

Olivet Discourse – An In-Depth Study

Matthew 24 & 25; Luke 21; Mark 13

Hermeneutics: The Art and Science of Biblical Interpretation.

Luke 24:27; “And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted (the word Hermeneutics comes from this word) to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

I. Hermeneutical Law No. 1:

THE FIRST IN INTERPRETING THE SCRIPTURES IS TO DISCOVER THE AUTHOR, THE PEOPLE ADDRESSED, AND THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A GIVEN CASE.

THE SECOND STEP IN INTERPRETING THE SCRIPTURES IS TO DISCOVER THE FACTS AND TRUTHS PRESENTED IN A GIVEN PASSAGE AND TO NOTE THE EXACT WORDING OF THE TEXT.

A. Have a Strong’s Concordance.

B. Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament keyed to Strong’s Concordance. (Mott Media MI 48042) (Baker’s Media House Co.)

II. Apply the Golden Rule of Interpretation.

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.”

III. The Law of Double Reference.

“The law of double reference is the principle of associating similar or related ideas, which are usually separated from one another by long periods of times, and which are blended into a single picture like the blending of pictures on a television, as it changes from one scene to another.”

IV. The Law of Recurrence.

“The law of recurrence involves the recording of an event and the repetition later of the account which gives added details. This principle may be illustrated by the artist who ‘blocks out the portrait’ of a person at the first sitting and adds details at subsequent sittings.”

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BELIEVERS JUST BEFORE THE RAPTURE

Luke 21:6-28

I. The Prophecy of the destruction of Jerusalem

6 As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

II. Questions the disciples asked that prompted the Olivet Discourse

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

7 And they asked him, saying, Teacher, when therefore shall these things be? and what [shall be] the sign when these things are about to come to pass?

8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [he]; and, The time is at hand: go ye not after them.

9 And when ye shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

III. Prophecy of World War I - From _____ to _____

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

11 and there shall be great earthquakes, and in diverse places famines and pestilence s; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven

IV. From A.D. 30 to 70 A.D.

12 But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name's sake.

13 It shall turn out unto you for a testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer:

15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to with stand or to gainsay.

16 But ye shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 And not a hair of your head shall perish.

19 In your patience ye shall win your souls.

V. Events of A.D. 70-the invasion of Jerusalem by the Roman general Titus

20 But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand.

21 Then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein.

22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

23 Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress upon the land, and wrath unto this people.

24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations (70 AD): and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles (All during the Christian dispensation), until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled (which took place on _____).

VI. Prophecy of future signs

25 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows;

26 men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

(date _____ +X+7 indicating the end of the tribulation)

VII. Command to Christians just prior to the rapture

28 But when these things begin to come to pass,(the signs mentioned in verses 25 & 26) look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption (the redemption of the body at the rapture Romans 8:23 & Ephesians 1:14) draweth nigh.

Luke 17:20-25

20 And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, Lo There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you. (in the midst of you-Jesus the King was in their midst)

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it

23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after [them]:

VIII. Prophecy of Jesus of his glorious appearing at the end of the tribulation

24 for as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day.

IX. Prophecy of his crucifixion

25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

X. Prophecy of events prior to the rapture

26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all:

30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed, (in the rapture)

XI. Warning to believers just prior to the rapture

31 In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away; and let him that is in the field likewise not return back

32 Remember Lot's wife.

33 Whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose [his life] shall preserve it.

34 I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, (Greek word "paralambano" - taken along side of) and the other shall be left

35 There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left

36 [There shall be two men in the field; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left]

37 And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body [is], thither will the eagles also be gathered together.

Luke 21:29

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees:

30 when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh.

31 Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh.

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be accomplished.

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

XII. Prophecy Encourages us to live in obedience

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare:

35 for [so] shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth.

36 But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

If you are literally looking up at the time of the rapture, you will be "caught up" without dying. If you are not looking up – you will be put to death, but will still be "caught up" in the rapture, but how embarrassing to fail God's last test.

