

What Is Prophecy?

A prophecy is a prediction of something that will happen in the future. In the Bible, there are a lot of predictions about the future. Some of the predictions made in the past we can see have already happened. For example, the Old Testament said that a Messiah would come to earth (Daniel 9). We know that this was a true prophecy because the New Testament tells us about Jesus being the Messiah of the world (John 4).

Some of the predictions made in the past have not happened yet. They are future prophecies. For example, the Bible says that Jesus will come back again someday (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Why Is Prophecy Important?

Prophecy should be important to us because it is important to God. If you put together all the passages about prophecy in the Bible, the result would be larger than the whole New Testament.

The book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible, is dedicated to the study of future prophecy. And it is the only book that specifically promises a blessing to anyone who reads it (Revelation 1:3).

God uses prophecy to prove that what He said would happen, does happen. Prophecy is one of God's ways of showing us that His Word can be trusted. When we see that what God predicted, happens exactly as He predicted it, then we can know that other prophecies will happen exactly as they are predicted in the Bible.

The Bible has never ever been one detail off in its prophecy of future events. Because of this fact, we can show that the Bible is not a book of fantasy, religion, or myth, but a book of truth, fact, and reality.

Prophecy is important because God tells us to be ready and to be on alert about what is going to happen in the future. We need to know about Jesus' return and be ready, so that we will

love to see Him when He comes back. The Apostle Paul said to Timothy, *“In the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing”* (2 Timothy 4:8).

When we study prophecy, we must understand each text in the plain ordinary normal way that it is written. This is called taking the Bible literally. Our goal is to understand what the author is saying. We know that Jesus literally died on a literal cross for our literal sins. If we do not take what God said literally, then we would not know how to be saved. Just like all of the other books we read, to understand the Bible we need to take it literally.

We Eagerly Await

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also **we eagerly wait** for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself* (Philippians 3:20-21).

Do Not Lose Heart

*Therefore, we **do not lose heart**, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal* (1 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Fix Your Hope Completely

*Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, **fix your hope completely** on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ* (1 Peter 1:13).

The Promises of the Past



A **covenant** is an agreement between two persons.

Prophecy is the fulfillment of covenants made between God and man.

In about 2000 BC, Abraham left his family and his home in obedience to God. As Abraham moved to the Promised Land of Israel (at the time called Canaan), God entered into a covenant with him and his descendants.

God said, *“I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing; and I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed”* (Genesis 12:1-3).

The **Abrahamic Covenant** was a promise from God to Abraham. God, who always keeps His promises, promised Abraham and his family three things: a land, family, and a blessing.

LAND

God promised that He would remove all of Israel’s enemies and give the land of Canaan (Israel) to Abraham’s descendants forever.

FAMILY

God promised that He would provide Israel with descendants through the family of Abraham, who would be called the Jews. Jesus comes from this family.

BLESSING

God promised that He would bless the descendants of Abraham and that all the nations will know that Israel is blessed.

The Bible says that the **Abrahamic Covenant** was partly fulfilled during the Old Testament times. *“The Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. And the Lord gave them rest on every side, according to all that He had sworn to their fathers, and no one of all their enemies stood before them; the LORD gave all their enemies into their hand”* (Joshua 21:43-44).

But the completion of each part of the Abrahamic Covenant will be fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the future Millennial Kingdom (see Chapter 8).

- Jesus completely secures the **Land** for Israel.
- Jesus reigns on the throne of David as King of Israel over the **descendants** of Abraham.
- And through Jesus, Israel will be known as a people **blessed** by God.

God describes the fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant like this: *“I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people”* (Jeremiah 31:33).

There will be different timelines of prophecy throughout the book to memorize.

Timeline



4000 BC

Creation



2000 BC

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Jesus Christ's
Death

Fill In the Blanks



Questions

What is a covenant?

What three things did God promise Abraham?

During what event was the Abrahamic covenant partly fulfilled?

During what event will the Abrahamic covenant be completely fulfilled?

Who will one day fulfill each part of the Abrahamic covenant?

