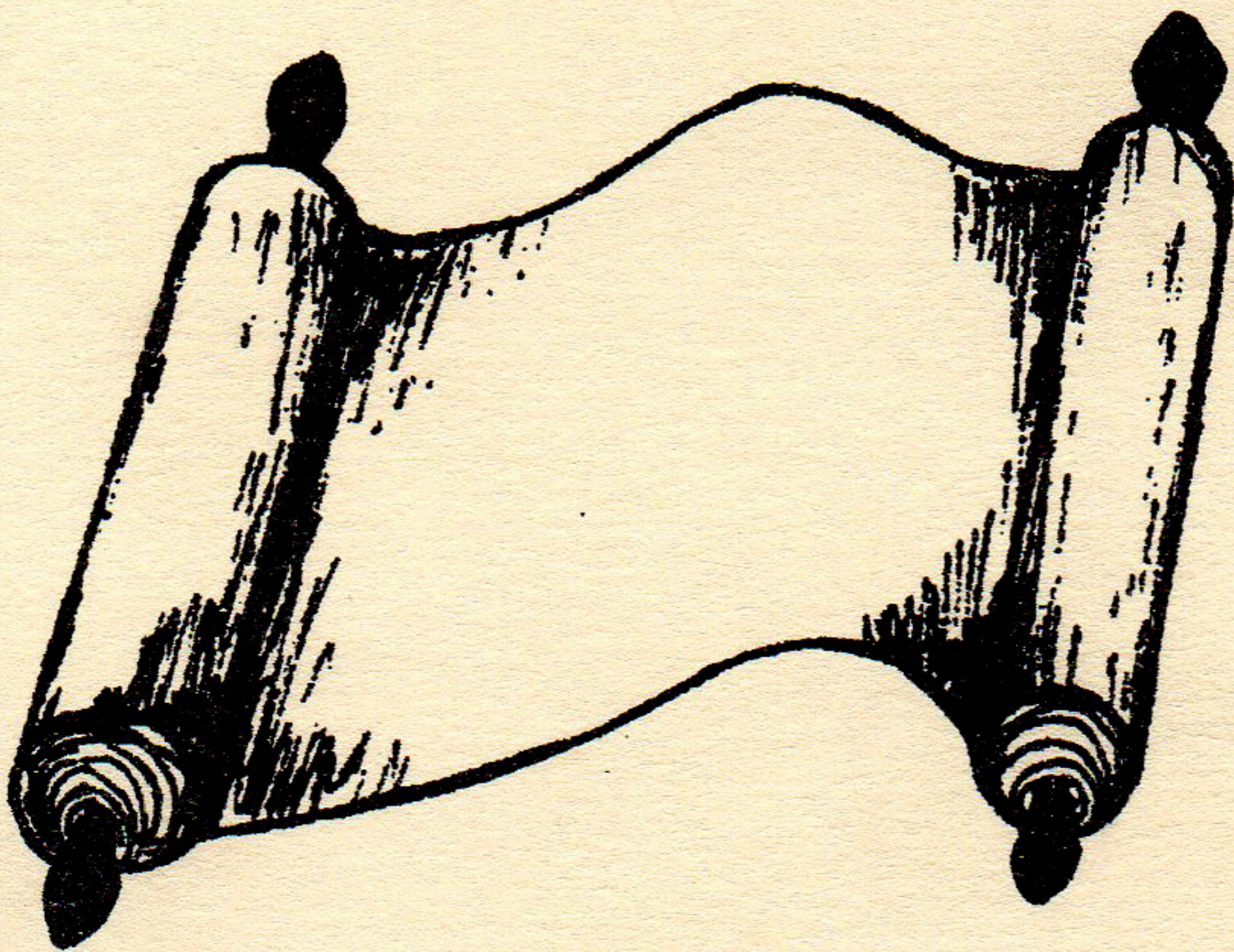
