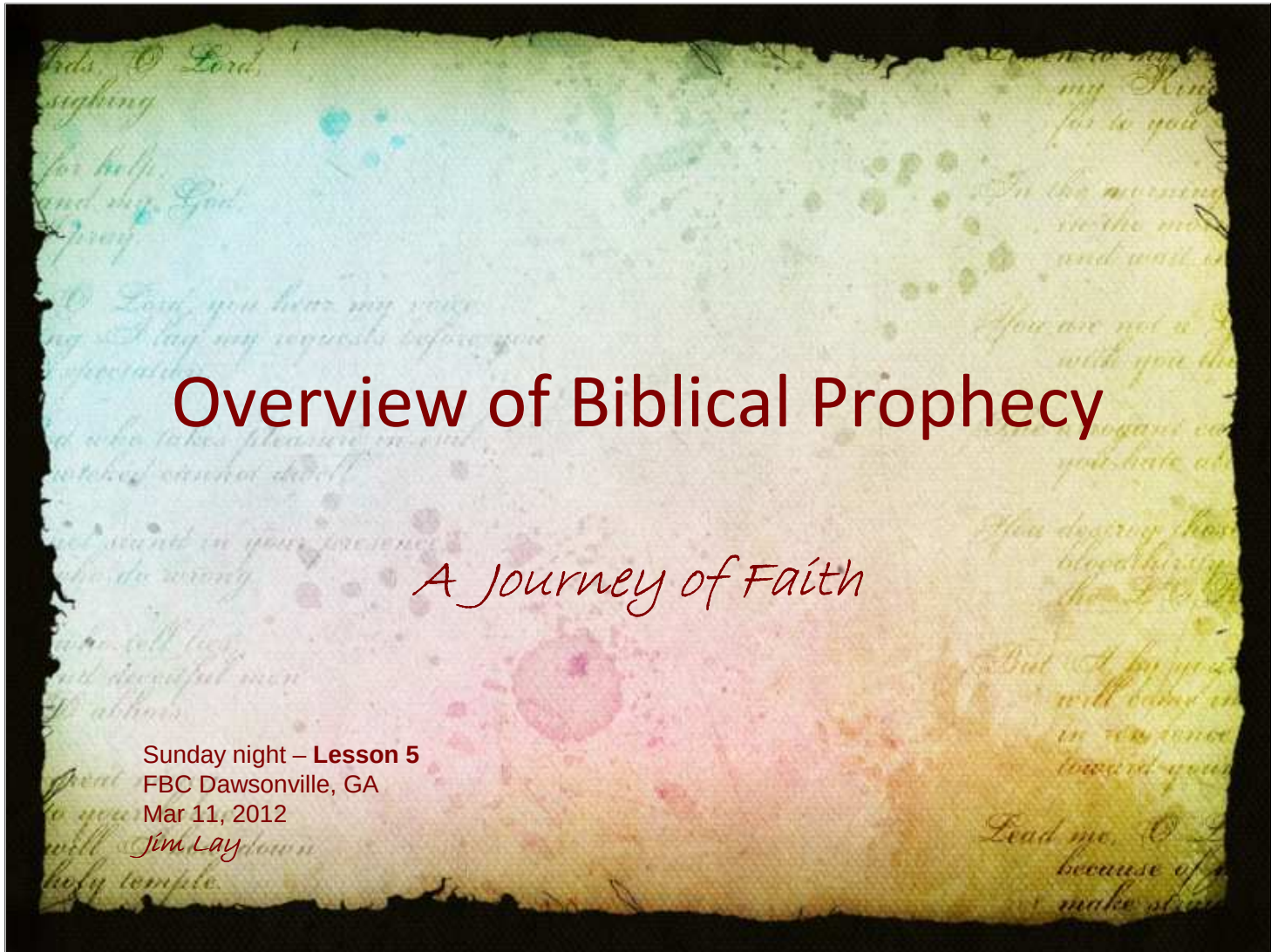




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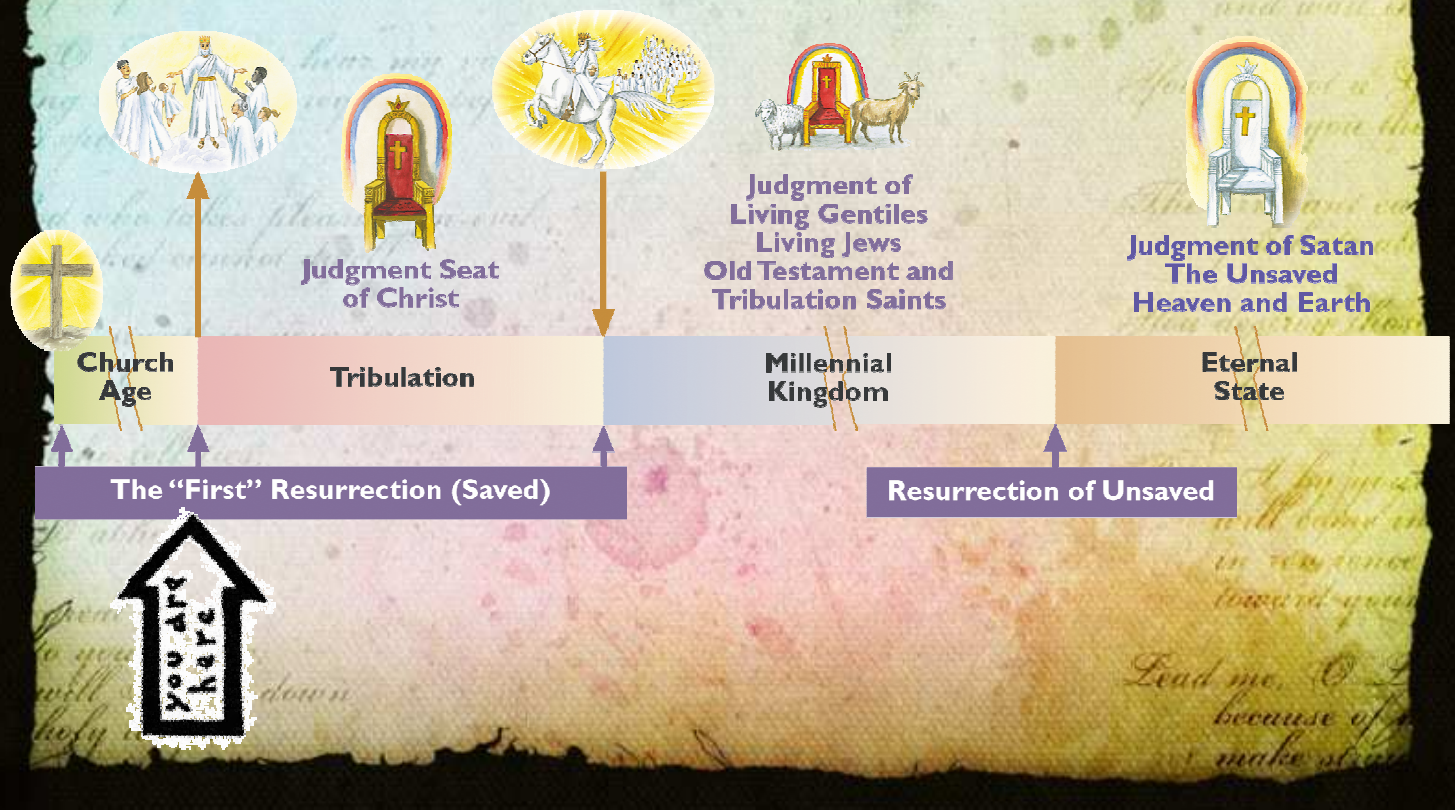
- ✓ Recap where we are in the study
- ✓ **Finished discussion on Antichrist**
- ✓ **Focused our attention again**
 - ✓ **Why we are doing this and what signs we need to be watching NOW**
- ✓ **Holy Spirits Role after Rapture**
- ✓ Looked at God's wrath in Great Tribulation and Antichrist in mid point
- ✓ Talked about Armageddon
 - ✓ 8 Stages of Campaign

This week

- Recap where we are in sequence
- Discuss 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...