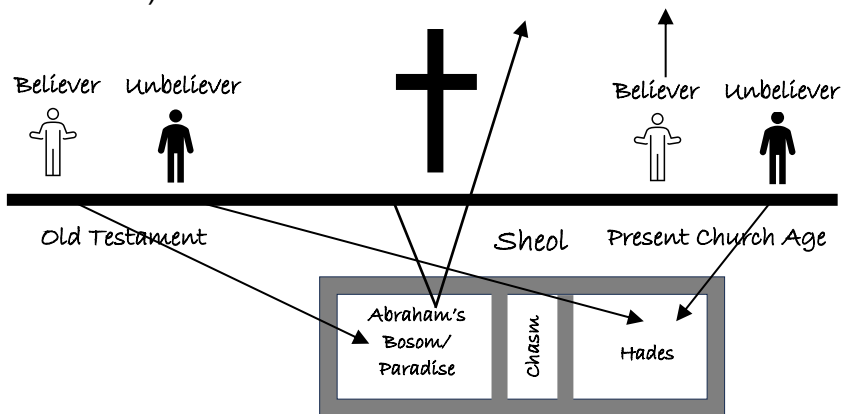
When the Abrahamic covenant is fulfilled, where will God write His law?

Jesus Christ's Death

Read Luke 16:19-31. This passage describes a place called Sheol. Sheol is a Hebrew word meaning “a place of death.” Hades is the Greek word for the bad part of Sheol, which is a place of suffering.

BEFORE Jesus Died on the Cross

Unbelievers who died before the Church Age went to Hades. Believers who died before the Church Age went to Abraham's Bosom, also called Paradise. Paradise is the good side of Sheol, a place of comfort. Jesus told a thief (who believed Jesus was God) who was crucified on a cross next to Jesus, “Today (after they both died) you shall be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).



WHEN Jesus Died on the Cross

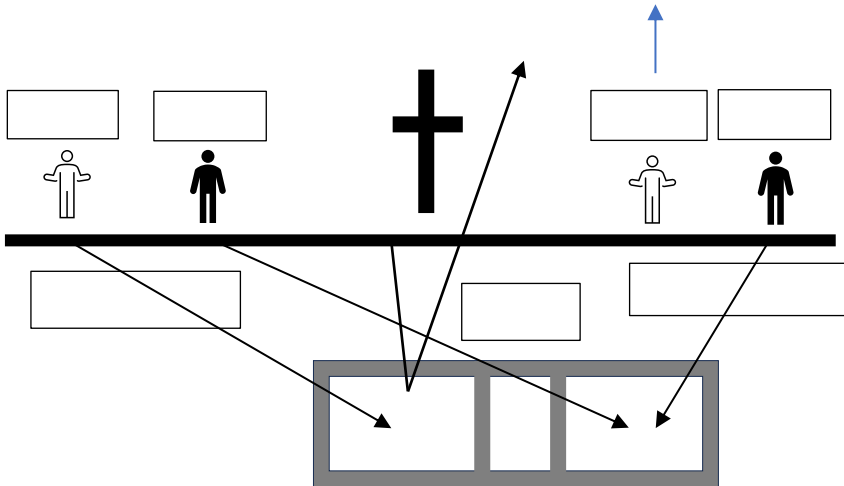
Believers who were dwelling in Abraham's Bosom/Paradise were taken by Jesus from there up to heaven.

AFTER Jesus Died on the Cross

Unbelievers who die today continue to go to Hades. They will remain there until The Great White Throne of Judgment (see page 26) when they will face Jesus and be judged, “every one of them according to their deeds” (Revelation 20:13).

Believers who die today go directly to heaven and are “at home with the LORD Jesus” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Fill in the Blanks



Questions

Sheol is a Hebrew word that means what?

What kind of place is Hades?

What kind of place is Abraham's Bosom/Paradise?

What did Jesus tell the thief on the cross?

Where did Jesus take the believers from Abraham's Bosom?

When will unbelievers be taken from Hades?

Where do believers go today when they die?

The Present Church Age



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Church Age

What Is an Age?

God deals with people differently depending on when they live and what His plans are for that time. The period of time when people live is called an age. We live in the Church Age.

Another age is called the Age of the Law. The people who lived in this age were the Old Testament saints because they were believers in God. The people from the book of Genesis were before the time of the Law. The Law began with Moses and the Ten Commandments.

During the Age of the Law, God's chosen people were the descendants of Abraham, called the nation of Israel or the Israelites (later called the Jews). God gave the Law to the Israelites to teach them about the character of God and help them live obedient lives. Because the Israelites had just started writing the Bible, and it was not yet complete, people around the world who wanted to learn about God had to come to the Israelites to find out the truth about God.

The Beginning of the Church Age

After Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of believers. This was the beginning of the Church Age. Because the Bible is now complete, the truth about God can be sent to all people everywhere. Now, during the Church Age, we do not need to go to the Israelites to learn about God. Any person anywhere

can be indwelt by the Holy Spirit when they trust Jesus Christ as their Savior. The group of all people in the world who have trusted Jesus is called the Church—that is why this age is called the Church Age. Because the Church Age was not predicted in the Old Testament, the New Testament calls the Church Age a mystery (Ephesians 3:5).

