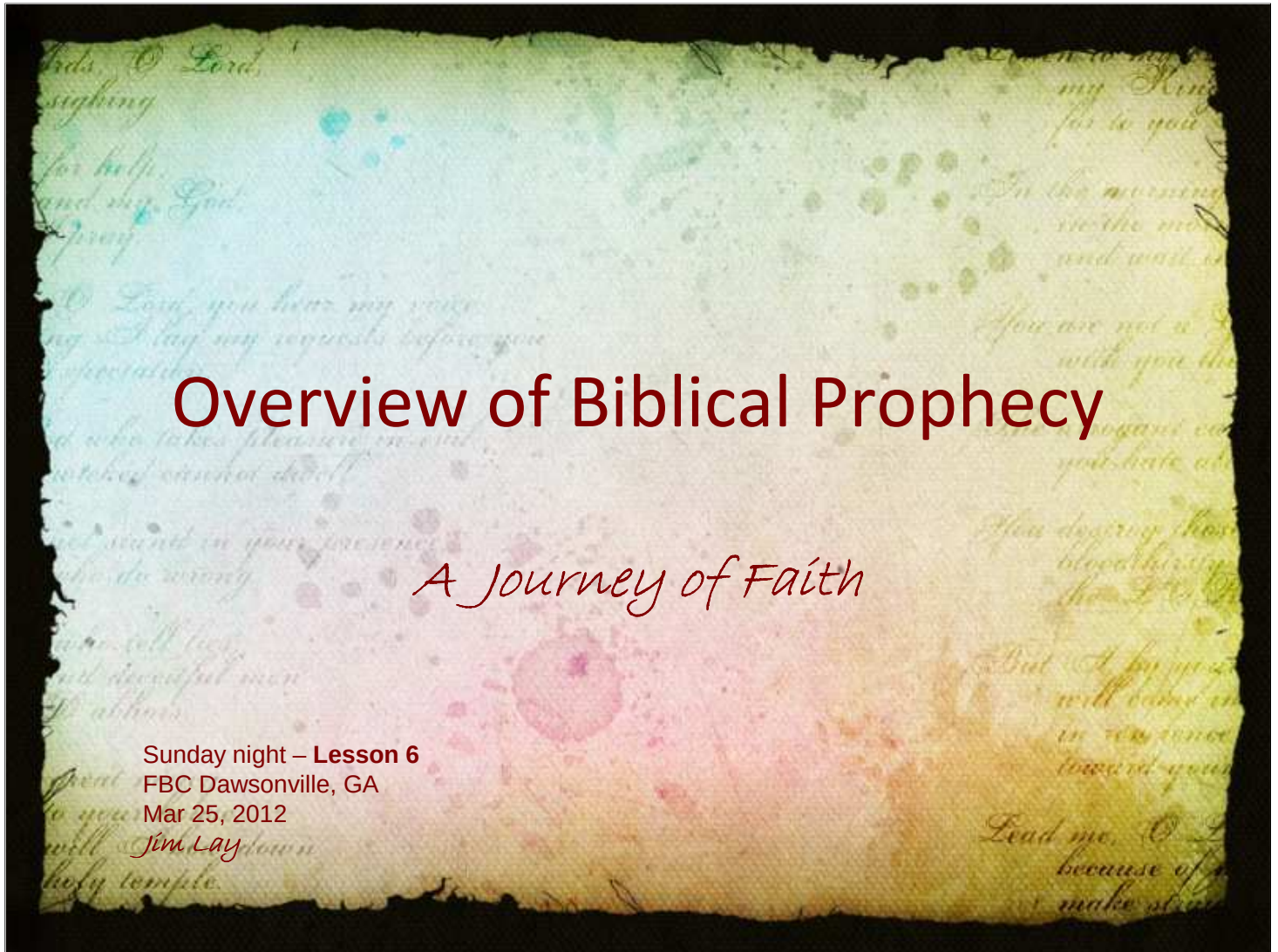
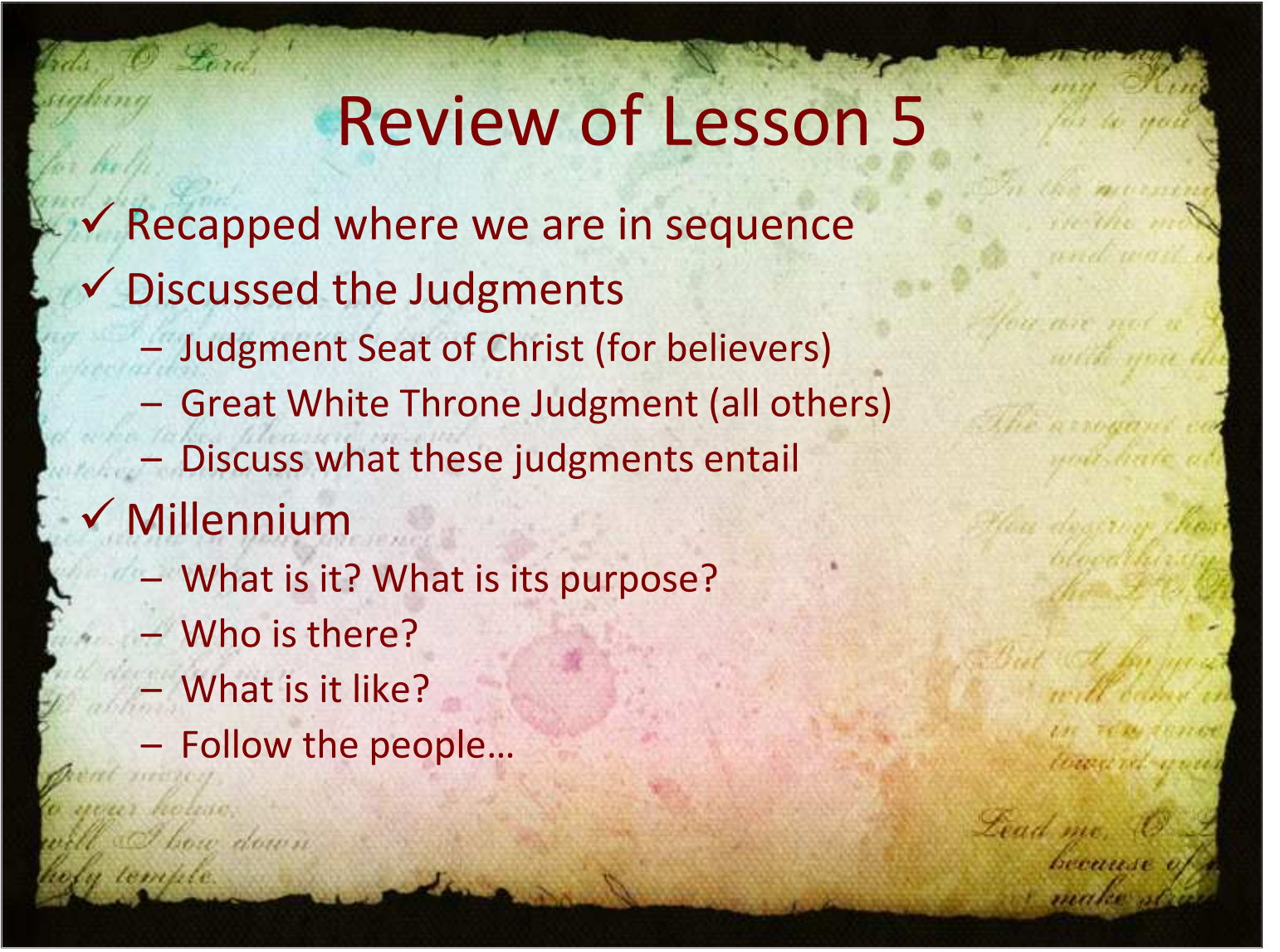