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Here come da Judge



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).

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A couple of points need to be made and understood. When an OT “faithful” died, they went to a place called Sheol. In the NT we call this place Hades, which is the resting place for the souls. On the Saturday that Jesus died on the cross, we are told by the Apostle Peter that went to this place and brought out the faithful to be with Him. In this way the Spirits of all those “faithful” in the OT to the belief in God and coming Messiah were taken to Heaven. Their bodies remained in the grave.

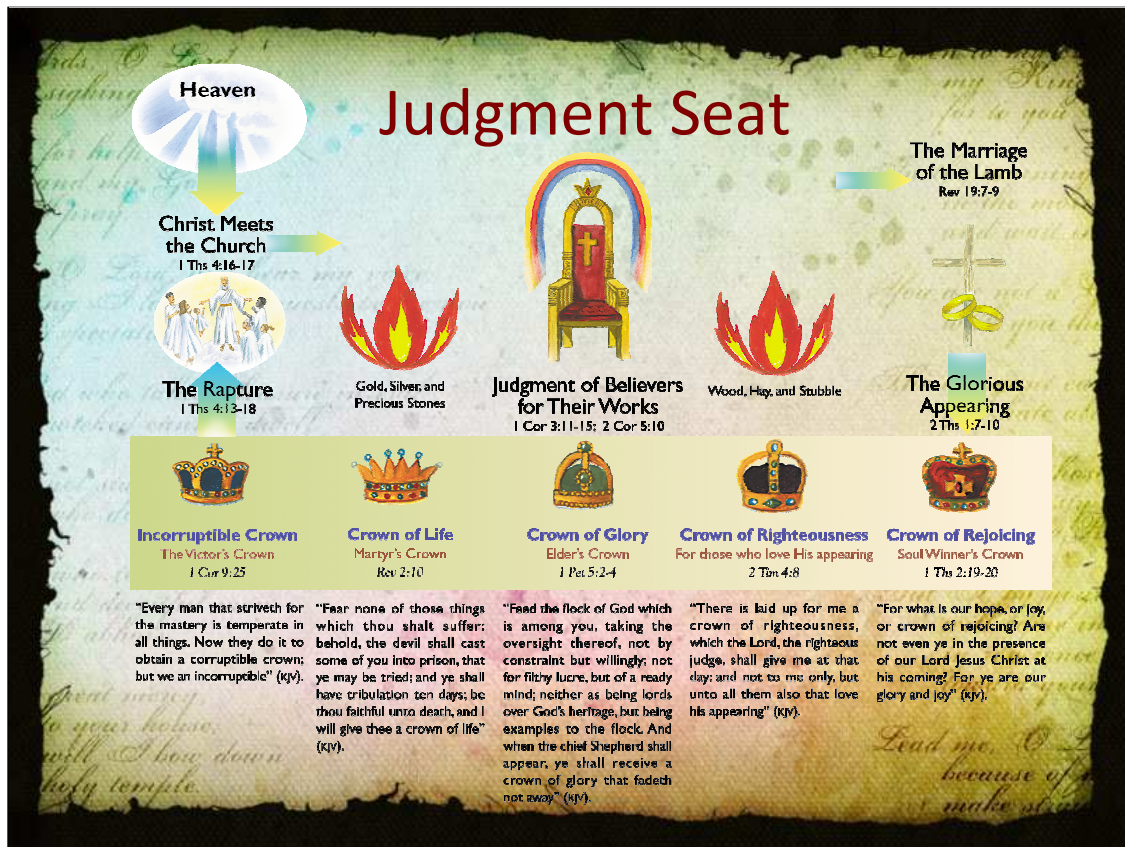
Ever since then, when Christians die, our Spirits are taken directly to be with the Lord and our bodies remain in the grave. So at the Rapture, ALL the bodies of those in Heaven are resurrected in their new imperishable form are raised to join back with their Spirits...this is the First Resurrection for the Saved. All through the Tribulation period new believers will die and their Spirits taken to Heaven and at the 2nd coming the balance of the bodies resurrected to join with Spirits so that at the End of the Tribulation period... all those who were faithful or died in Christ or raptured will be in imperishable bodies and come back with the Lord to judge the non-believers.