XIII. We want you to get the "Day-Star"

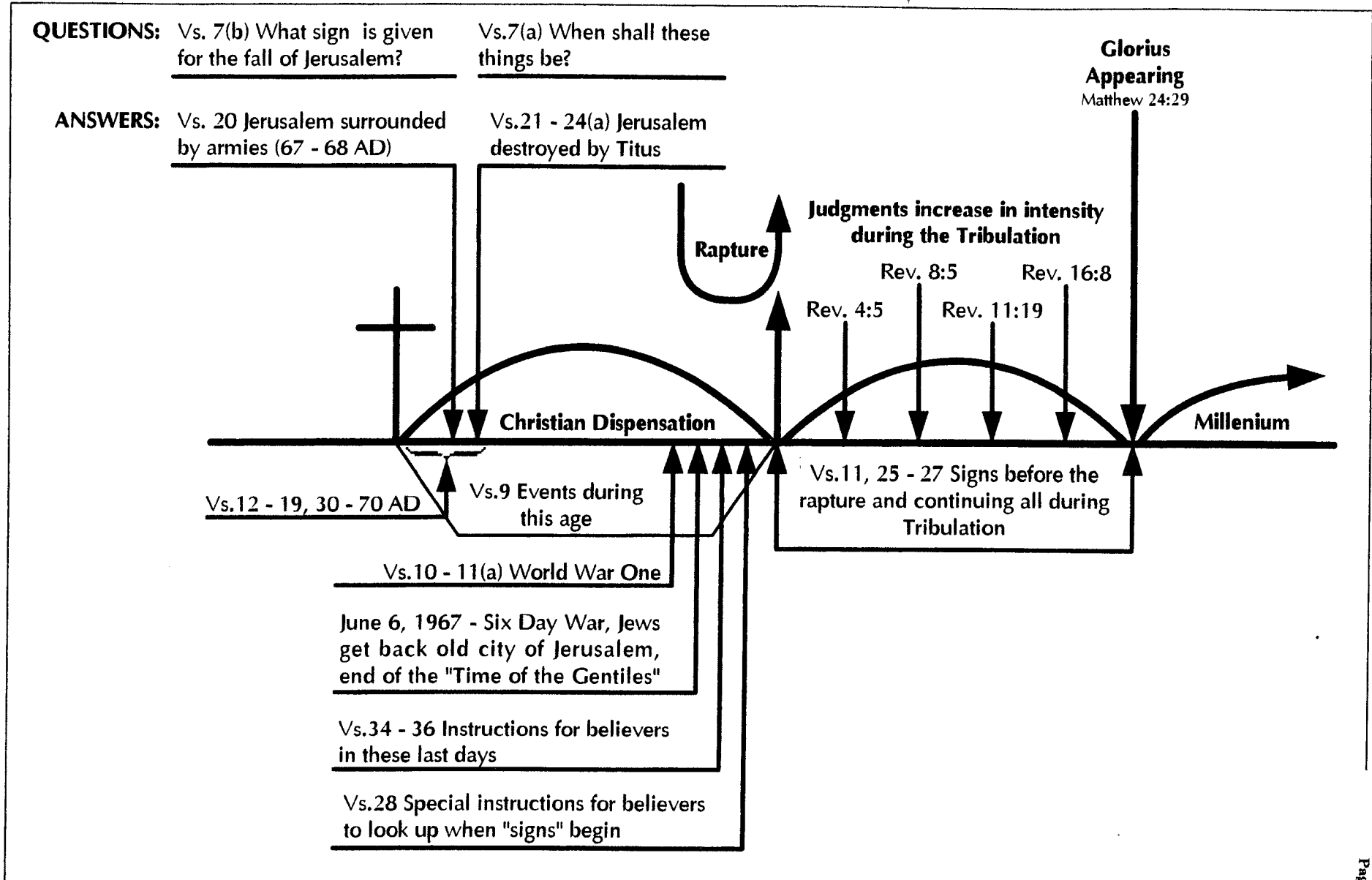
II Peter 1:19-21

19 And we have the word of prophecy [made] more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts:

20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation.

21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

The Olivet Discourse According to Luke 21



WILL THIS GENERATION SEE THE COMING OF CHRIST?

A Long Time of Pregnancy, Two Birth Pains and a Birth

Jesus prophecy of 70 A.D.

Matthew 24:1-14

1 And Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple.

2 But he answered and said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Questions the disciples asked that prompted the Olivet Discourse

1. When will the temple be destroyed
2. what will be the sign of the destruction of the temple
3. what will be the sign of thy coming and the end of the age

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray.