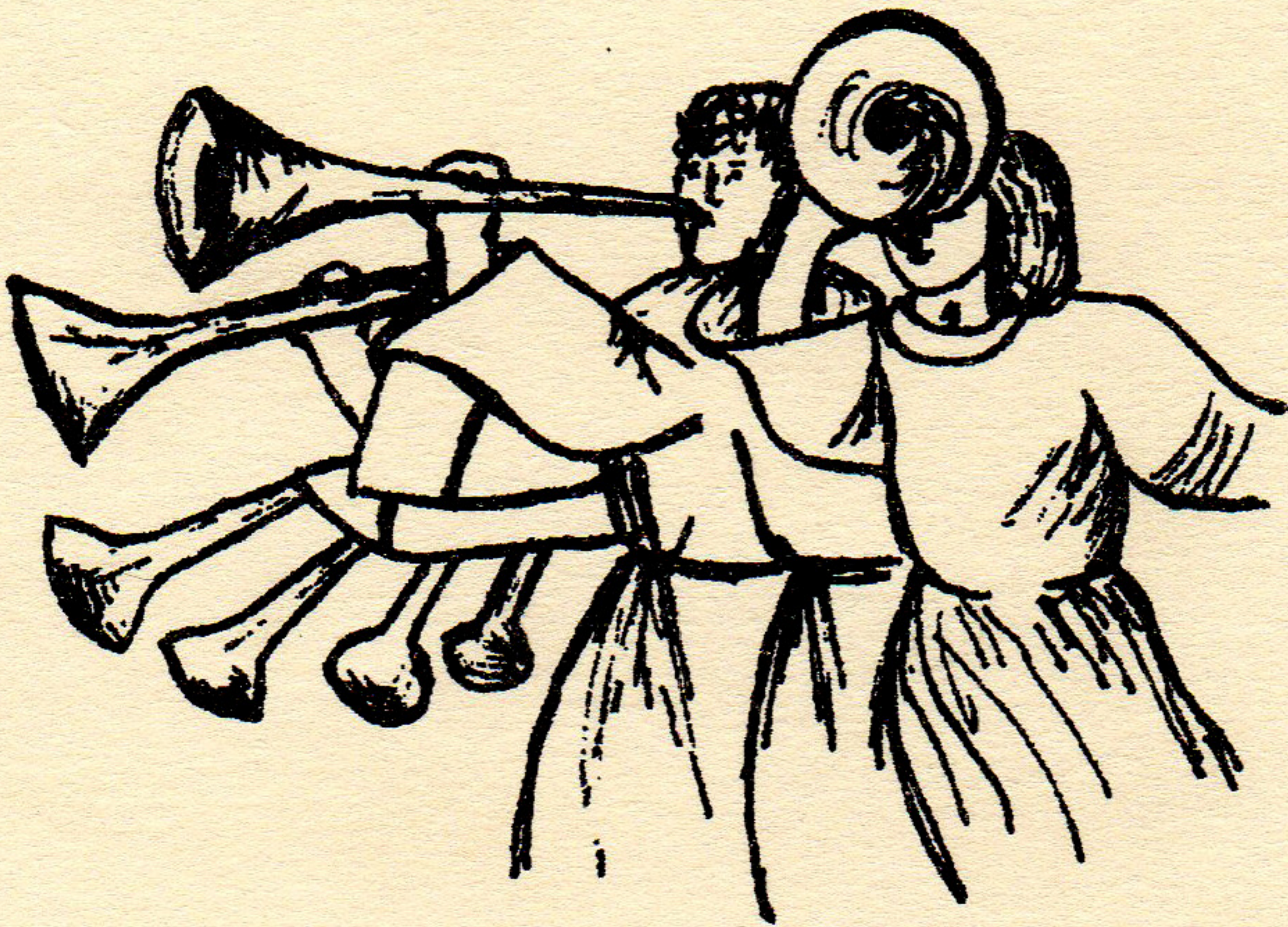