The “resurrection of judgment” will include the unredeemed of all the ages who will be raised at the end of the Millennium, judged before the Great White Throne, and cast into the Lake of Fire. This is all the OT people who died in unbelief, whether Jews or Gentiles, plus all the people since the Church age and tribulation who have died in unbelief.

So in death, or rapture the “redeemed” will be taken for Redemption. At the end of the Tribulation, the unredeemed will be taken for Judgment. Remember the parables about one taken and one left.

Though we often hear people speak of a single “judgment day,” this is not biblically accurate, for there are several future judgments in God’s prophetic plan. These judgments will occur at various times between the Rapture and the end of the Millennium, and they are certain, and no one will escape them.

They will make manifest God’s justice and righteousness to the entire world and will silence all who have scoffed at or denied God.



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

Crown of Victory (Incorruptible Crown): 1 Cor 9:25

²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a **crown that will last forever**.

Crown of Life: Rev 2:10 also known as the Martyr's Crown

¹⁰ Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the **crown of life**

Crown of Glory: 1 Peter 5:2-4 (Shepherds Crown or Elders Crown)

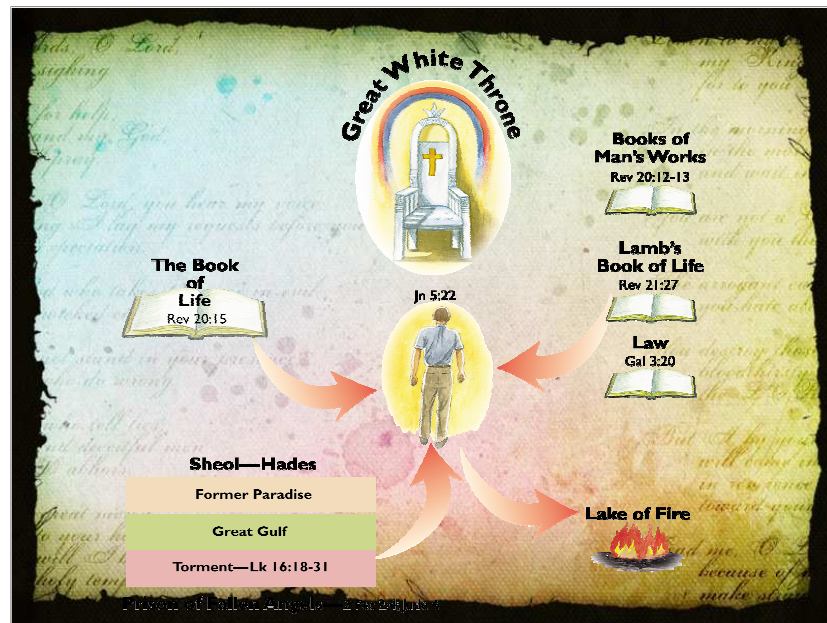
² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown of glory** that will never fade away.

Crown of Righteousness: 2 Tim 4:8

⁸ Now there is in store for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to ***all who have longed for his appearing.***

Crown of Rejoicing: 1 Thess 2:19-20

¹⁹ For what is **our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?** ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.



The Great White Throne Judgment

· Written on the tablet of every man's heart is an intuitive awareness that we will stand before God to be judged after death and before eternity begins. This "final event" is known as the Great White Throne Judgment. Christians, of course, are exempt from this judgment because of their salvation in Christ.

Revelation 20:12 identifies those who will be judged at the Great White Throne: "I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne." It is significant to note that these are "the dead"—dead in trespasses and sins because of their rejection of Jesus Christ, and resurrected in order to appear at this judgment: "The rest of the dead [that is, those who were not raised before the beginning of the 1000 years] did not come to life until the thousand years were completed" (Revelation 20:5).

Revelation 20:12 says, "And books were opened...and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds." Evidently God owns a complete set of books that record every person's deeds, waiting to be recalled on judgment day. These are the books of man's works.