The End of the Church Age

The Church Age ends with all true believers being taken to heaven. This event is called the Rapture of the Church (see page 11). Jesus said, *“I go to prepare a place for you. And, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also”* (John 14:2-3). But at the end of the Church Age many people will call themselves Christians who are not true believers because they never trusted in Jesus as their Savior, so they will not be taken to heaven. They will be left behind here on earth.

Questions

What is an age?

In what age did most Old Testament believers live?

How did people living during the Old Testament learn about God?

How did the Church Age begin?

How do people today become indwelt by the Holy Spirit?

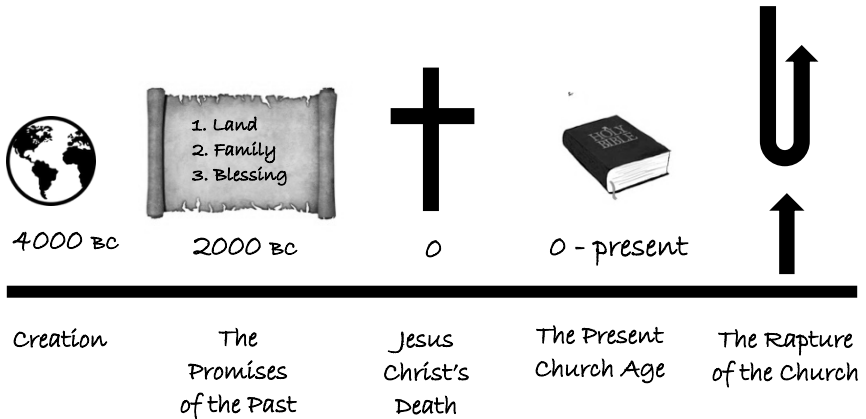
What is the group of all true believers of this age called?

How does the Church Age end?

What will happen to the people who are not true believers?

In John 14:2-3, what did Jesus say He was preparing for believers?

The Rapture of the Church



The Apostle Paul Described the Rapture of the Church in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

He said, *“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.*

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

For this we say to you by the word of the LORD, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the LORD, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the LORD Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air, and so we shall always be with the LORD. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

What We Know about the R–A–P–T–U–R–E

R – stands for RAPTURE

The word Rapture means caught up. Believers who are alive during the Church Age, at the time of the Rapture, will be caught up to meet Jesus in the clouds and then taken to heaven. Their bodies will be changed from a temporary body to an eternal resurrected body.

A – stands for ASLEEP

All believers who have died (the word “asleep” symbolizes death) during the Church Age will come (in their eternal bodies) with Jesus, from heaven, in the clouds to meet the believers who are Raptured.

P – stands for PAUL

Paul told believers about the Rapture so that they would not be sad or scared about what happened to their family members who had died, and to give them hope.

T – stands for TWO ALERTS

Two alerts happen right before the Rapture: a shout comes from heaven, which is the voice of an archangel, and the trumpet of God sounds.

U – stands for UNBELIEVERS

Unbelievers will not be Raptured. They will be left behind on the earth and will go into the Tribulation time (see Chapter 6). They do not have the hope that believers have.

R – stands for RISE

Jesus died and rose from the dead. Believers who have died during the Church Age will rise and meet the believers who are Raptured in the sky and together they will be with Jesus forever.

E – stands for ETERNITY

All believers who are raptured will be with the believers who have died and will be with Jesus forever.

Fill in the Blanks



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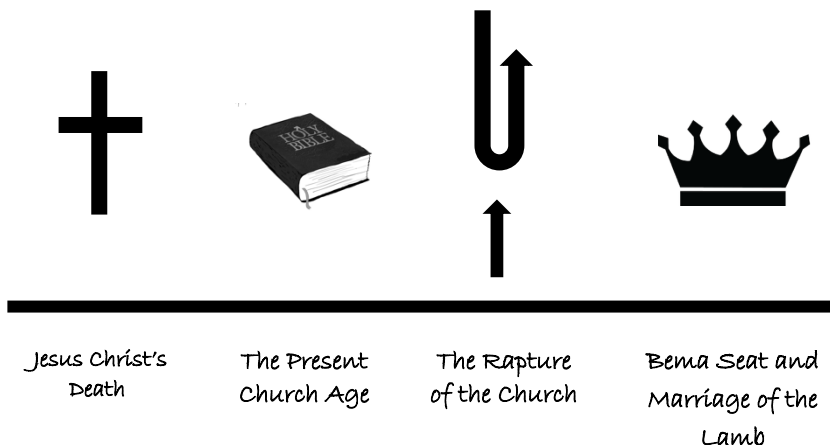
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Events In Heaven After the Rapture



Bema Seat Judgment of Believers

After the believers of the Church Age are Raptured, two events take place in heaven. First, *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad”* (2 Corinthians 5:10).