Two things that do not constitute the sign of Christ's coming

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet

The Hebrew idiom - "nation against nation kingdom against kingdom" (1 Chronicles 15:1-8 & Isaiah 19:1-5) describes

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Fulfilled in _____

Significance of Chaim Weizmann and the Balfour Declaration.

"His Majesty's Government view with the favor establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of non-Jewish community in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places.

8 But all these things are the beginning of travail.

(World War 1 - then becomes the first birth pain signifying the end of the age.)

Prophecy of the great tribulation - Jesus by the law of double reference now discusses the great tribulation (the law of double reference is the principle of blending into one picture of prophetic events that are actually separated from one another

by a period of time. The prophet often puts one series of events before the reader, then without warning, blends that prophecy into another event that may be separated by many years.

The events of the first half of the tribulation.

9 Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many stumble, and shall deliver up one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray.

12 And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold.

13 But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

(The 144,000 Jews - Revelation 7 will preach to the whole world during the tribulation.)

We must give the Gospel to Israel

Isaiah 40:1-2, 9

1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of Jehovah's hand double for all her sins.

9 O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God!

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE

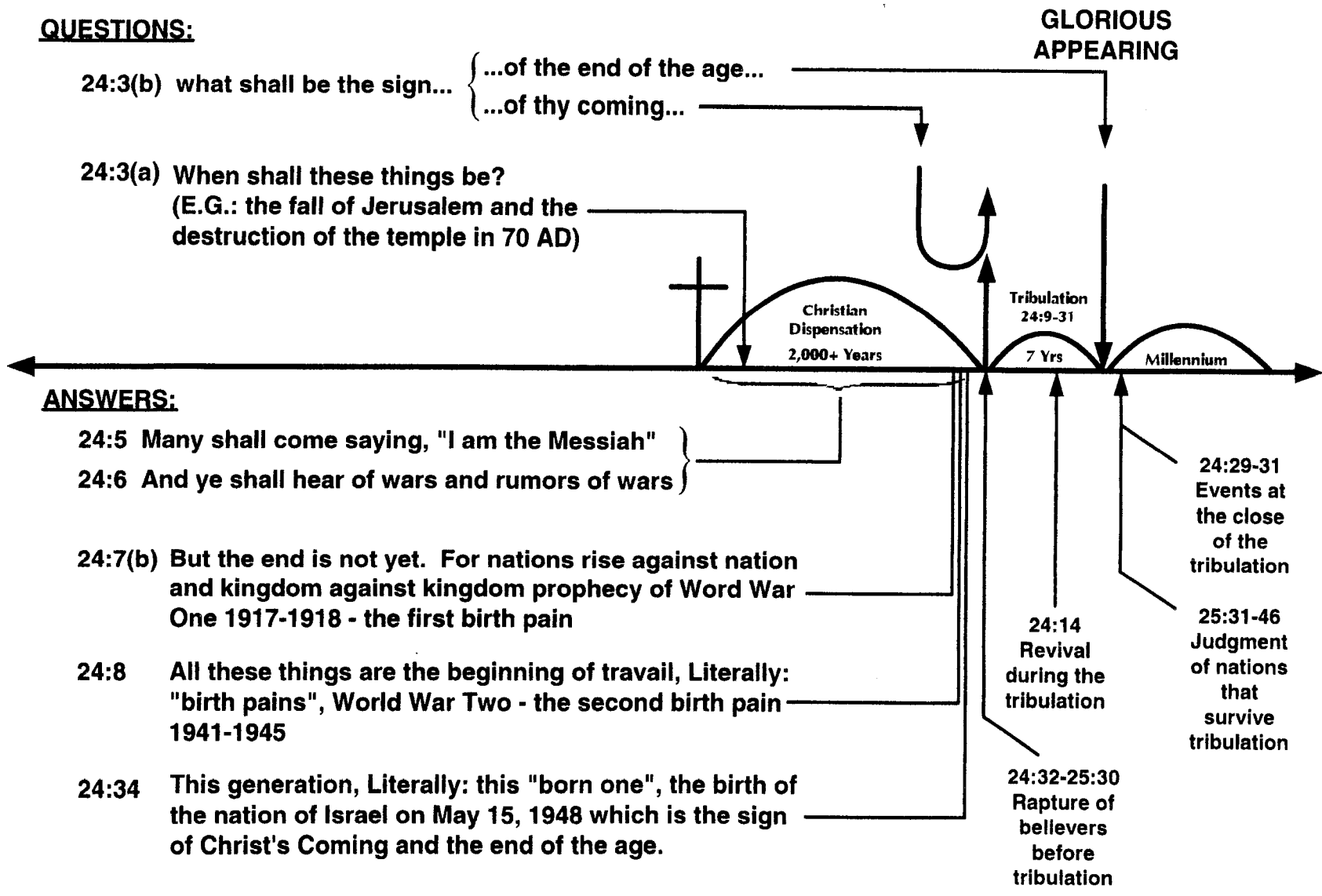
According To Matthew Chapters 24 & 25

24:1, 2 The Prophecy Concerning the Temple ...there shall not be left one stone upon another...

QUESTIONS:

24:3(b) what shall be the sign... { ...of the end of the age...
 ...of thy coming... }

24:3(a) When shall these things be?
 (E.G.: the fall of Jerusalem and the destruction of the temple in 70 AD)



ANSWERS:

24:5 Many shall come saying, "I am the Messiah"
 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars

24:7(b) But the end is not yet. For nations rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom prophecy of Word War One 1917-1918 - the first birth pain

24:8 All these things are the beginning of travail, Literally: "birth pains", World War Two - the second birth pain 1941-1945

24:34 This generation, Literally: this "born one", the birth of the nation of Israel on May 15, 1948 which is the sign of Christ's Coming and the end of the age.

The events of the second half of the tribulation

Matt 24:15-43

- 15 When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand),
16 then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains:
17 let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house:
18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak.
19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days!
20 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a Sabbath:
21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.
22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.
23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe it not.
24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
25 Behold, I have told you beforehand.
26 If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe it not.
27 For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.
