

What follows represents the unedited lecture notes of Pastor Merritt's teaching of The Book of The Revelation. Please feel free to reproduce all or part for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Last week I completed a study of Rev 19:1-10 and when time expired we were about to begin an exegesis of Rev 19:11-13 and the glorious appearance of Christ at His Second Advent.

2. Before continuing I want to provide "1Jo 1:9 time" as may be necessary.

3. Let's review some of that learned and then begin new material on page two.

4. At our last session I provided a review of how we arrived at our climax - The Second Advent of Jesus Christ. It is described in considerable detail in Revelation chapter sixteen.

5. The first order of business last week was a brief synopsis of the Tribulation.

5.1 The Tribulation will be a time of wrath and judgment from God terminating in the drying up of the Euphrates and a series of battles in which Christ destroys the armies of the world and Israel receives in spades their four unconditional covenants.

5.2 The tribulation will also be a period of salvation. There will be many saved during the seven years.

5.3 An election out of Israel will be redeemed and an innumerable multitude of Gentiles will be delivered. Rev 7:1-14

5.4 The Tribulation will be followed immediately by the return of Christ in glory, and the events associated therewith. So much for review now let's return to Revelation chapter nineteen and an expanded translation of Rev 19:1-10.

Rev 19:1 After I saw the destruction of Babylon and the resultant joy in heaven I heard the roar of a great crowd in heaven exclaiming: "Praise God! Deliverance and glory and power solely belongs to Jesus the Christ, Rev 19:2 for certain and just are all His judgments. He has condemned and judged ecumenical, political and commercial Babylon who for centuries corrupted the earth by her false teachings. He is calling her to account for spilling the blood of His servants."

Rev 19:3 At this point John again heard from heaven: "Hallelujah."

Rev 19:4 The twenty-four elders representing the raptured church age saints and the four special elect angels all fell prostrate and worshiped the Christ, who was seated on the throne. The raptured saints of heaven cried out: "Amen and Hallelujah!"

Rev 19:5 And out of the Throne Room in heaven came a voice praising God; in fact, the voice cried out the command for all His servants, small and great, all who fear and respect Him must praise His name.

Rev 19:6 And then I heard what sounded like the shouting of a large crowd, it sounded much like the waves of a hundred oceans crashing on a rocky shore, or like the crash of thunder from an approaching storm.

Rev 19:7 Let us rejoice and be glad and honor Him; for the marriage has occurred and now we are ready to celebrate with a wedding banquet in honor of the Lamb of God; the Bride has made herself ready, she is prepared.

Rev 19:8 Because of her divine good she is permitted to wear her decorations on her uniform of glory; the uniform is made of the cleanest and whitest of fine linen.

Rev 19:9 The angel then said to me "Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. And then he added "God Himself has so stated."

Rev 19:10 I John then fell down to worship the angel but he rebuked me saying "Get up do not do that! I am a servant of God just like you and serve not only you but all your brothers in Christ. The purpose of all prophecy is to describe the triumph and return of Jesus the Christ.

6. Now let's see what we can learn from Rev 19:11-13.

KJV

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

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Rev 19:11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.

Rev 19:13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

Principles

1. This passage contains one of the most graphic pictures of the Second Coming of Christ to be found anywhere in Scripture. The event will take place on The Day of the Lord.

2. Merrill C. Tenney describes the revelation of Christ in His second coming as:

“... a Roman triumphal procession. When a general returned from a successful campaign, he and his legions were granted the right to parade up the Via Sacra, the main street of Rome that led from the Forum to the Temple of Jupiter on the Capitoline Hill. Mounted on a white horse, the general rode at the head of his troops, followed by the wagon loads of booty that he had taken from the conquered nation, and by the chained captives that were to be executed or sold in the slave markets of the city. The chief captives or rebels were remanded to the Mamertine Prison, where they were usually executed, while sacrifices of thanksgiving were offered in the temple.”

Let me review the doctrine of the *Day of the Lord*.

1. C. I. Scofield has written concerning the term Day of the Lord: “It is that period of time when the Lord openly intervenes in the affairs of men.”

2. It will be inaugurated with the Rapture of the church.

1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

3. The term Day of the Lord in the eyes of the prophets described a coming tribulation and reign of Christ on David's throne. The mystery doctrines of the Church Age were not revealed to those living in the Gentile Age, Jewish Age or Kingdom Age.

Hos 3:5 Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.”

Dan 12:1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book-- will be delivered.