This is not a judgment for sin— sin was paid for on the cross. This is a judgment for our works. While we are on earth, we have the opportunity to serve God (Ephesians 2:10). Our works that we do for God while on earth cannot save us, only faith in Jesus can save us, but they will benefit us when we get to heaven.

The Bema Seat is like being paid after doing a job – the reward you receive depends on the quality of your work and for obeying God’s words. Those who have done a lot for God will receive a big reward. Those who have done very little for God will receive a lesser reward (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).

Some of the Bema Seat Rewards

A CROWN OF REJOICING is given for leading people to Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:19).



A CROWN OF LIFE is given for enduring suffering or trials (James 1:12).

A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS is given to those looking for Jesus to return (2 Timothy 4:8).

A CROWN OF GLORY is given for teaching people the Bible (1 Peter 5:4).

A CROWN OF SELF-CONTROL is given for being in control of your sin (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

Marriage of the Lamb

The second event which takes place in heaven is the marriage ceremony between Jesus and the Church. In the Bible Jesus is often described as the Lamb of God, which is why it is called the Marriage of the Lamb.



In this marriage ceremony, Jesus is the groom, and the Church is His bride. Jesus' great love for the Church is compared to the way a husband loves his wife. This is an important event because when Jesus and all believers from the Church Age are joined together, they become one and they will never be separated again.

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the Marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints” (Revelation 19:7-8).

Fill In the Blanks



What can the Bema Seat judgment be compared to?

What is our job while we are on earth?

Who receives a big reward?

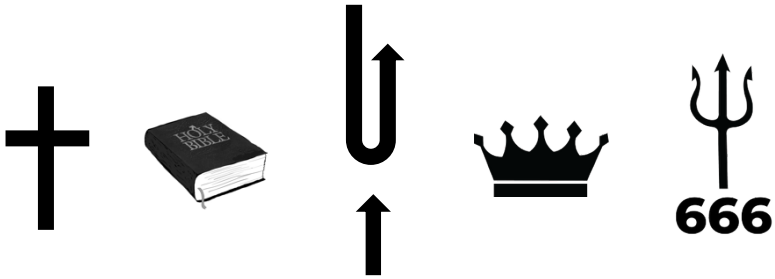
Why is the Bema Seat judgment NOT a judgment of sin?

Which crown is given for leading people to Christ?

Why is the joining of the Church with Jesus called a marriage?

What is given to clothe the Church in the marriage ceremony?

The Tribulation



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of the Lamb

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WHERE and WHEN is the Tribulation

The Tribulation takes place on the earth after the Rapture, when the Bema Seat Judgment and the Marriage of the Lamb are taking place in heaven. Since all believers have been Raptured, the earth is left with only unbelievers. The Tribulation will last 7 years.

The PURPOSE of the Tribulation

- 1) To prepare the nation of Israel for their Messiah at the Second Coming (see page 21) of Jesus (Matthew 25:34).
- 2) To punish the people of the earth for their sin (Isaiah 26:21), because they refuse to repent (Revelation 16:9), they reject Jesus as God, and they worship the Antichrist (see page 19) (Revelation 13:11-18).

The NATURE of the Tribulation

The Tribulation will be a time of great destruction. There will be wars, famines, earthquakes, hail, fire, water turning into blood, darkness, and death. It will be very hard for anyone to live through. The days will be shortened to help those who become believers to be able to survive. God says it will be similar to the times before Noah and the Flood, when the whole earth was evil.

Key Figures in the Tribulation

Believers in Jesus Christ– When the Rapture happens all the people who do not have faith in Jesus Christ will be left here on earth to go into the Tribulation time. But after the Rapture happens, many people will realize their mistake in not believing in Jesus and will then become saved. They will have great faith during the Tribulation time. Many of them will be killed for their belief in God (Revelation 6:9-11).

Holy Spirit – During the Church Age, the Holy Spirit is restraining evil in this world, partly because there are many believers living here. But when the believers are Raptured, the Holy Spirit will not restrain the evil anymore. He will still be involved in the salvation of the people who believe in Jesus (2 Thessalonians 2:7).

The 144,000 – During the Tribulation, God will prepare the nation of Israel for the Second Coming of Jesus by leading many Jews to faith in Jesus. There will be at least twelve thousand Israelites from each of the twelve tribes of Israel who will become believers (Revelation 7:4-8). These 144,000 Jewish believers will have a seal of God on their foreheads which protects them from the Antichrist (Revelation 14:1-4). Remember that God promised Abraham that his people will be blessed and have a future. This is a part of God's plan to save them.