28 Wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Events after the end of the tribulation

- 29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
31 And he shall send forth his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Jesus now tells about the birth of the nation of Israel May 14, 1948. By the law of recurrence he goes back to the subject he left in verses 7 & 8 and now discusses the events before the beginning of the tribulation.

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- 32 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh;
33 even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that he is nigh, even at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished.

Meaning of the word generation - "born one"

Psalms 90:10

The days of our years are threescore years and ten, Or even by reason of strength fourscore years; Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

Isaiah 66:7-8

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child.

8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

The birth of the nation of Israel is pictured as the birth of a Jewish boy.

1. Born May 15, 1948
2. Age 12 - Bar mitzvah - 1960 with the Eichman trial and the recognition of Israel as a developed the UN
3. Age 19 - Man of War - The Six Day War after his 19th Birthday in June of 1967
4. Age 30 - Man of Peace - the signing of the Camp David Accords in 1978

Lessons from the days of Noah

Matthew 24:35-51

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only.

37 And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

38 For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

39 and they knew not until the flood came, and took (Airo – taken in judgment) them all away; so shall be the coming of the Son of man.

40 Then shall two men be in the field; one is taken (Paralambano – taken with me, see John 14:3), and one is left:

41 two women shall be grinding at the mill; one is taken, and one is left

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh.

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through.

44 Therefore be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them their food in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, that he will set him overall that he hath.

48 But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarrieth;

49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and shall eat and drink with the drunken;

50 the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not,

51 and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

On what day should we look for the Lord's return?

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The Coming World-Wide Revival

Matthew 24:14; “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end (the end of the tribulation) come.”

1. **When will this take place?** _____.

2. **Who will lead the revival?** _____.

Revelation 7:1-8 (page 241)

Isaiah 27:6 (page 613); “In days to come shall Jacob take root; Israel shall blossom and bud; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.”

3. **What is the extent of this revival?** _____
_____. **Revelation 7:9.**

Isaiah 26:9; “...for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.” (Over half of the world will turn to the Lord.)

4. **Since all believers will be caught up in the rapture – how will the 144,000 get the gospel?**

THAT’S WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW!

Giving them Doc’s book, “The Messiah of the Tanach, Targums, Talmuds,” so they will have them after the rapture and the Holy Spirit will use these books to bring the 144,000 to Him and lead the world’s greatest revival.

Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones

37 THE ^ahand of the LORD was upon me, and He ^bbrought me out ^by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the ^cvalley; and it was full of bones.

2 And He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.*

3 And He said to me, "Son of man, ^acan these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord ¹GOD, ^bThou knowest."

4 Again He said to me, "^aProphecy over these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, ^bhear the word of the LORD.'

5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause ¹breath to enter you that you may come to life.

6 "And I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with

skin, and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will ^aknow that I am the LORD."

7 So I prophesied ^aas I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a ¹noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew, and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

9 Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and ^abreathe on these slain, that they ^bcome to life." "

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the ^abreath came into them, and they came to life, and stood on their feet, an ^bexceedingly great army.

The Vision Explained

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the ^awhole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our ^bbones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are ^ccompletely ^dcut off.'

12 "Therefore prophecy, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and ^acause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.

13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.

14 "And I will ^aput My ¹Spirit within you, and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."

Reunion of Judah and Israel

15 The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself ^aone stick and write on it, 'For ^bJudah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For ^cJoseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'

17 "Then ^ajoin them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.

18 "And when the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us ^awhat you mean by these?'

19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."

20 "And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 "And say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will ^atake the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them

from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and I will make them ^aone nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and ^bone king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations, and they will no longer be divided into two kingdoms.

23 "And they will ^ano longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but ^bI will deliver them from all their ^ddwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.

The Davidic Kingdom

24 "And My servant ^aDavid will be king over them, and they will all have ^bone shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them.

25 "And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and ^aDavid My servant shall be their prince forever.

26 "And I will make a ^acovenant of peace with them; it will be an ^beverlasting covenant with them. And I will place them and ^cmultiply them, and will set My ^dsanctuary in their midst forever.

27 "My ^adwelling place also will be with them; and ^bI will be their God, and they will be My people.

28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD ^awho sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." "

Ezekiel 36, 37

27 "And I will ^aput My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 "And you will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be ^aMy people, and I will be your God.

29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I ^awill not ^bbring a famine on you.

30 "And I will ^amultiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, that you may not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.

31 "Then you will ^aremember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

32 "I am not doing *this* ^afor your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

33 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the ^acities to be inhabited, and the ^bwaste places will be rebuilt.

34 "And the desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passed by.

35 "And they will say, 'This desolate land has become like the ^agarden of Eden; and the waste, desolate, and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.'

36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and ^awill do it."

37 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

38 "Like the ^aflock ¹for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with ^bflocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD." "

Vs. 7 refers to World War I & II when the Bones began to come together – then to the birth of Israel – May 14, 1948!

These bones are the whole house of Israel.

The Zionist movement Began in 1895.

Jews now from over 100 countries in Israel.

**The is Future:
1. Joel 2:28B – 32
2. The 144,000; Rev. 7
3. Hosea 5:14 – 6:3**

**Explanation:
1. Joel 2:28B -32 Before the Tribulation.
2. The 144,000 in the 1st part of the Tribulation.
3. Hosea 5:14 - 6:3 Last 3 days of the Tribulation.**

**Israel will be one nation – Not divided into:
North – Ephraim
South – Judah
But all one**

This is referring to the Millennial Reign of Jesus for 1,000 Years Revelation 20

This is a reference to Jesus – The last descendent of the Davidic Dynasty. (In I Kings 12:16 the whole nation of Judah is referred to as David. I Kings 12:19)

God does this for His Names sake.

Olivet Discourse – Matthew 24

REVIEW:

I. After Jesus was teaching in the temple:

Matthew 24:1 – He crossed the Kidron Valley and started up the slope of the Mount of Olives. As the disciples called to his attention the beautiful temple, He made a prophecy.

24:2 – ...“There shall not be left one stone upon another...!”

The disciple then asked him 3 questions. (Matthew 24:3 & Luke 21: 6&7)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

He then describes future events in terms of a mother’s pregnancy, 2 birth pains and a birth!

The Christian Dispensation is to be a long period of time; Matthew 24:4, 5 & 6

Matthew 24: 7-8; World War I and World War II, followed by famines, pestilences and earthquakes.

Matthew 24: 9-28; By the Law of Double Reference He skips over the days in which we are now living and begins to describe the events of the Great 7 Year Tribulation.