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

4. The Old Testament prophets knew nothing of the intercalation of the Church Age, with its mystery teachings.

1Pe 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,

1Pe 1:9 for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1Pe 1:10 Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care,

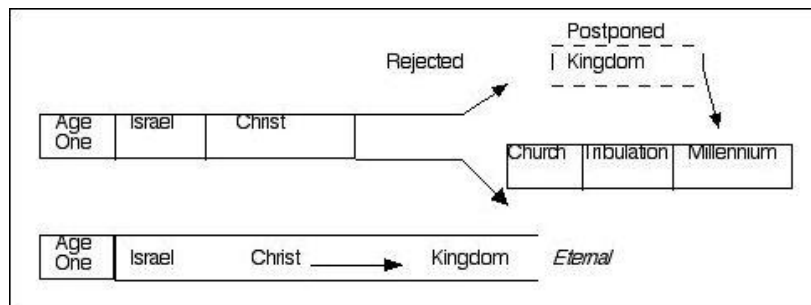
1Pe 1:11 trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1Pe 1:12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

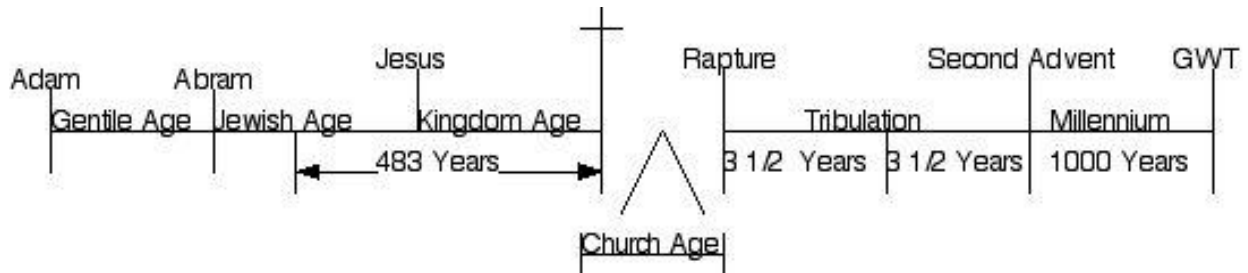
5. In chart form I want to first show you what Israel expected.

GENTILES				ISRAEL	KINGDOM
Positive Volition	Negative Volition	Noah's Family	Jewish Patriarchs	Jewish Client Nation	+
Creation of man	Fall of Adam	Flood	Abraham	Moses and the Exodus	Birth of Christ

6. Why Israel's expectations were not met--But Delayed: In order to make room for the intercalation of the Age of the Church.



7. The time of fulfillment will occur in the latter days when Israel turns to the Lord, but only after the intercalation of the Church Age.



8. The Day of the Lord will be brought to an end by the events of the Great White Throne and the ushering in of the new heavens and earth.

Rev 20:11 Then 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.

Rev 20:12 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 their works as recorded in the books.

Rev 20:13 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 their works.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

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

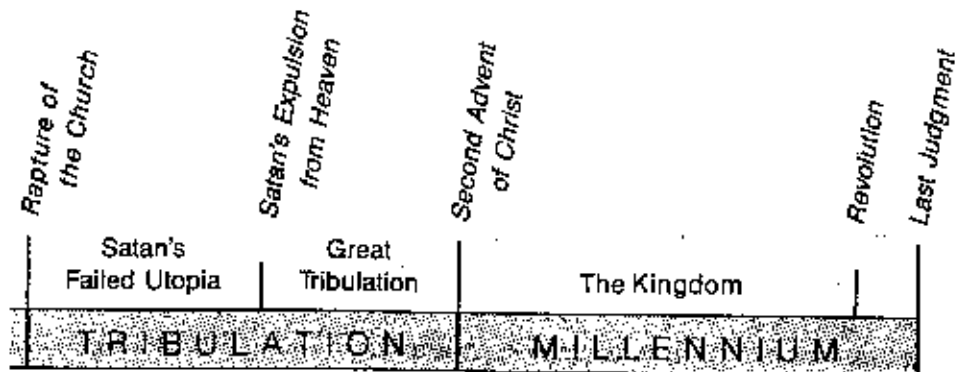
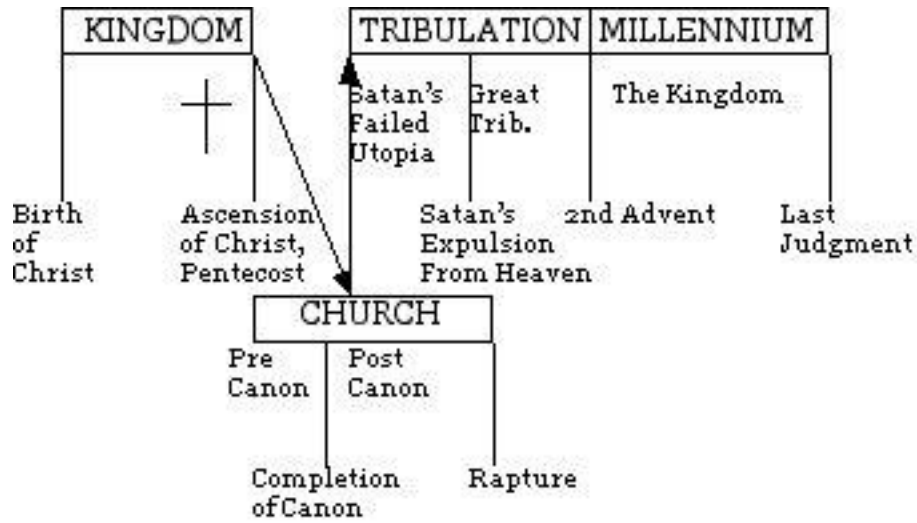
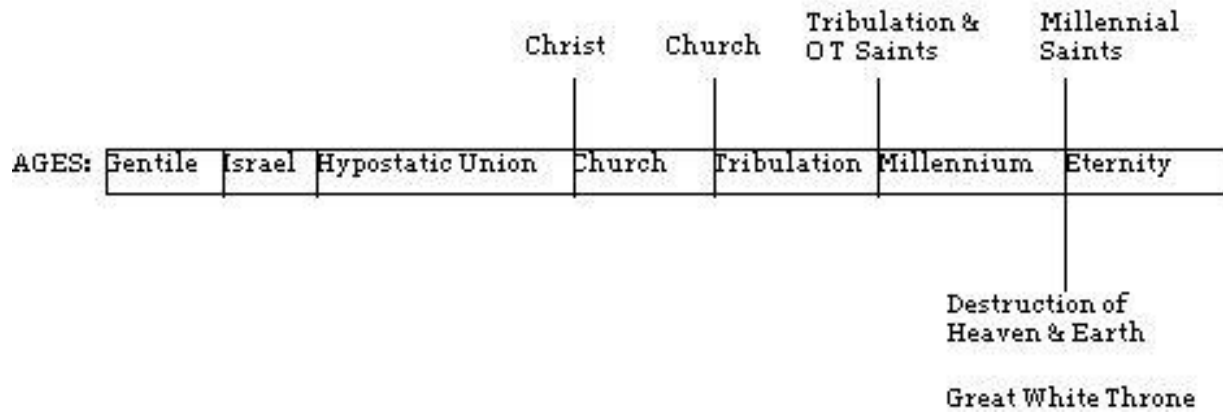
2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