Many people hold to the common misconception that at judgment, God will compare their good deeds with their bad ones, and if the good deeds outweigh the bad, then they will make it to heaven. But good works, no matter how many, cannot help us (Titus 3:5). It all comes down to **whether we accept or reject Jesus Christ**.

Titus 3:5 "he saved us, **not because of righteous things we had done**, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit "

So since this is a judgment of the unredeemed, the non believer, from those who died in unbelief and out of Faith, to those who actively resisted God and Christ and opposed His plan...the book of Works, the Law, and the Lamb's book of Life, and Book of Life

After all the review of the works and deeds and law, Rev 20:15 gives us a sober sentence:

Rev 20:15 " If anyone's name was not found written in the **book of life**, he was thrown into the lake of fire "

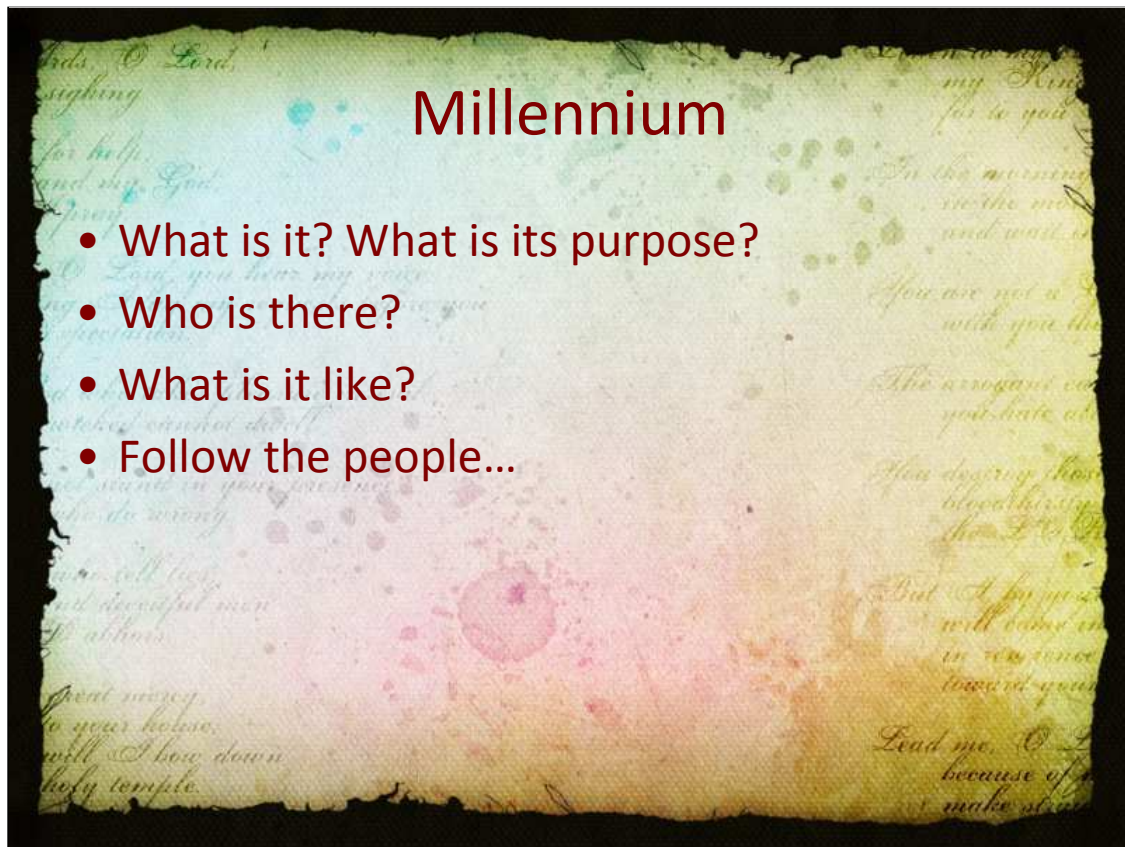
Lake of Fire is the true HELL, and the final place for all Eternity for Satan, The Antichrist, the False Prophet, the Fallen Angels/Demons, and all humans who are judged guilty without the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ to make them righteous before the Lord.