Matthew 24:29–31; Jesus gives the events after the:

1. **Tribulation. His Glorious Appearing with His saints back to the earth.**
2. **He gathers them from the 4 winds – earth. Those who accepted Him during the Tribulation and “from one end of heaven to the other.” That’s – us, who will have been caught up in the rapture of the Church, before the Tribulation (between Vs. 8 & 9)**

II. **REMEMBER:** There are 3 future Raptures.

1. _____ before the Tribulation.
Matthew 24:32-51

2. _____ in the
middle of the Tribulation. Revelation 11:11-13.

3. _____ at the end of the Tribulation.
Matthew 24:29-31.

This is the 1st resurrection: Revelation 20:4 – 5.

The 1st resurrection is in three parts, pictured by a harvest: with first fruits, harvest and gleanings.

1. Christ, the first fruits at His resurrection and those He raised with Him at the ascension. Matthew 27:52 & 53.
2. The harvest – The rapture of the Church.
3. The gleanings – The rapture of the Tribulation Saints.

NOW!!!

The Day of the Glorious Appearing can be known.

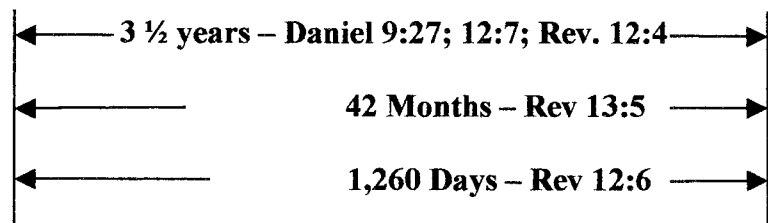
Matthew 24:29-30; “But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

This event will take place 1,260 days after the setting up of the abomination. 2,520 days after the signing of the covenant. [Daniel 9:27 (page 768)].

III. Tribulation Bible Students can know the day of the Glorious Appearing.

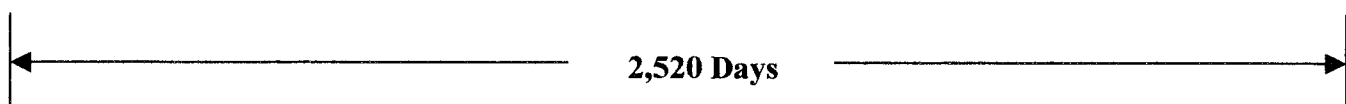
The Abomination of Desolation
 Matthew 24:15,16

The Glorious Appearing



Signing of the Covenant

The Glorious Appearing

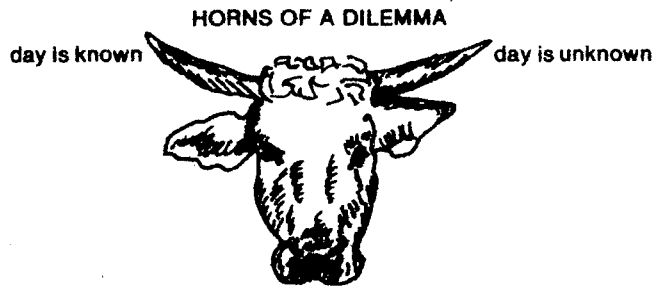


1st half of Tribulation
 Rev. 11:3 – 1,260 days

2nd half of Tribulation
 Rev. 11:2 – 42 Months

Tribulation begins with signing of 7 Year Tribulation – Daniel 9:27 and broken at Mid-Tribulation.

IV. NOW:



1. In Matthew 24 we see the Day of the Glorious Appearing can be known.
2. But Jesus then speaks in Matthew 24:34 of a day that cannot be known.
3. Therefore we conclude that between Matthew 24:31 & 32 He has changed the subject!

THE CLUES:

A. He changes from a day that can be known to a day that cannot be known. Matthew 24:36 & 42; 25:13

B. Vs. 37; He talks about the Days of Noah, which cannot be referring to the days at the end of the Tribulation. He uses the term Days of Noah to refer to normal living before the Tribulation. They will be marrying, giving in marriage and eating and drinking. NORMAL LIVING – marriage, will be gone during the Tribulation; Isaiah 4:1; “7 women will take hold of one man.”

C. The promise of one taken – one left. Matthew 24: 40 & 41

Paralambano – Taken with – along side of. Same word as John 14:3; “I will come again and (paralambano) receive you unto myself.”