Two Witnesses – Two men, God's witnesses, will prophesy (teaching the people about God) for 3 ½ years, during the last half of the Tribulation. God will protect them until Satan kills them at the end of the Tribulation and leaves their bodies in the street for three-and-a-half days so that the unbelievers in the world can see and celebrate the power of Satan. But God will raise them from the dead and take them to heaven while the whole world watches (Revelation 11:1-13).

The Dragon –This is Satan. During the Tribulation, God will allow Satan more freedom to reign. Satan hates God and God’s people, so he, along with his demons, will cause a lot of pain and destruction for them. Because Satan hates those who obey God, he will give the Antichrist power to try to destroy Israel and the believers (Revelation 13:11-18).

The Antichrist – This is a man whom Satan will bring to power to lead the whole unbelieving world in rebellion against God. The Antichrist is also called the Beast (Revelation 13:1-10). He will come out of Europe and will become a world ruler and even change the laws to deceive the people. He will make a 7-year peace treaty with Israel then break it after 3 ½ years, because he really hates the people of Israel. He will even set himself up as God in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He will be very smart, influential and powerful, performing miraculous signs to deceive and convince the world to worship him (2 Thessalonians 2:9-19).

The False Prophet – This man is called the Second Beast. He will be a religious leader who will cause the mark of the Beast, 666, to be put on people. He will control the economy of the whole world with the mark. If the people do not receive the 666 mark, then they will not be able to buy or sell anything.

God tells believers that they are not allowed to get the mark of the Beast. If people get the mark on them, they are choosing to follow Satan and his evil system. But if they do not get the mark, then the Antichrist and False Prophet will try to kill them. The False Prophet will also deceive the people and force them to worship the Antichrist or die (Revelation 13:14-18).

The Dragon, Antichrist, and False Prophet will make it difficult for the believers to survive to the end of the 7 years. Because of this, God will make the days shorter. Jesus said, *“Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved, but for the sake of the elect (believers) those days will be cut short”* (Matthew 24:22).

Fill In the Blanks

Where will the Tribulation take place?

Who is left on the earth after the Rapture, at the beginning of the Tribulation?

How long will the Tribulation last?

What are the two purposes of the Tribulation?

Describe the nature of the Tribulation.

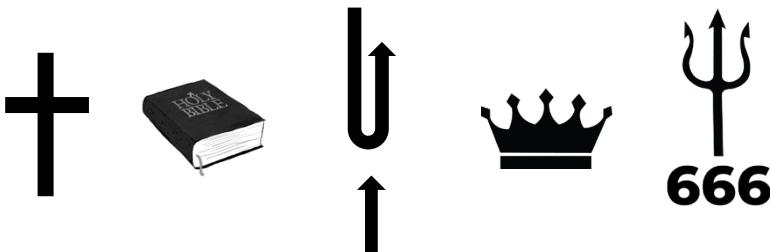
The Tribulation will be similar to what other time?

Who are the key figures of the Tribulation who do good?

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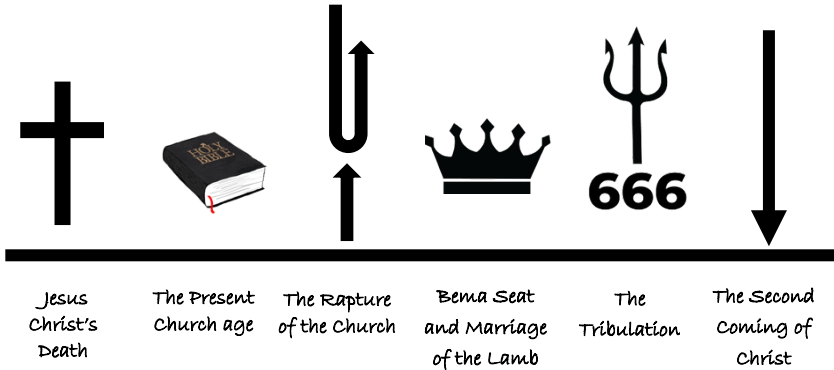
How many tribes of Israel are there and at least how many people from each tribe will be saved?

Why does God make the days shorter during the Tribulation?