The "Takeaway" is that we do not want to face the GWT Judgment, and we don't want our friends and loved ones to face it either. We need to be working to help them respond to the Holy Spirit of God while there is still time and still opportunity.

As Christians, we need to think about and work on what we are doing with our Christian life...our Redemption from the Lord. Are we truly honoring Him with our

Faith, our Trust, and our Obedience to His will. Are we seriously concerned about the "call" each one of us has to be what He created us to be and to do? As Christians we cannot save the world, nor can we bring someone to salvation...that is the job of the Holy Spirit...BUT each of us has a role to play in the eternally important Church Age and the struggle to witness and make Disciples.

The question is: "What are we doing about it?"



Millennium – a Latin word composed of two other Latin words

Mille – which means 1000

Annum – which means Years

So Millennium means literally 1000 Years

Remember, the Millennium comes AFTER the Tribulation, so let's talk about who is there before we tackle it's purpose.



The Question of the purpose of the Millennium is central to understanding the last part of the story.

Who is there? Lets look at a short recap:

OT "faithful" are in Heaven

Christians who died in Christ, Christians raptured, and Christians who died in Tribulation are in Heaven. They have all been joined by their resurrected bodies.

All those who died in unbelief through the ages are in Hades and not in Heaven. They get resurrected at the end of the Tribulation for Judgment at the GWT judgment and consigned to the Lake of Fire, along with the Antichrist, False Prophet, Fallen Angels. Where is SATAN?

Rev 20:1-3 gives us some insight...This is the Apostle John reporting what he saw...

1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. 2 He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore **until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.**

So, an Angel comes and takes Satan, binds him with a chain, throws him into the Abyss and locks and seals it for 1000 years. We have not talked about the Abyss but that is where God threw the Angels back in the OT that violated their "first estate", that is they procreated with Human women to produce Nephilim. That is a whole other subject which we don't have time for, except I will give you a reference and a single comment to get you thinking a little about how prophecy all ties together.

Go and read Genesis 6: 1-6, and see the story. Then read Jude 6-7 to see their punishment. Then I ask the question. What happens to man and God's plan if Satan pollutes the bloodline and man changes to something he was not created to be?

Back from the rabbit trail...

As we cross from Tribulation to Millennium, here is who is there...

Christ who rules the Millennium

All the Saints in Resurrected bodies

Human Believers who were alive at the end of the Tribulation in Human bodies

Angels

1000 years of blissful reign where we worship the Lord and praise Him but we are not all the same.

Humans have babies and in 1000 years many babies are born and thrive. Humans will continue to die in the Millennium from natural causes because Death is not eliminated until after the Millennium. However sickness has been eliminated (see Isa 29:18, 33:24, 35:5-6, and 61:1-2. People will live longer as a result (Isa 65:20) but each of these Humans must make a choice for Christ, just like all believers. The ones alive at the time when Satan will be released will gather his followers from the Millennium and they will be judged at the GWT judgment.

Remember, the GWT judgment happens at the End of the Millennium

Rev 20:11-15 **The Dead Are Judged**

11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13**The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. **14**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15**If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.



- 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

The Pastor asked in his Sermon last week about how Judas could sit at the Lords table and follow Him for 3 years and be around him and reject Him, and it is certainly a mystery for any of us to think about. But when you look at the earthly people who will be born in the Millennium, they will see Christ, be with Him, see the Resurrected Saints, and still they will choose Satan when the moment of decision is at hand. If we think we can not help but be influenced by being around God and His people and we "must" be saved then, we need to think again. I believe the Tribulation and the Millennium speak directly to the Calvinistic notion that God has already chosen those He has "elected" and we cannot refuse Him or if not chosen, we cannot come to Him.

If this were so, why have a Millennium at all and allow Humans to go on living? Why not just take them then and put an end to it all. Punish Satan and do away with Death and Hades and not go through the whole thing. He does it because we DO HAVE not only the chance to choose to follow but the obligation to make the choice. It is free will and every human must make it on his own.

