theological Seminary. (1983-c1985). *The Bible knowledge commentary : An exposition of the scriptures* (1:1319). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.