2Pe 3:11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives.

2Pe 3:12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

2Pe 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

ORDER OF THE RESURRECTIONS



9. The Day of the Lord must not be confused with the Day of Christ which is the day when the Church Age saints are translated—an event preceding the Day of the Lord and commonly called the Rapture. A mistranslation in the KJV has caused unnecessary controversy in 2Th 2:1-2; fortunately, the NIV corrects the error.

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2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

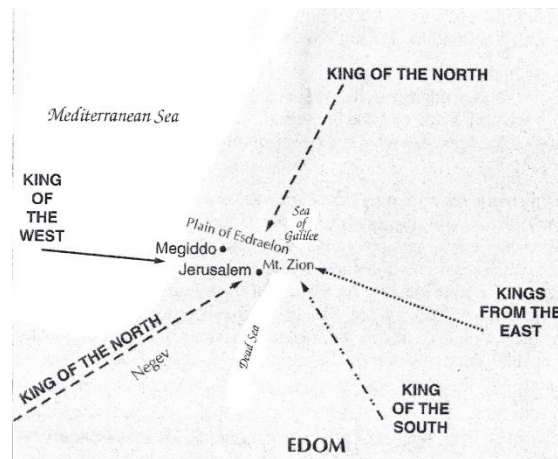
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2Th 2:1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers,

2Th 2:2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come.

10. The Day of the Lord includes the Armageddon campaign in which the armies of the world gather to destroy the Lord Jesus.

11. A chart from Col. R.B. Thieme's book Armageddon will illustrate the order of battle and the participants in the last battle of the Armageddon campaign.



12. So much for Rev 19:1-10 and an overview of the Day of the Lord. Now let's exegete Rev 19:11-12.

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Principles

1. Revelation 19:11 introduces the ultimate Day of The Lord. Scofield has, as we saw last week, done a good job of addressing the "Day of the Lord."

2. The term "Day of the Lord" will inaugurate The Age Christ. Since the prophets saw historical events from God's viewpoint, they saw a unity in God's program. The day of the Lord in prophetic times will cover the time of the coming tribulation (Revelation six through 19) and the reign of Christ on David's throne. (Revelation 20)

2.1 It will be brought to an end by the judgment of the great white throne (Rev 20:11-15) and the ushering in of the new heavens and earth, called "the day of God." (2Pe 3:10-13)

2.2 The time of fulfillment will occur in the latter days when Israel turns to the Lord. Armageddon (the name itself is to be found only in Rev 16:16) is the ancient hill and valley of Megiddo, west of the Jordan in the plain of Jezreel between Samaria and Galilee.

Rev 16:16 It is the appointed place where the armies of the beast and false prophet will be destroyed by Christ's descending to earth in glory. It is as well the place where other forces will come against the beast in their attack on Palestine e.g. the remainder of the far eastern army of 200 million men, and others.

Zec 12:4 On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness," declares the LORD. "I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations.

Zec 12:5 Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, "The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.

Zec 12:6 "On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place ...

Zec 14:1 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

Zec 14:2 I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

Mat 24:27 For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Mat 24:28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

3. The battle is a fulfillment of the smiting-stone prophecy of Dan 2:35 and the humbling of the lofty prophecy of Isa 2:12.

Dan 2:35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were broken to pieces at the same time and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

Isa 2:12 The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),

4. In summary: The Day of the Lord is that period of time when God openly intervenes in the affairs of men--in judgment and in blessing. The destruction of the beast, the false prophet, and their armies, is the "great and terrible" aspect of the day of the Lord.

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