THE BIBLE AND THE FUTURE

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"And as he sat upon 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?"

Matthew 24:3

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LESSON 1
STUDY PRINCIPLES FOR BIBLE PROPHECY

- A. Two sources for knowledge of the future
1. Satan and demon spirits
 - a. Divination, soothsaying, fortune telling, astrology, horoscope, etc. (Acts 16:16-18, II Thess. 2:9-10, Rev. 16:14, II Kings 21:6)
 - b. Condemned by God (Ex. 22:18, Deut. 18:9-14, Lev. 19:26, 31, and 20:6, 27)
 - c. See story of Saul and the witch of Endor - I Sam. 28:1-20 and I Chron. 10:13-14. God is serious about this.
 2. God, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God
 - a. Spirit will show you things to come (John 16:13)
 - b. In Christ is all knowledge (Col. 1:9, and 2:3)
 - c. We are blessed to receive prophecy from the Bible (Rev. 1:3 & 22:10)
- B. Testing the source or the prophet
1. Does it lead toward God or away from Him? (Deut. 13:1-3)
 2. Does it come to pass 100% of the time? (Deut. 18:21-22)
 3. Fact that the writings of Bible prophets were preserved by the Jews for so long prove that they were 100% accurate.
 4. Death was the Old Testament sentence for an inaccurate prophet.
 5. Fulfilled prophecy gives us confidence of our security in God's Word concerning the future.
- C. Second coming of Jesus is the most important event of the future.
1. All significant events of the future revolve around His return just as past events gain their significance from their relationship to his first coming.
 2. We are confident of His return based on

Bible prophecy because of the perfect fulfillment of the prophecies for his first coming.

- a. His family
 - 1. Descendent of Abraham (Gen. 22:18)
 - 2. Son of David (I Chron. 17:11-14)
- b. His mother - a virgin (Is. 7:14, Luke 1:26-35)
- c. The place of birth - Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, Luke 2:4-7)
- d. His death (Is. 53)
 - 1. Died with the thieves (vs. 9)
 - 2. Buried with the rich (vs. 9)
- e. The betrayal (Zech. 11:12-13, Matt. 26:14-15, 27:3-10)
- f. His crucifixion (Psalm 22, John 19:23-24, 34)

We know only in part

- 1. See thru a glass dimly (I Cor. 13:9, 12)
- 2. Be careful of making assumptions (Matt. 24:30)
- 3. Don't spiritualize when the scripture has a clear literal meaning.
- 4. Let scripture be interpreted by other scripture.
- 5. Look for patterns in the scriptures; God does not change. He deals with people using same principles in all ages. (Mal. 3:6, James 1:17, Rom. 15:4, I Cor. 10:11)

Knowledge is increasing as the end nears.

- 1. Prophecy is sealed until end times (Dan. 12:4, 9, 10, Rev. 22:10)
- 2. God will make his people aware in time (Gen. 18:17, Amos 3:7)

Key scriptures

- 1. Old Testament
 - Isaiah 2, 60, 65, 66
 - Ezekiel 36-48
 - Daniel 2, 7-12
 - Zechariah 12-14

- 2. New Testament
 - Matthew 24-25
 - Mark 13
 - A. Luke 17:20-37, 21:5-38
 - I Cor. 15:12-58
 - I Thess. 4:13-18
 - II Thess. 2:1-12
 - Revelation 1-22

Prophecy big words explained

- 1. Revelation - the revealing or disclosing of the unknown
- 2. Apocalypse - prophetic revelation or uncovering
- B. 3. Eschatology - doctrine of last or final things
- 4. Resurrection - when dead bodies rise again to life & eternal bodies
- 5. Rapture - when the church, the bride of Christ, is snatched up or caught away from the earth to be with Jesus forever.
- 6. Tribulation - time of distress and suffering on earth like has never been known before.
- C. 7. Antichrist - the incarnation of Satan who masquerades as the Christ. Anti means ze opposite and against.
- D.

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- E. Must be a temple in Jerusalem
 - 1. Antichrist sits in it before end (II Thess. 2:4)
 - 2. Sacrifices cease so they must first begin again (Dan. 9:27)
 - 3. Jesus confirmed this prophecy (Matt. 24:15)
 - 4. Temple must be on the original site (Deut. 12:10-14)
- F. Israel to be a problem to the whole world
 - 1. A burdensome stone (Zech. 12:2-3)