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The Second Coming of Christ



The Battle of Armageddon – Revelation 19:11–21

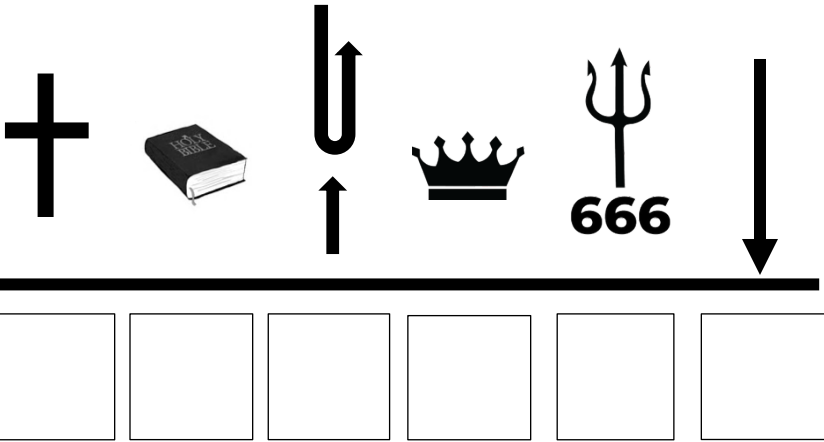
- At the end of the Tribulation, the Antichrist and the kings of the earth (unbelievers) will assemble with their armies in Israel to fight against Jesus.
- At the Second Coming, everyone will see Jesus coming in the clouds from heaven with great power and great glory (Matthew 24:30).
- Jesus will arrive on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem on a white horse. All of the resurrected Church Age believers dressed in fine white linen will be following Jesus on white horses.
- The Antichrist and False Prophet will be captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire (what we call Hell) for all of eternity.
- The unbelievers who gathered with them to fight against Jesus will be killed.



The Resurrection of the Saints (Believers in Jesus)

- Old Testament Saints who have died will receive their resurrected eternal bodies when Jesus returns (Revelation 11:18).
- Tribulation Saints who have died will also receive their resurrected eternal bodies (Revelation 20:4).

Fill In the Blanks



Who is in the Battle of Armageddon?

Who will see Jesus coming in the clouds?

Who will arrive on the Mount of Olives on a white horse?

Who will assemble their armies to fight with Jesus?

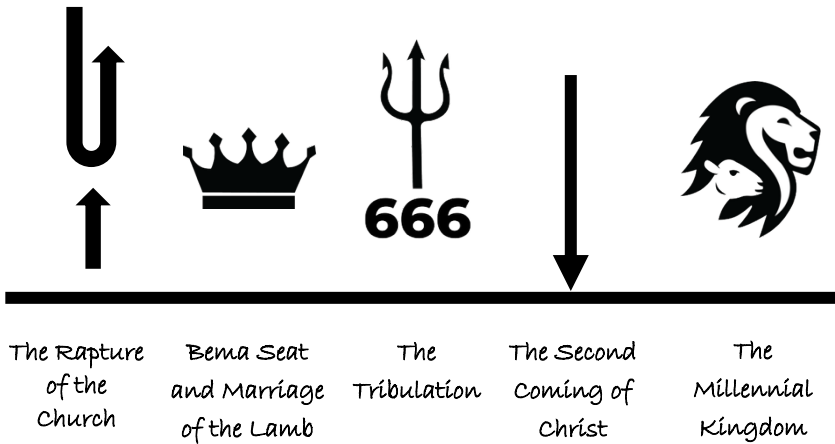
Who will be captured and thrown into the Lake of Fire?

What is the Bible's name for the place we call Hell?

Who is at the Resurrection of the Saints?

Who gets their resurrected eternal bodies?

The Millennial Kingdom



Read Revelation 20:1–7 and Jeremiah 31:31–34

The word “millennial” means “1000.” God’s promises of the past to Israel will be fulfilled on earth during the 1000-year Millennial Kingdom.

The Promises of the Past are Fulfilled

The **Covenant** that God made was a promise to Abraham of Land, Family, and Blessing. The 144,000 Jews who are the children of Abraham, who are saved through the Tribulation, will have their land in the Millennial Kingdom and they will be blessed by God (Jeremiah 32:37-38; Isaiah 10:21-22).

During the Millennial Kingdom

Saints are the believers who have died throughout all of the ages. They have had their sins forgiven by Jesus. The Old Testament, the Church Age, and the Tribulation Saints will all be with Jesus as the King in the Millennial Kingdom. They will govern with David (from Old Testament) as prince. Any sin during this time will be dealt with immediately (Isaiah 29:20-21).

Satan is bound in an abyss which Jesus seals shut so he cannot deceive people during the entire Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:1-3).