This is the 6th lesson and concluding lesson on the Prophecy Overview.
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Review of Lesson 5

- ✓ Recapped where we are in sequence
- ✓ Discussed the Judgments
 - Judgment Seat of Christ (for believers)
 - Great White Throne Judgment (all others)
 - Discuss what these judgments entail
- ✓ Millennium
 - What is it? What is its purpose?
 - Who is there?
 - What is it like?
 - Follow the people...

Two weeks ago we discussed these items. I know you have some questions, so we will have a time at the end to discuss them. I also have the question that Charlie asked at the end of the lesson regarding the timing of the Judgment Seat of Christ which I will answer more fully.

By now we have discussed all the top items that occur in the End Times narrative from Matthew 24 and 25, except for the Eternal State. We will discuss that tonight.

Last Week

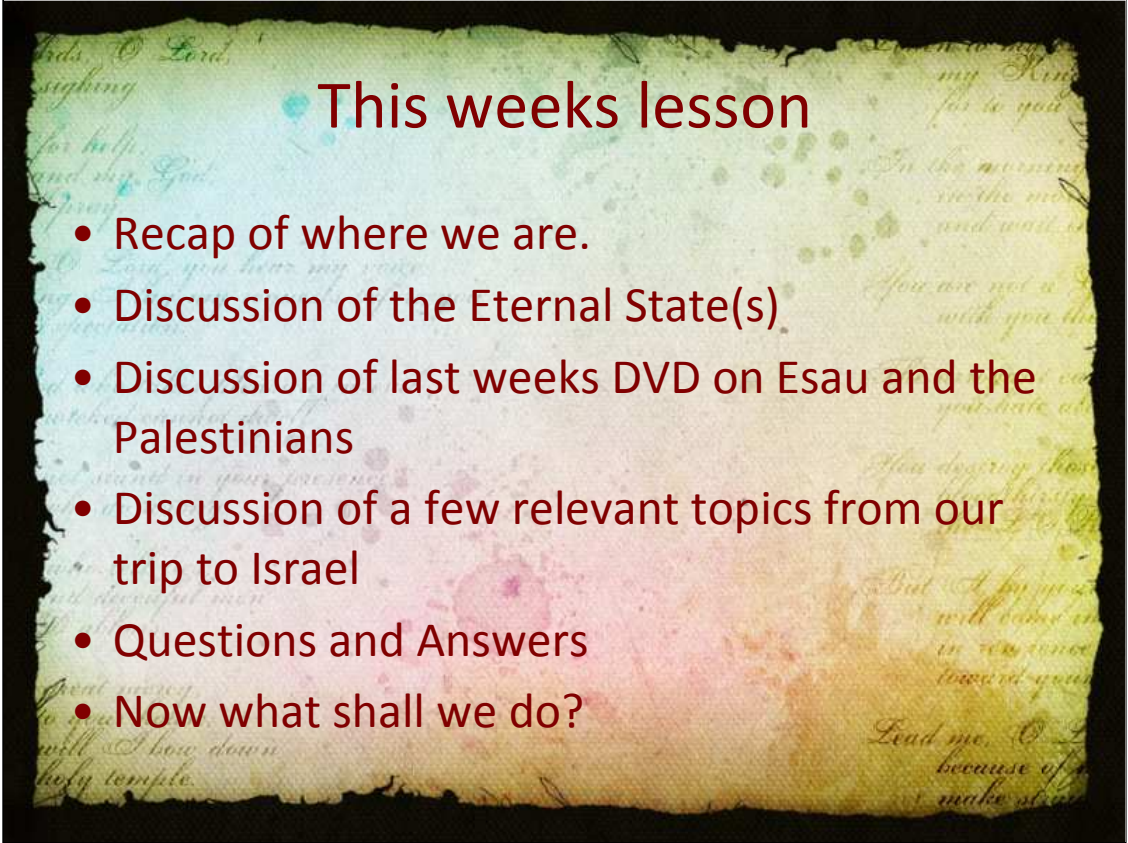
- ✓ Vicki and I will be in Israel and will not be here but we have a program you will enjoy
 - ✓ Introduction and then a video called "Esau and the Palestinians" by Jimmy DeYoung
 - ✓ Dispels the notion that all "muslims" are descendants of Mohammad and Arabs
 - ✓ See where the roots of bitterness flow from in the land and people around Israel
 - We will finish our study the following Sunday night

Please Pray for us and our group while we are in Israel

THANK YOU

We have much to share over the next few weeks, it is mind boggling to try and piece together all we have learned but we will talk a little tonight about the relevant thoughts pertaining to prophecy.