LESSON 2
ISRAEL - KEY TO THE FUTURE

- A. Restoration of the Jewish nation to the land of promise permanently
 - 1. In latter days Israel will return and be established as before. (Jer. 30:1-24 esp. 3, 10-11, 18-24)
 - 2. God will gather them out of the nations and the land will prosper. (Ezek. 36:1-38 esp. 8;12, 20-38)
 - 3. God will plant them & they will not be removed again (Amos 9:8-15)
- B. All Israel to be saved (Romans 11)
 - 1. Apostle Paul said God wasn't finished with the Jews (vs. 1 & 2)
 - 2. They have stumbled (vs. 11-12, see also I Peter 2:8)
 - 3. God made an everlasting covenant with the Jews (vs. 25-31)
- C. The fig tree parable
 - 1. Jesus used the fig tree as an example (Matt. 24:32-24)
 - 2. Fig tree also used in scripture to symbolize Israel (Luke 13:6-9, Hosea 9:10)
- D. Antichrist and Israel
 - 1. The antichrist covenants peace with Israel before the end (Dan. 9:27)
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2. In the latter years war is to come against Israel (Exek. 38:8, 14-16)

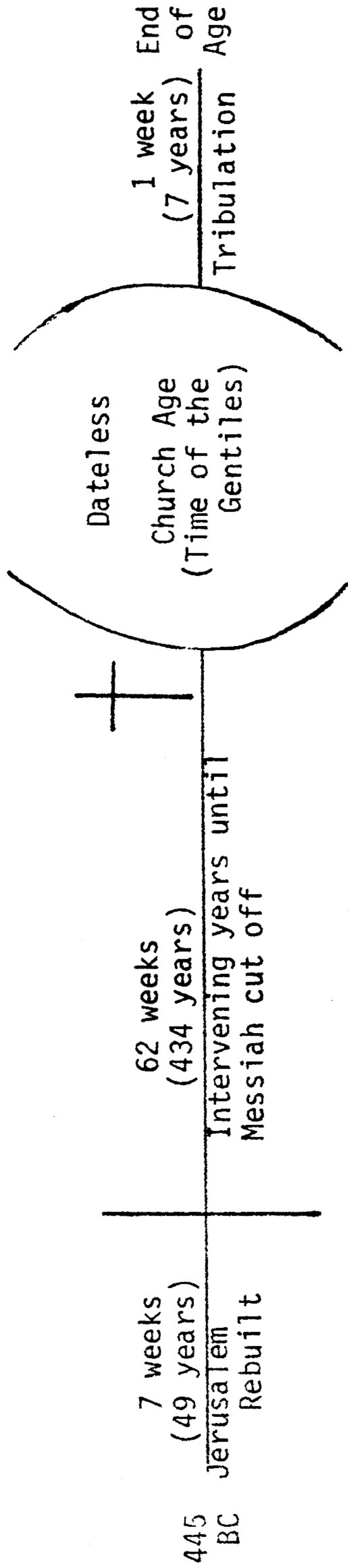
G. Gentiles time will be over

1. Time of the Gentiles fulfilled in God's plan (Luke 21:24)

H. Daniel's seventy weeks

1. This is the key to much Bible prophecy (Daniel 9:20-27)
2. This prophecy concerns Jews, not Gentiles (vs. 24 "thy people and.....thy holy city")
3. God's timetable for dealing with Jews until the end of the age (vs. 24)
 - a. "make an end of sins"
 - b. "bring in everlasting righteousness"
 - c. "anoint the most Holy"
4. We know from history when the timetable begins (vs. 25)
 - a. 445 BC (Heh. 2:1-8)
5. Weeks means sevens in the Hebrew
 - a. Seventy sevens or 490
 - b. 490 years - not days weeks or months
 1. 69 weeks (sevens) of years = 483 years (vs. 25)
 2. Messiah crucified (cut off) at that time
 3. Last "week" is seven years (vs. 27)
 4. Half of that week is
 - a. 42 months (Rev. 13:5)
 - b. 1260 days (Rev. 12:6)
6. Intervening time between 69th and 70th "week" is dateless church age (Eph. 3:3-11)

DANIEL'S 70 WEEKS (DAN. 9:24-27) (490 Years)