Jesus will be the perfect judge and will reign from His throne in Jerusalem as King of the earth (Isaiah 9:4; 11:4; Jeremiah 3:17). There will be a new Temple in Jerusalem that all of the people will come to and worship Him. Jesus is fulfilling the promises of Land, Family, and Blessing during this time.

Earth will be a time of peace, even the animals. The wolf and the lamb play together. Jesus will lift the curse which was placed on the earth because of sin. There will be more light and more productivity which will provide plenty of food and jobs for everyone (Isaiah 11:6-9; 30:26; 32:17-18). The 12 tribes of Israel will live safely in the land of Israel.

People who lived through the Tribulation will live on earth in peace and will have comfort and joy. Because Jesus will be living on earth with the people, they will be healed of their sickness and disabilities, and they will live longer lives (Isaiah 2:4; 65:20; Jeremiah 30:17; Revelation 21:4).

The New Covenant

“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will put My Law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people’” (Jeremiah 31:31-34). The believers during the Millennial Kingdom will have a very close relationship with Jesus. They will know His Word— the Bible, they will be holy and live in a holy place. This is a part of the fulfillment of the promise of blessing from the past.

Jerusalem will be the center of the Kingdom and the world. It will be a larger more glorious city rebuilt after the Tribulation. There will be a great river that flows out of Jerusalem to water the land (Isaiah 2:2-4; Jeremiah 3:17; 31:16-17).

Although the Millennial Kingdom begins with all believers, there will be people born during the 1000 years who will need to be saved. All people, no matter when they live, must believe in Jesus in order to have their sins forgiven. *“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those who seek*

Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Even though Jesus will reign as a righteous king, there will be many people born during the Millennial Kingdom who will reject Him as God (Revelation 20:8).

Fill In the Blanks

The 144,000 Jews who are saved during the Tribulation will have the fulfillment of what during the Millennial Kingdom?

King David from the Old Testament will be what in the Millennial Kingdom?

Satan is _____ in the abyss which Jesus seals shut so he cannot _____ the people.






Jesus will be the perfect _____ and will reign from His throne in _____ as king.

_____ will lift the curse which was placed on the earth because of _____.

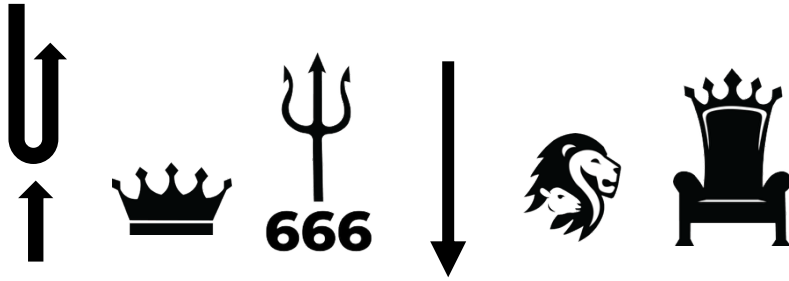
Then there will be more _____ and more _____ which will provide plenty of food and jobs for everyone.

What is it called when Jesus writes His Law within the hearts of the people?

Why will there be some unbelievers at the end of the Millennial Kingdom?

				
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The Great White Throne of Judgment



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BEFORE The Great White Throne of Judgment

At the end of the 1000-year Millennial Kingdom Satan will be released from the Abyss that Jesus sealed shut.

By the end of the Millennial Kingdom, there will be many unbelievers who hate God and will follow Satan. Satan will gather the unbelievers and go to war in Jerusalem against Jesus and all of the believers. The unbelievers are then destroyed by fire from heaven. And Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire (Hell) for eternity (Revelation 20:7-10).

After this final war, Jesus will take all of the unbelievers who are destroyed in the final battle along with all of the unbelievers from all times who are in Hades and take them to The Great White Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:12-13).

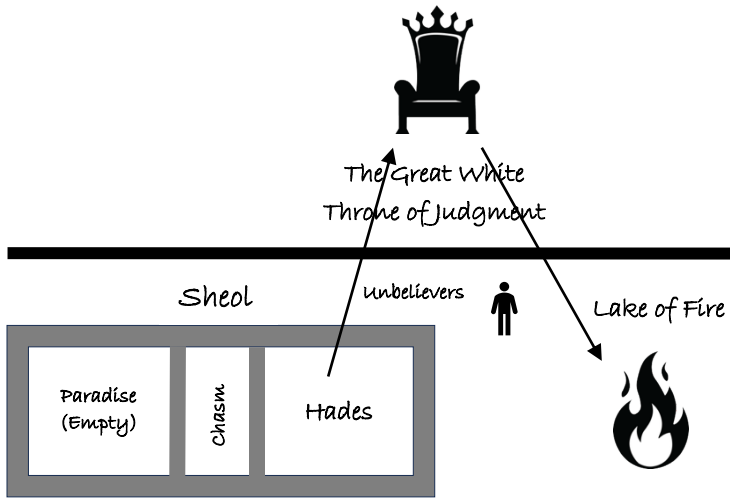
AT The Great White Throne of Judgment

Jesus is the Judge sitting on the Great Throne. He will open two books:

The Book of Life— Jesus judges those whose names are not found written in the Book of Life. If their name is not in the book this means they never accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

The Book of Deeds— Jesus judges all of the unbelievers who have died based on what they did during their life on earth whether it was good or bad.