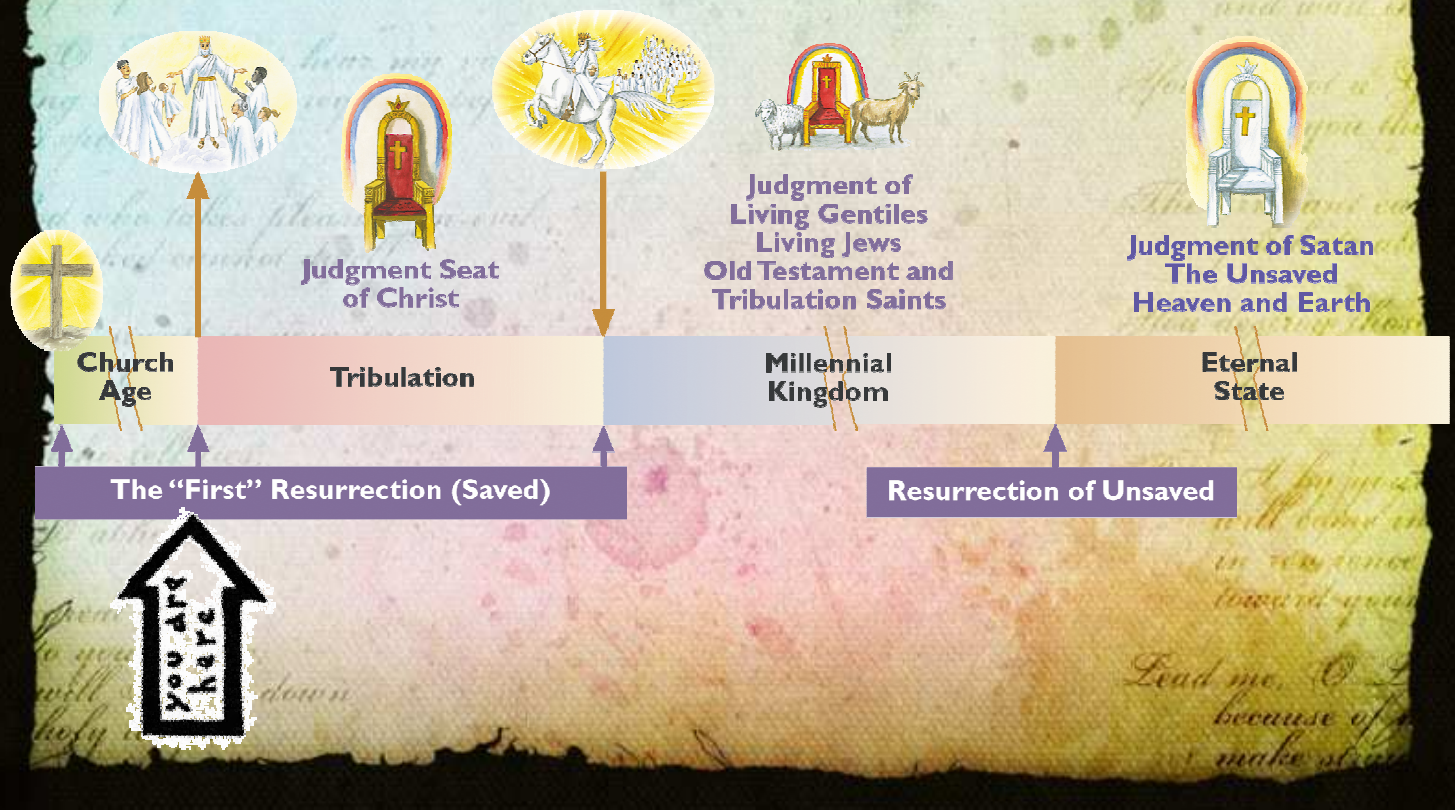
Thank you for praying for us, we felt safe and prayed for all week.



• This weeks lesson

- Recap of where we are.
- Discussion of the Eternal State(s)
- Discussion of last weeks DVD on Esau and the Palestinians
- Discussion of a few relevant topics from our trip to Israel
- Questions and Answers
- Now what shall we do?

Judgment Overview

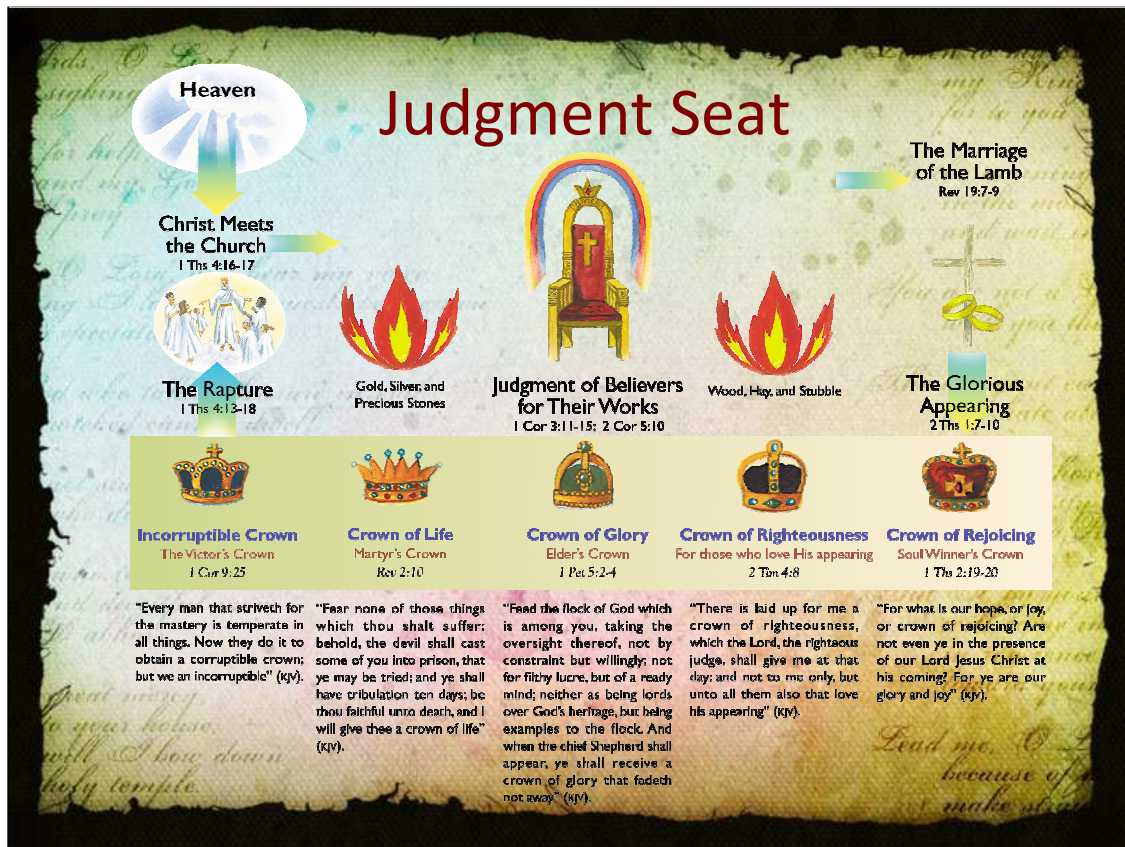


I have titled this slide "Here come da Judge" because I believe most people don't even think about judgment at all, much less that they will be judged. There are two judgments and two resurrections we need to look at in scripture.