LESSON 3
THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

- A. Promise of Jesus (John 14:1-3)
1. Prepare a place for us
 2. Come again
 3. Receive us unto himself
 4. We will dwell with him
 5. Spoken for our comfort so we would not have troubled hearts (vs. 1)
 6. Paul calls this coming "that blessed hope" (Titus 2:13)
- B. What is the rapture?
1. Literally a "taking away" or a "snatching out"
 2. Refers to the catching away of the church out of the world
 3. Distinguished from the coming of Jesus to the earth to establish his kingdom
 - a. Rapture
 1. Like thief in the night (I Thess. 5:2)
 2. Without warning (Matt. 24:42-44)
 3. For those in Christ (I Thess. 4:16-17)
 4. He'll not come to earth, but to the clouds (I Thess. 4:17)
 - b. Revelation
 1. For all to see (Rev. 1:7)
 2. With many warnings (Matt. 24:29-30)
 3. To smite the nations and judge the earth (Rev. 19:11-21)
 4. He'll come to the earth to rule (Zech. 14:3-9)
- C. What happens at the rapture? (I Thess. 4:13-5:11)
1. Spirits of dead believers will come with Jesus (I Thess. 4:14)
 - a. Their bodies will be raised from the grave eternal and incorruptible (I Thess. 4:16, I Cor. 15:42-44, 52)

2. Living believers will have their bodies changed instantly to eternal glorified bodies (I Thess. 4:17, I Cor. 15:51-55)
3. In the twinkling of an eye (I Cor. 15:52)
4. By the power of the Spirit (Rom. 8:11)
5. Our bodies will be like Jesus' (Phil. 3:20-21)
 - a. The same (John 20:20)
 - b. Yet different (John 20:14)
 - c. Able to pass thru physical objects (John 20:19)
 - d. Yet able to be felt (John 20:27)
 - e. Able to eat (John 21:13, Luke 24:43)
 - f. Having flesh & bone (Luke 24:39)
 - g. Not limited to earth by existence (Acts 1:9)
6. Transfiguration a preview (Luke 9:28-36)
 - a. Change in countenance and clothing (vs. 29)
 - b. Conversing with other spirit beings (vs. 30)
7. John's experience a preview (Rev. 4:1ff)
 - a. Raptured saint goes to heaven immediately (vs. 2)
 - b. Unhindered revelation of God (vs. 2-3)
8. Will happen at the same time on both sides of the world (Luke 17:34-36)
9. Marriage supper of the Lamb follows and believers will receive their rewards (Rev. 19:7, II Cor. 5:10, I Cor. 3:13-14)

D. Who will go in the rapture?

1. Those that are Christ's (I Cor. 15:23)
 - a. The bride (II Cor. 11:2, Eph. 5:25-32)
 - b. All born-again believers (II Cor. 5:17)
2. Those that continue to the end (Matt. 24:13, Rom. 11:22, John 8:31, Col. 1:23, Heb. 3:6)
3. Bible does not teach you must be baptized in the Holy Spirit to make the rapture. The New Birth is the ticket (John 3:3)
4. Meditate on:
 - a. II Tim. 4:8 "...that love his appearing"

- b. Titus 2:12-13 "...looking for that blessed hope"

E. When will rapture take place?

1. It is future - has not happened yet (see II Thess. 2:1ff)
2. Could happen any time - without further warning (Matt. 24:42-44)
3. Prior to the Great Tribulation
 - a. The tribulation is the outpouring of the wrath of God (Rev. 6:16-17, 15:1, 7, 16:1, 19:15)
 1. God's wrath is meant for his enemies (Nahum 1:2, Col. 3:6)
 2. We are his friends (John 15:15)
 3. Saints are not appointed to wrath but reward (I Thess. 5:9, Rev. 11:18)
 - b. The tribulation is God's judgment on the unbelieving of the earth (Rev. 16:5-8, 14:7)
 1. But saints have passed from judgment (John 5:22-24)
 - c. Promise of Jesus to the faithful church (Rev. 3:10)
 - d. Pattern of God's outpouring of wrath in the past
 1. Jesus said to look to the past patterns (Luke 17:26-30)
 - a. Noah and the flood (Gen. 6&7)
 - b. Lot and Sodom (Gen. 18 & 19)
 2. Pattern is thus:
 - a. Warning to everyone - the righteous and wicked
 - b. Clear separation of the righteous from the wicked
 - c. Righteous evacuated
 - d. God's wrath is poured out as judgment upon the wicked and unbelieving
 - e. The church is conspicuously absent from the Bible account of the tribulation (Rev. 6 - 19)