Dr. Walvoord, former president of Dallas Seminary – wrongly argues that the word “paralambano” does not mean to take someone in a friendly manner, because the soldier, took Jesus to Golgatha to be crucified (John 19:17). The Greek word “paralambano” is a verb that describes the manner of escorting someone to a location. The final destination does not determine whether or not the action of being “taken” is good or bad. The soldiers “paralambano” Jesus with them to the Place of the Skull. Just because the final destination of Jesus was a negative location does not mean “paralambano” (being taken) is a negative action.

One left – APHIEMI – left behind – “deserted as a man leaves his wife and children behind as he goes off with another.”

D. “Panta Tauta” “these things” Matthew 24:33 takes us back to the Panta Tauta, “these things” of verses 7 & 8.

V. How does Jesus change the subject – By the LAW OF RECURRENCE

1. Illustration of the Law of Recurrence.

Isaiah 13: 1-16 (page 604); Destruction of Babylon at the end of the Day of the Lord, vs. 6.

Isaiah 13: 17, 18; By the Law of Double Reference He shifts to the overthrow of Babylon by the Medes and Persians – 600 B.C.

THEN – by the Law of Recurrence He comes -

Isaiah 13:19; back to the overthrow of Babylon at the end of the Tribulation as God overthrew Sodom. The Medes did not destroy Babylon like that – they made it their capital.

- 2. So Jesus, Matthew 24:1-8 takes us through World War I & II – the, “Birth Pains.”**
- 3. By the Law of Double Reference He skips over then to the Tribulation in verses 9–28.**
- 4. Vs. 29 –31; He describes His Glorious Appearing at the end of the Tribulation.**
- 5. Vs. 32; By the Law of Recurrence He comes back to verses 7 & 8 and fills in further details, between the “Birth Pains” and the Rapture.**
- 6. The “fig tree” – refers to Israel (Matthew 21:18-20). Luke 21:29; All the trees – refers to the United Nations, founded 1945.**
- 7. The meaning of This Generation, Geneva – This “Born One,” Matthew 24:34. (Same word as the “begats” in Matthew 1. Same word as in John 3:16 “only begotten” – mono-genes.)**
- 8. He gave 2 Birth Pains in vs. 7 & 8.**

Birth Pains! Then you look for and expect a birth!

- 9. The Birth of the Jewish Boy prophesied Isaiah 66:7; “a man child – in one day”**
- 10. Israel is pictured then as a Jewish Boy born May 14, 1948. (The vote of the United Nations for Israel to become a nation at the end of the English mandate was taken November 29, 1947 and passed by a majority of 33 to 13.) The mandate came to an end on:**

May 14 – The United States recognizes Israel’s provisional government. Israel declared itself a nation.

Mat 15 – was recognized by the Soviet Union, Poland, countries of Eastern Europe and South America.

The Jewish Boy – Genea” – “Generation” “Born One”

Born May 15; 1948:

Barmitzvah: _____

Man of War: _____

Man of Peace: _____

WHAT'S NEXT? THE DAY ON WHICH TO LOOK FOR THE LORD'S RETURN

11. How long might the Jewish boy live – Psalm 90:10 (page 522). “The years of our days are 70 or 80.”

That would mean the Millennium would begin by _____. The Tribulation would then have to take place 7 years before, so the Tribulation would have to begin by _____.

12. Comments on vs. 36 – No one knows “Day or Hour” – has to be talking about the _____.

13. Comments on “Days of Noah” vs. 37 – 39. Knew not till the flood came and took – AIRO- them all away. Here the Greek word is Airo – “taken” away to judgment of the flood. Noah is protected – as will believers be by the Rapture and the wicked destroyed (taken) in the Tribulation.

14. Vs. 40 & 41; Another “taken” – paralambano. Same as John 14:3 – remember? Olivet Discourse given on Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week and not more than 76 hours later Jesus used this word to refer to the rapture! It means, “taken along side of.”

One shall be “left behind” Greek word – Aphiemi. (Same as one stone shall not be “left” upon another.)

15. Now let's talk about the sin of Noah' Day. In the light of certain coming judgments the people of Noah's Day lived normal everyday lives!