The Coming Judgments

- The resurrections in Scripture fall into two categories:
the first resurrection, or the resurrection of **life**; and
the second resurrection, or the resurrection of **judgment** (John 5:28-29).

The first resurrection includes the redeemed of all the ages. The timing of the resurrection of these individuals varies, depending upon whether they are an Old Testament saint (Jew or Gentile), a Christian living before or at the time of the Rapture, or a Christian martyred during the Tribulation. All of these people will take part in the "resurrection of life" (John 5:29).



So if all the redeemed are to appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, what is this Judgment for?

The Judgment Seat of Christ - Immediately* after the Rapture, every Christian will stand before Christ to be judged by Him. This judgment has nothing to do with salvation, for only the saved will be there. Paul mentions our appearance before "the judgment seat of Christ" in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10.

Every believer is saved, and this is NOT a judgment for Heaven or Hell. Each of us, when Christ died for us, were forgiven of all our sins...past, present, and future. God knows what we did, will do, and are doing now. He is not surprised. His Atoning death covered all your sins and my sins. In Him we are judged righteous to stand before the Lord, with all our sin covered by the blood of the Lamb. **BUT, each of us is accountable to the Lord for what we have done with the time and talent and call from the Lord. Some call this Judgment for our Works, but I prefer to characterize it as Judgment for our Obedience to His call.**

The Bible tells us clearly we all have crowns awaiting us in Heaven: (*Earned Crown- Stephanos*)

Incorruptible Crown
Crown of Life
Crown of Glory
Crown of Righteousness
Crown of Rejoicing

- The exact timing of the Judgment Seat of Christ is not known, except for two things that bracket it. Most of the commentators believe it will be "immediately" after the rapture. Here are the scriptures that support this view.

When will the Judgment Seat of Christ Occur?

The Judgment of **believers** will occur immediately following the rapture. The rapture is a future event, an imminent event, when all born again believers will be caught up in the air by Jesus and taken home, by Him, to Heaven. The timing of the Judgment Seat of Christ is given in the following scriptures:

- In **Luke 14:12-14**, reward is associated with the resurrection and the rapture is when the church is resurrected. The term "church" refers to believers.
- In **Revelation 19:8**, when the Lord returns with His bride at the end of the tribulation, she is seen **already rewarded**. Her reward is described as fine linen, the righteous acts of the saints undoubtedly the result of rewards.
- In **2 Timothy 4:8** and **1 Corinthians 4:5**, rewards are associated with "that day" and with the Lord's coming. Again, for the church this means the event of the rapture.

So the order of events will be

- the rapture which includes our glorification or resurrection bodies,
- exaltation into the heavens with the Lord,
- examination before the Bema (Greek for Judgment Seat), and
- compensation or rewards.

Actual timing is not given but there is no mention of any delay so most believe it is quickly done, but that is a matter of faith not scripture.

Purposes of Millennium

- Final Destruction of Satan, Death, and Hades
 - Not need Death and Hades any longer because there will be no death or place to hold them
- Final human population makes choice that all must make...accept or reject Christ
- Fulfill God's promise to David that his kingdom and throne would last for eternity
- Finish all things earthly to prepare for the New Heaven, New Earth, and Eternity
 - Reward the Faithful
 - Redeem Creation
 - Recognize the promises of God
 - Re-affirm the total depravity of Man

Just a quick review of the purpose for the Millennium

What is the Millennium Kingdom like?

- Christ will be the King of Kings
- Jerusalem will be its Capital city – Isa 2:3
- Saints will rule the Nations under Christ's authority – Dan 7:18,22,27
- Saints will judge the world – 1 Cor 6:2-3
- Saints will be priests of God and Christ – Rev 20:4,6
- Nations will exist but wars will cease – Isa 2:4
- Characterized by Righteousness, peace, tranquility, and justice for all the oppressed -Isa 11:3-5
- Animals at peace with each other and man – Isa 11:6-11
- Earth full of knowledge of the Lord – Isa 11:9
- Sickness and deformity eliminated and life prolonged
- Final brief identification of those who believe and do not believe and destruction of the unbelievers

Jerusalem will be the capital of the Millennium Kingdom – Isa 2:3

Isa 11:6-11

6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

How do we know we are close?

- 3 predominate signs and one super sign
 - Sign 1 - The regathering of Jews for the 3rd and final time back to Israel (May 1948). As we talked about last week, this is the gathering in unbelief
 - Sign 2 - The birth pains mentioned in Matthew 24
 - Wars, Revolutions, Earthquakes, fires, tsunamis, hurricanes, floods, drought...all coming in increasing drumbeats
 - Deception rising, increase in wickedness, love grow cold, turning away from the Faith, betrayal, false prophets
 - Sign 3 - Seeds for the One world government and one world church growing rapidly.
- Super Sign – Israel is God's timepiece
 - Watch prophecy be fulfilled before your eyes if you pay attention to what is happening in Israel and around Israel and because of Israel.

We talked last week briefly about the 3 temples and the dispersions and regathering of the Jews back to Israel for the final time. Prophecy indicated that when the temple was destroyed the last time (70ad) by the Romans, the Jews would be dispersed to the ends of the earth...which is exactly what happened.

In 1948, after the holocaust, the Jews were given their homeland and regathered from all the world back to Israel. This is continuing to happen. From the meager start of 600,000 Jews to about 7 Million today in Israel, this is amazing. No longer is Israel a weak nation dependent on others and incapable of defending herself. Today Israel is powerful, and fully capable of defense. Prime Minister Netanyahu addressed the American Israeli PAC with a fully aggressive speech about not permitting Israel to be defenseless or guided by others.