1. In chapters 1 - 3 of Revelation, the church is mentioned 19 times; not mentioned again until chapter 22.
 2. In chapters 2 & 3, seven times is the warning "He that hath an ear let him hear" given to the churches. In chapter 13, the warning is given "If any man have an ear."
- f. It is the Jews, not the church in need of protection during the tribulation.
1. Warning to flee is to those in Judea (Matt. 24:16)
 2. Only Jews would be concerned about Sabbath day travel (Matt. 24:20)
- g. Christians may undergo persecution and distress in this world (John 16:33) but they will not suffer the outpouring of God's wrath in the great tribulation. Of course, those who come to Jesus during the tribulation period will witness these tragedies and be martyred.

LESSON 4
TRIBULATION FOR THE WORLD

- A. Names in the Bible
1. Beginning of sorrows (Matt. 24:8)
 2. Great tribulation (Matt. 24:21, Rev. 7:14)
 3. Hour of temptation (Rev. 3:10)
 4. Great day of his wrath (Rev. 6:17)
 5. Time of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7, Dan. 12:1)
 6. Daniel's 70th week (Dan. 9:27)
- B. Purpose
1. Test them that are left on earth (Rev. 3:10)
 2. Bring Jews to repentance and put down their perpetual rebellion (Dan. 12:1, Ezek. 39:22-29, Rom. 11:26-27)
 3. Punish the nations who have persecuted Israel (Joel 3:1-17)
- C. When will great tribulation begin?
1. When antichrist makes treaty guaranteeing the peace and security of Israel (Dan. 12:27, Rev. 6:2)
 2. After the church is raptured
 3. Temple will be built when peace comes
- D. Chronology of events (Rev. 5 - 19)
1. Seven sealed scroll (Rev. 5:1)
 - a. God's plan for the end of the age now revealed (Dan. 12:4, 9)
 - b. Jesus the only one worthy (entitled) to open the scroll (Rev. 5:3-14)
 - c. A legitimate redeemer (Boaz was a type of Jesus - see Book of Ruth)
 1. Next of kin - son of man (John 5:27)
 2. Willing - he lay his life down willingly (John 10:18)
 3. Able - he has the means and the authority (Luke 11:22, Col. 2:15, Eph. 1:21-23)
 2. Seven seals opened (Rev. 6:1-8:1)
 - a. White horse - temporary peace (6:2)

1. World ruler (antichrist given power)
- b. Red horse - War begins (6:3-4)
 1. Possibly Russia (Ezek. 38:14)
- c. Black horse - Famine (6:5-6)
 1. A day's wages to buy a day's food
- d. Pale horse - Death (6:7-8)
 1. War and famine produce death over 1/4 of the earth's people
 2. Hell gathers up the dead
- e. Martyrdom of saints (6:9-11)
 1. Tribulation believers blamed for the world's troubles
- f. Creation shaken (6:12-14)
 1. Possibly nuclear explosion
- g. Silence (8:1)
 1. Preparatory to final judgment
 2. Awe in heaven
 3. Chance to repent on the earth
 4. Balance of God's judgment
3. Seven trumpets sounded (Rev. 8:2-11:19)
 - a. Hail, fire and blood (Rev. 8:7)
 1. 1/3 of vegetation burnt - famine intensifies
 - b. Mountain of fire falls in the sea (8:8-9)
 1. 1/3 of marine life dies
 2. 1/3 of ships destroyed - tidal waves
 - c. Burning star falls (8:10-11)
 1. 1/3 of fresh water poisoned
 - d. Sun smitten (8:12)
 1. Power reduced by 1/3
 2. All light dimmed by 1/3
 - e. Bottomless pit opened (9:1-12)
 1. 1st woe
 2. Judgment on men only (vs. 4)
 3. Demons released to torment unbelievers
 - f. Four wicked angels loosed (9:13-19)
 1. 2nd woe
 2. 2 million man army from the East
 3. 13 month campaign
 4. 1/3 of populace killed
 - g. View of the end (11:14-19)
 1. 3rd woe
 2. War in heaven (12:1-17)