What is the sin of our day? Living like nothing might take place – when we are in the last days.

WILL YOU NOW LIVE THE SAME OR DIFFERENTLY?

Olivet Discourse – Matthew 25

Many say the Holy Spirit will be removed from the earth at the rapture of the church – Mark 13:11 (page 45) proves this to be incorrect – because Jesus says; “the Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak”. This is clearly in the context of the Tribulation events. Note Mark 13:9-23 showing it is indeed a Tribulation context.

I. The Parable of the Wise Virgins – Matthew 25:1-13

- A. This is a warning to be prepared for the rapture of the church.
- B. It is summed up in vs.13, “Watch therefore, for you know not the day or the hour.”
- C. This has to refer to the rapture of the church – the Day of the Glorious Appearing can be known – remember? But NOT the day of the rapture.

II. The Parable of the Talents – Matthew 25:14-30

A. This parable pictures:

1. The entire Christian Dispensation.
2. From Jesus going into another country – his ascension to heaven.
3. Then giving us the responsibility of taking His gospel to the world.
4. Then vs. 19 – after a long time (2,000 years). Remember Isaiah 61:1-3 (page 641); the Year of Jehovah’s favor – the Christian Dispensation – then the Day of the Lord. Therefore, the Christian Dispensation will be in length (approximately as a year is to a day) to The Tribulation!
5. When He returns, He calls us to the accounting for what we have done for Him.
6. This will be at the Bema Seat – The Judgment Seat of Christ where we will be rewarded.

B. There are 3 parables to keep in mind.

1. The Parable of the Talents shows God wants a lot of work done for Him.
2. The Parable of the Pounds, Luke 19:11- 27(page 74), that God wants quality work.
 - a. God takes in mind that we have different abilities.
 - b. Note when Jesus spoke these words in Luke 19:11, He was going up to Jerusalem. They thought at that time He was to go to Jerusalem

and declare Himself king. He said He was, vs. 12; "...as a man going into a far country." Therefore, Jesus pictured He would be gone in heaven for a long time!

3. The workers in the field. Matthew 19:27 – 20:16; the motive with which we work.

a. Note those at the beginning of the day; Mt. 20:2, agreed on a days wage.

b. But those he spoke to at 9, 3 and 5 went with a different motive. Vs. 4; "...whatsoever is right that will I give you."

c. They worked with a different motive! We work trusting Jesus will make it right.

d. At the Judgment Seat:

I Corinthians 5:10 (page 157)

II Corinthians 5:11-21 (page 170)

Romans 14:10-12 (page 151)

I Corinthians 3

e. Rewards: I Corinthians 3:6-15

f. 5 Crowns.

(1). The _____ Crown. I Corinthians 9:24-27. The crown for a disciplined life in the word and service.

(2). The Crown _____. II Timothy 4:8 (page 204), for loving the return of the Lord.

(3). The Crown _____. I Peter 5:4 (page 226), the teachers crown.

(4). The Crown _____. James 1:12 (219), the martyrs or sufferers crown.

(5). The Crown _____. I Thessalonians 2:19 (page 194), the soul winners crown.

The Judgment of the Nations – Matthew 25:31

I. When Christ comes back and sits on His throne, those nations that survive the Tribulation will be judged.

A. This is the Judgment of the Gentile nations.

B. It is on HOW they have treated the Jews – “My Brethren”. Mt. 25:40.

C. Here are 2 groups:

1. Those who took the mark of the beast and thus were antisemites and thus could not be redeemed after taking the mark. Revelation 14:9.

2. The Cornelius’s of the Tribulation – Acts 10:9-43 (page 118).

a. Cornelius had an honest heart - Acts 10:22.

b. Because he had an honest heart, God got the gospel to him. When he heard it he received Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

c. Now you can understand Mt. 24:13; “He that shall endure to the end shall be saved.” Those honest hearted gentiles who help the Jews will be protected during the Tribulation.

Isaiah 33:14 (page 619); the question. Who can live during the Tribulation?

Isaiah 33:15; the answer.

Isaiah 33:16; How he will be protected - he will live in caves and God will miraculously give food and water.

d. And when this one sees Jesus, he will be given the gospel and receive Him as did Cornelius!

e. The others will be cast into hell forever, Mt. 25:46 – As heaven is eternal, hell will be eternal.