Discuss gathering of Nations for Ezekiel's war
Discuss Temple Institute and Israel getting ready for Temple to be rebuilt
Discuss Russian protection and alliance with Syria and Iran (Persia)
Turkey and its changing role in the middle east
Persecution of Christians in Muslim lands
Rise of Militant Islam and State sponsored terrorism
Iran's belligerent tone and language
Pakistan's weakness and increasing alliance with militant Islam
Rising violence in and around the Temple Mount
Rising Anti-Semitism across Europe
United Nations condemnation of Israel for defending herself
United States softening support for Israel

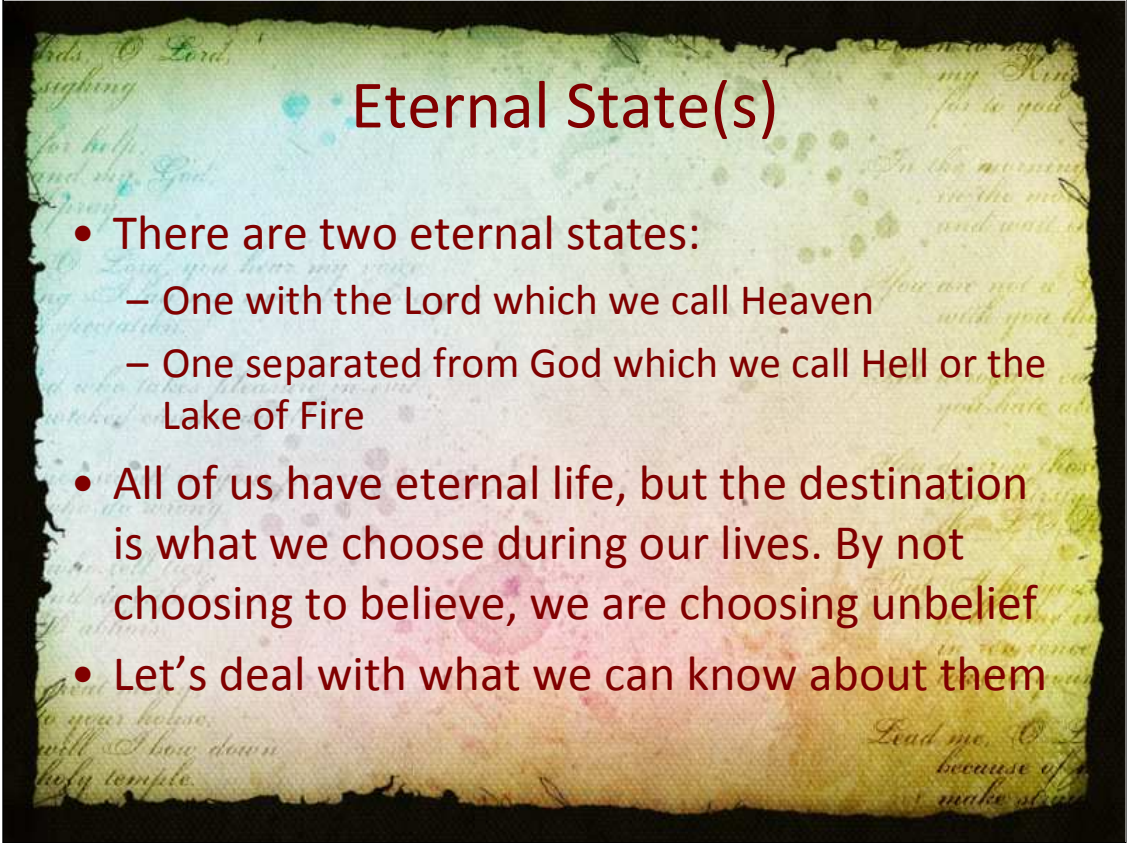
By the way, these are signs of the 2nd coming, not the rapture. Since the gathering of Israel, there are no signs required for the Rapture. It is imminent and if the signs for the 2nd coming are appearing, it is 7 years beyond the Rapture...we know it is close.

Another puzzle piece I will mention regarding our trip to Israel involves Qumran and the dead sea scrolls. Don't let me forget



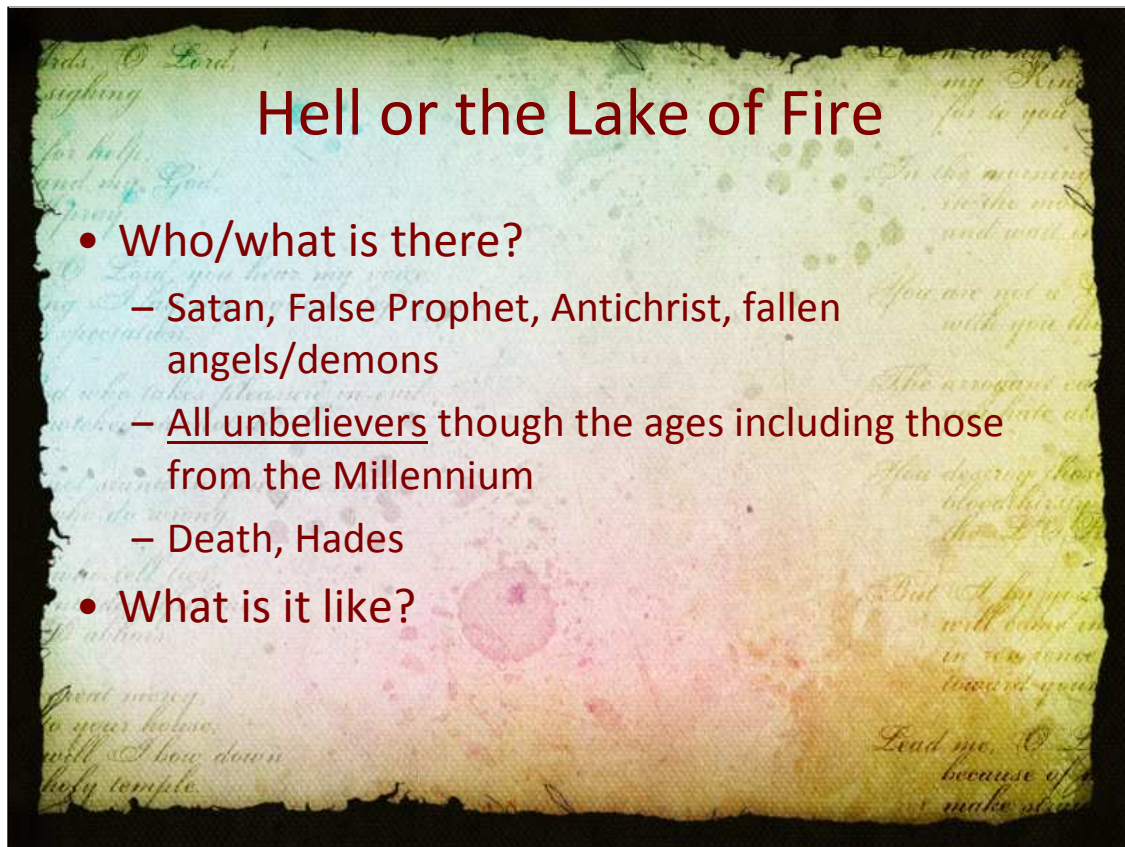
These are the key signs to watch. Next time we meet I will talk about several of them, but Israel is a key sign, and I believe we are seeing dramatic increases in activity of these signs plus the wars and natural calamities we are seeing.