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

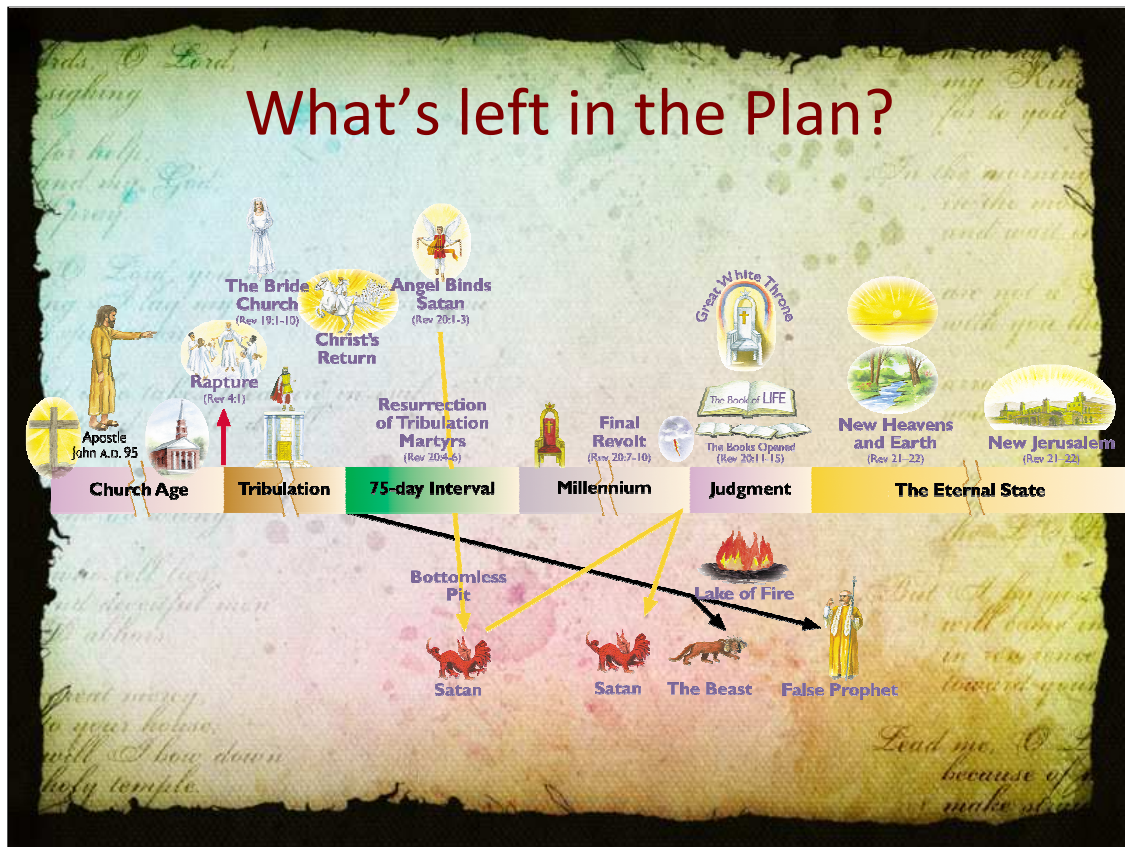
Jerusalem will be the capital of the Millennium Kingdom – Isa 2:3

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.



So in our study we are through the Tribulation and Millennium, and we have talked about the GWT judgment, so what comes next is the Eternal State.

There is one new piece in the chart which is the 75 day interval between the Tribulation and the Millennium.

This comes about with the days being calculated for the last 3 ½ years of the Tribulation. In **Revelation 12:6**, we see that the woman (Israel) flees into the mountains for 1260 days when Christ rescues her. This is Christ rescuing the Jews of Israel. This 2nd coming ends the Tribulation in 3 ½ years.

Then we see in **Daniel 12:11** "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be **1,290** days. Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the **1,335** days.

1260 days until the Tribulation ends, but 1290 days until the Abomination that causes Desolation is removed from the Temple (30 days), and then another 45 days until the 1335 days are complete.

Many Bible experts feel that it will take 30 days to cleanse the temple and another 45 days for the judgment of the Nations. Not clear to me but the 75 days seems to be there before the Millennium period begins.

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.

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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.

Next 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