“And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire” (Revelation 20:11-15).



AFTER The Great White Throne of Judgment

Jesus destroys the earth with fire. *“But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men” (2 Peter 3:7; Matthew 24:35; Revelation 20:11).*

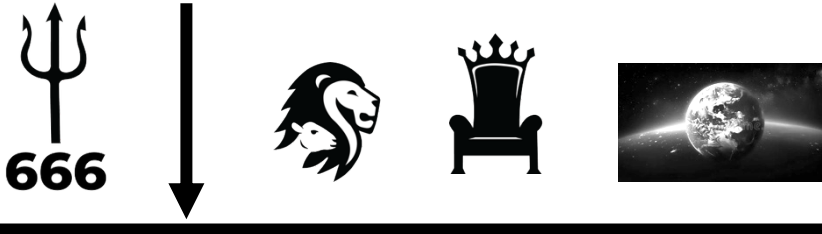
Fill In the Blanks

List 3 things about Satan **BEFORE** the Great White Throne of Judgment.

What 2 books does Jesus open **AT** the Great White Throne of Judgment?

What one major event takes place **AFTER** the Great White Throne of Judgment?

New Heavens and New Earth



The
Tribulation

The Second
Coming of
Christ

The
Millennial
Kingdom

The Great White
Throne of
Judgment

New Heavens
and New Earth

‘Jesus said, “I go to prepare a place for you... that where I am, there you may be also” (John 14:2-3).

The New Earth will be filled with all the believers from the beginning of time. Each one who has their name written in the Book of Life. They will serve Jesus and reign with Him forever (Revelation 21–22).

What There Will Be - Read Revelation 21–22

- After the Millennial Kingdom Jesus will create a New Heaven and a New Earth (Isaiah 65:17).
- The earth will have a huge capital city called the New Jerusalem. The width, length and height are 1500 miles. It will be 12 times higher than where the satellites orbit the current earth.
- The city is surrounded by a 21-story wall. The wall will have 12 beautifully colored foundation stones that will have the names of each of the 12 apostles.
- The wall will have 12 pearl gates, and there will be an angel at each gate. The names of each of the 12 tribes of Israel are written on the gates. The gates will never be closed.
- The city and the streets will be pure gold.
- A crystal-clear river will be flowing from Jesus’ throne down the middle of the street.
- On either side of the river will be a Tree of Life that will have 12 kinds of fruit for good health.

- The believers will live in nations and have kings on the New Earth.
- All the believers will have the name of Christ written on their foreheads.

What There Will Not Be

- There will not be a temple because Jesus is the temple, and He will live among His people.
- There will not be a need for the sun or moon because Jesus will provide the light.
- There will no longer be any night.
- There will not be any crying or pain because Jesus will take away our sorrow.
- There will never be anyone who does not believe in God.
- There will not be any death.

Fill In the Blanks

Write “will be” or “will not be” before each statement.

- _____ A 21-story wall around the New Jerusalem.
- _____ Believers to serve and reign with Jesus.
- _____ Crying and pain.
- _____ Jesus as the light.
- _____ Death.
- _____ A crystal-clear river flowing from the throne.
- _____ 12 colorful foundation stones.
- _____ A temple.
- _____ Jesus living among His people.
- _____ A huge capital city made of pure gold.
- _____ 12 pearl gates with names of 12 tribes.
- _____ Unbelievers living there.
- _____ 12 different fruits on the Tree of Life.
- _____ Anymore nighttime.
- _____ 12 angels at each of the 12 gates.

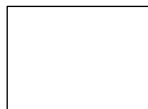
What will all of the believers have written on them?



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Conclusion

Jesus gives a special blessing to those who read and believe the book of Revelation.

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near (Revelation 1:3).

At the end of the Bible, Jesus warns us to not add words or take words away from His Revelation (22:18-19).

Jesus is inviting anyone, who wishes to follow Him, while there is still time (22:17).

“Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (22:20)