You see red arrows in the slides between Scoffers and Moral Breakdown. These reference verses are reversed.



Eternal State(s)

- There are two eternal states:
 - One with the Lord which we call Heaven
 - One separated from God which we call Hell or the Lake of Fire
- All of us have eternal life, but the destination is what we choose during our lives. By not choosing to believe, we are choosing unbelief
- Let's deal with what we can know about them



- Who/what is there?
 - Satan, False Prophet, Antichrist, fallen angels/demons
 - All unbelievers though the ages including those from the Millennium
 - Death, Hades
- What is it like?

Some basics; Hell is not Hades. There is no purgatory in the Bible. No one is in Hell now. If you use a KJV Bible, they use “Hell” in place of Hades in many references. Check a newer version or Greek Interlinear to mark it correctly (ie. Story of Rich man-Lazarus in “hell” is really Hades in Luke 16)

Hell is a real place – The Old Testament word is Gehenna which is a burning dump outside the city

It is a place of fiery heat, darkness, and torment. It is a place of wailing and gnashing of teeth. It is a place where all the opposers of God are meeting their final place for eternity.

There is no escape or getting out of Hell...It is Final and irrevocable. No one is prayed out of Hell

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” **Matt 10:28**

“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night”... **Rev 14:11**

“...Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” **Matt 25:41**

A place without God : “Who shall be punished with EVERLASTING destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power”

2 Thess 1:9

“The Son of man (Jesus) shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” . **Matt 13:41, 42**



John 14:1-4

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In **my Father’s house** are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I am going there to prepare a place for you.** 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me **that you also may be where I am.** 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Physical / Apocryphal view of Heaven – Many scriptures describe attributes of Heaven.

It is a perfect place, a paradise ([Luke 23:43](#) [2 Cor. 12:2](#), [4](#) [Rev. 2:7](#))

Place of continual praise and worship: [Neh. 9:6](#) [Job 38:7](#) [Psa. 103:20,21](#) [Psa. 148:2,4](#) [Isa. 6:3](#) [Ezek. 3:12](#)
[Luke 2:13,14](#) [Luke 15:10](#), 7 [Rev. 1:6](#) [Rev. 4:8-11](#) [Rev. 5:9-14](#) [Rev. 7:9-12](#) [Rev. 11:16,17](#) [Rev. 14:2,3](#) [Rev. 15:3,4](#)
[Rev. 19:1-7](#) [Rev. 22:3](#)

People of all races, ethnic groups, and languages will be there: [Rev. 5:9](#) [Rev. 7:9](#)

Redeemed will be there (Rev 7:9), **Angels** ([Matt. 18:10](#); [Luke 12:8](#); [Luke 15:7, 10](#))

Too many to count (Heb12:22. and Rev 7:9)

Revelation 21 NIV 1984 - The New Jerusalem

¹ Then I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was **no longer any sea**. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, **coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband**. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, **“Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.** ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. **To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.** ⁷ **He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.** ⁸ But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

⁹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the **Holy City, Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God. ¹¹ **It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.** ¹² **It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel.** ¹³ **There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.** ¹⁴ **The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

¹⁵ The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. ¹⁶ The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be **12,000 stadia**^[a] in length, and as wide and high as it is long. ¹⁷ He measured its wall and it was **144 cubits**^[b] thick,^[c] by man’s measurement, which the angel was using. ¹⁸ **The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass.** ¹⁹ **The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,** ²⁰ **the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.**^[d] ²¹ **The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.**

New Jerusalem

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ ⁸ **But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”**

Footnotes:

- a. [Revelation 21:16](#) That is, about 1,400 miles (about 2,200 kilometers)
- b. [Revelation 21:17](#) That is, about 200 feet (about 65 meters)
- c. [Revelation 21:17](#) Or *high*
- d. [Revelation 21:20](#) The precise identification of some of these precious stones is uncertain

Revelation 22 - The River of Life

¹ Then the angel showed me the **river of the water of life**, as clear as crystal, **flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb** ² **down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.** ³ **No longer will there be any curse.** The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ **They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.** ⁵ There will be **no more night.** They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the **Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.**



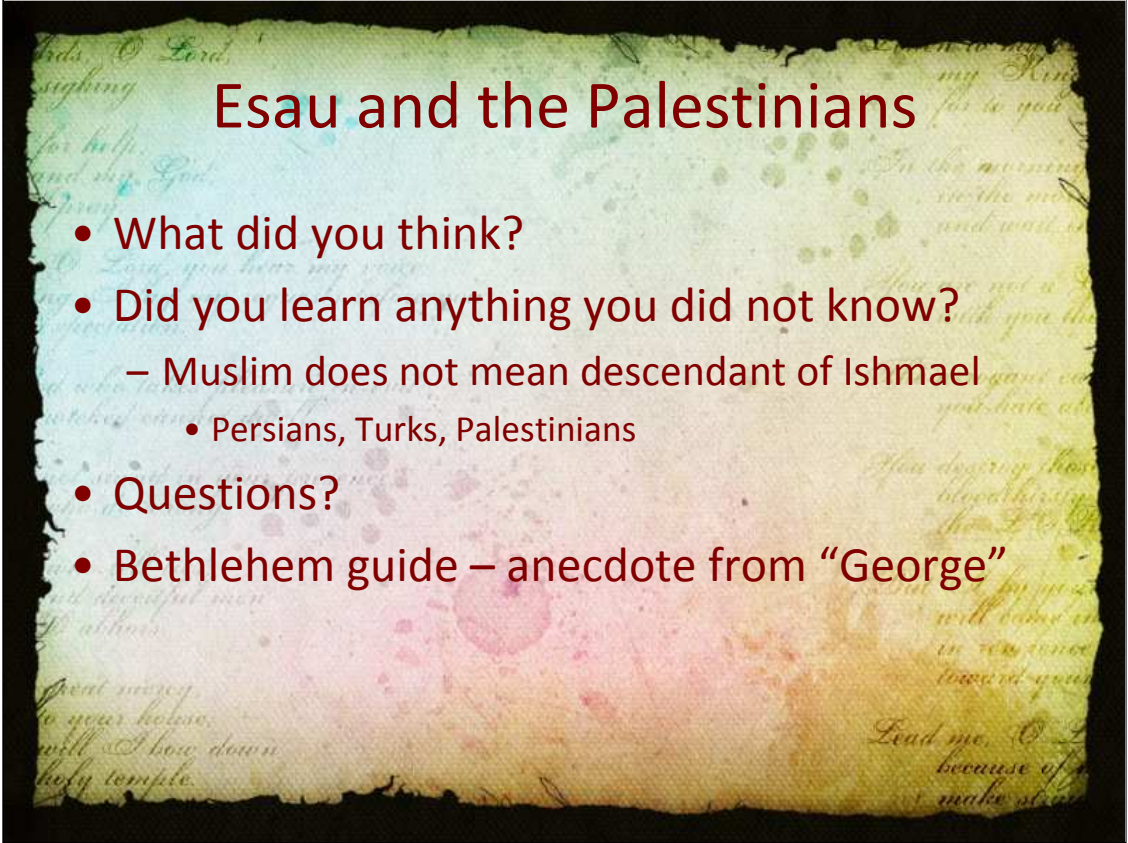
Contrast to current Jerusalem

Also some believe that both the current Jerusalem with its Millennium Temple will exist in Eternity on the New Earth and the Jews will dwell there. This is based on scripture in Ezekiel which indicates Israel will live forever with God

Beginning with the Millennium, believing Jews from before and after the Church Age will all dwell in Israel. In **Ezekiel 43** the prophet tells about God returning to the Temple in Israel at the beginning of the Millennium, for the first time in over 2600 years. In **Ezekiel 43:7** God said: *"Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. **This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.**"*

Two verses later He repeated this promise. We take this to mean just what it says, that God will live in Israel among His people forever. Believing Jewish people have eternal life just like the church. The difference is where the two groups dwell in eternity. They'll be in Israel, and we'll be in the New Jerusalem.

This seems to be the prevailing view among Prophecy experts and is a way to make both sets of descriptions come true. Israel will be their possession forever and it seems that there is free and instant passage between the New Jerusalem for the "Bride" and non Jewish believers and Jewish believers will dwell in Israel and the revived Jerusalem.

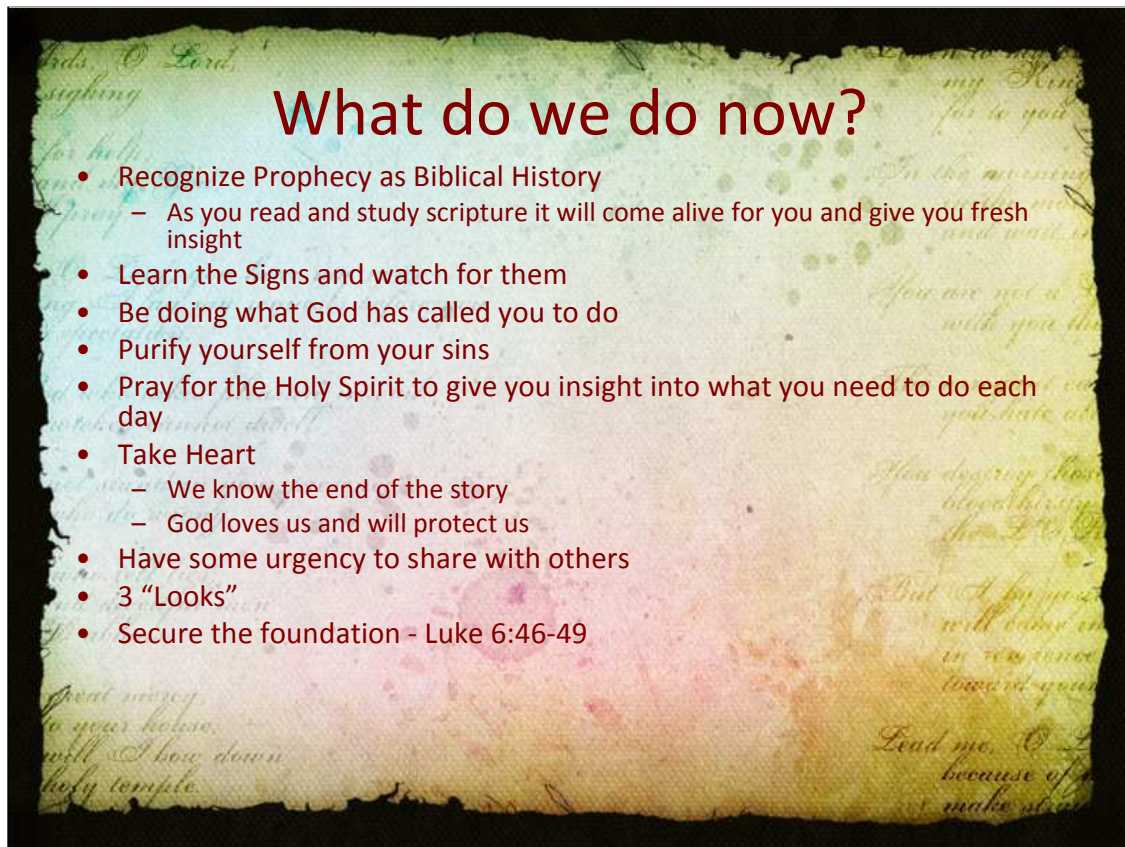


Esau and the Palestinians

- What did you think?
- Did you learn anything you did not know?
 - Muslim does not mean descendant of Ishmael
 - Persians, Turks, Palestinians
- Questions?
- Bethlehem guide – anecdote from “George”

Jebusites were the holders of the city of Jerusalem and what would become Israel when God told the Jews to take over the promised land and kill all the Jebusites among other groups. Questionable links between Canaanites and Jebusites are locked into myth by many modern day “Palestinians” who know the Jews took the land away from the Jebusites as God directed, and it was called the Land of Canaan, a grandson of Noah.

Like so many claims by Palestinians, and Muslims in General, they are trying to de-legitimize any Jewish claim to Israel and Jerusalem and they make up history for themselves. This myth about Palestinians being Canaanites only appeared in the 1960s as the Jews were building and growing in Israel. Biblically, it is clear that the Palestinian roots are from Esau and some of the bedouin tribes that were in the Jordan area. The name “Palestine” is a Roman invention for the land of the Philistines, and not an ancient name or people.



What are our 3 "Looks" at Life?

Look back at the cross

Look inside to the heart

Look forward to the coming of Christ

Knowing God's plan and Biblical Prophecy helps us walk a straighter line and a holy line

None of us want to be doing the wrong thing when the Lord calls us home and we watch the video of our lives

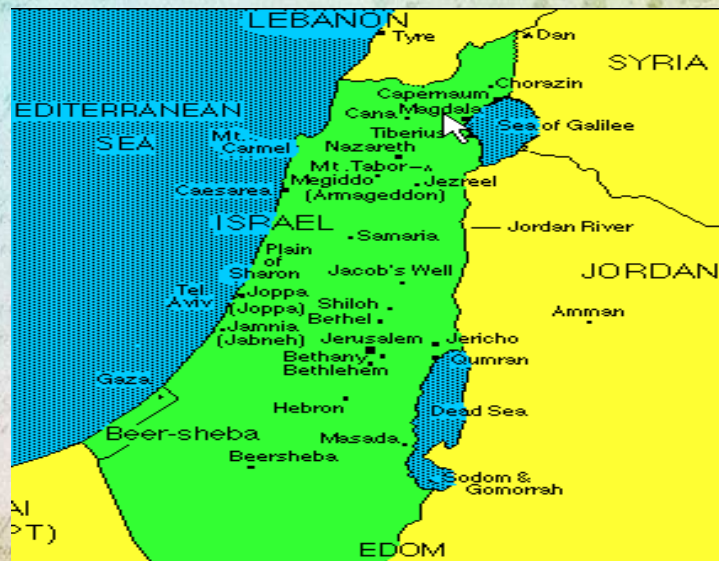
Final thought:

Faith > Trust > Obedience

Read Luke 6:46-49

46 **"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?** 47 I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. 48 He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. 49 But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."

Israel



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Impressions:

Land

People

Life

New appreciations:

Sea of Galilee

Places like Caesarea, Capernaum, Caesarea-Philippi, Gadara, Mount of

Beatitudes

Distances between places Jesus regularly travelled

Stormy and windy water, courage of fishermen like Peter

Beauty and Plants and Birds in Sea of Galilee area

Judean wilderness

Dead Sea

Qumran, Engedi

Masada

Sychopolis – Beit Shean

Puzzle Pieces – Temple Mount and Old City

Temple Area

- Destruction by Muslims of Jewish Heritage in

- Secular City with Orthodox Jews

- Temple preparation and excavation outside the

Wailing Wall

Megiddo

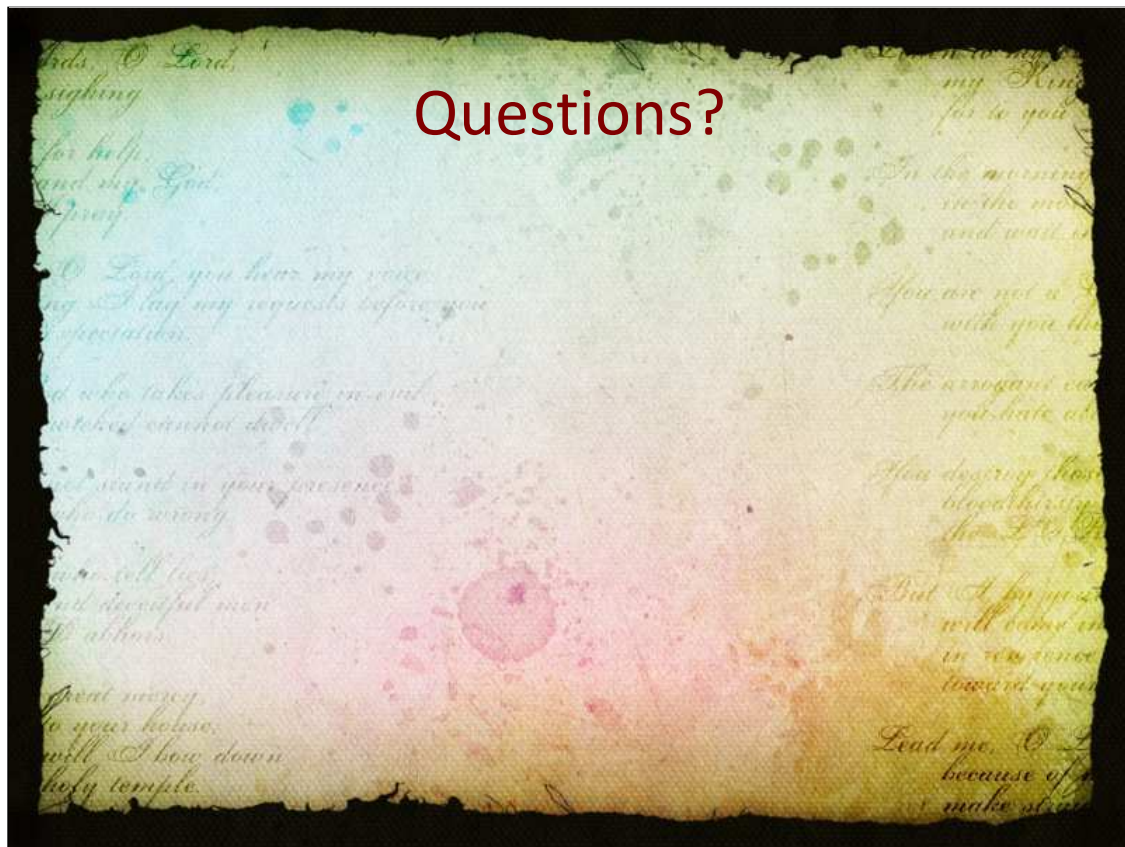


Qumran



Masada





My Goals were simple for this class:

Expose you to the fact that God is not finished yet.

Show you the Plan of God from beginning to End in Overview

Place the sequence of events for you to see and understand

Talk about terms and key parts of the sequence

Understand where we are now in the sequence

Know what to look for next and how it fits together.

Encourage you that God has a plan, and it is proceeding on schedule

God will protect us and give us power to do His will

Encourage you to read and get familiar with prophecy

Encourage you to take the initiative to read and study it for yourself

See the world and events through a Biblical World view

Be looking forward to His imminent return for the church