3. Destruction on earth by the seven vial judgments
4. Seven vials or plagues poured out (Rev. 15:1 - 16:21)
 - a. Painful sores (16:2)
 - b. Seas become blood (16:3)
 - c. Fresh waters become blood (16:4-6)
 1. Men must drink blood
 - d. Sun scorches men (16:8-9)
 - e. Total darkness (16:10-11)
 - f. Euphrates River dries up (16:12)
 1. Prepares way for eastern army
 - g. Great earthquake (16:17-21)
 1. During earth's final battle - Armageddon (16:16)

- E. Gospel will be preached during the Tribulation
1. The 144,000 evangelists (Rev. 7:1-17)
 - a. Jewish witnesses (7:4-8)
 - b. Sealed by God's spirit (7:3-4)
 - c. Prior to the judgments (7:23). In first half of tribulation.
 - d. An effective ministry (7:9-14)
 2. Two special witnesses (Rev. 11:1-12)
 - a. Possibly Moses & Elijah (11:6)
 - b. They minister 3 1/2 years
 - c. Miracle workers
 3. Angels preaching from the heavens (Rev. 14:6-12)
 - a. Every people is reached (14:6)
 - b. A clear choice offered (14:9-11)
 4. Jesus said the gospel would be preached to all nations before the end would come (Matt. 24:14)

LESSON 5
THE UNHOLY TRINITY

- A. World leader to arise - Antichrist
(I John 2:18, 22; 4:3, II John 7)
1. Directly opposite the true Christ in nature and character - against everything Jesus stands for
 2. Other Bible names for him
 - a. Little horn (Dan. 7:8, 8:9)
 - b. King of fierce countenance (Dan. 8:24)
 - c. Prince that shall come (Dan. 9:26)
 - d. Man of sin (II Thess. 2:3)
 - e. Son of perdition (II Thess. 2:3)
 - f. that Wicked (II Thess. 2:8)
 - g. Beast out of the sea (Rev. 13:1)
- B. Where does he come from?
1. Out of a revived Roman Empire
 - a. Seven heads are the seven-hilled city of Rome (Rev. 13:1, 17:3 & 9)
 - b. Same nationality as those who destroyed Jerusalem after Jesus died (Dan. 9:26)
 - c. A 10 nation confederation (Dan. 7:24, Rev. 17:12-13)
- C. Where does he get his power?
1. From Satan the dragon (Rev. 13:2 & 4, 17:8) he receives spiritual power
 2. Earthly power is given to him by the heads of nations (Rev. 17:12-13)
 3. World will be prepared by chaos to crown Antichrist world ruler
- D. What will he be like?
1. Angel of light (II Cor. 11:14)
 2. Understand mysteries (dark sentences) and solve problems (Dan. 8:23)
 3. Cause prosperity and peace (Dan. 8:25)
 4. Blaspheme God (Dan. 7:25, Rev. 13:6)
 5. Kill saints (Dan. 7:21, Rev. 11:7)
 6. Extremely powerful (Dan. 8:9-11, Rev. 13:7)
 7. Selfish & self-exalting (Dan. 11:36-37)
 8. Raised from the dead?? (Rev. 13:3)

9. Worshipped by the world (Rev. 13:8)
10. Some Jews will receive him as Messiah (Jn. 5:43)

E. Unholy trinity (Rev. 16:13-14)

1. Dragon (Satan) - imitates God the Father (Rev. 13:2 & 4, 12:9)
2. Beast (Antichrist) - imitates God the Son (Rev. 13:2-3)
3. Second Beast (False Prophet) - imitates God the Holy Spirit (Rev. 13:11 & 13)
 - a. Performs miracles (Rev. 13:13-14)
 - b. Directs worship toward Antichrist (Rev. 13:12)

F. Abomination of desolation - middle of Daniel's 70th week

1. Daniel prophesied it (Dan. 9:27)
2. Jesus confirmed it (Matt. 24:15)
3. Paul explained it (II Thess. 2:3-4)

G. Mark of the beast (Rev. 13:15-18)

1. Required for all (vs. 16)
2. Forbidden by God (Rev. 14:9-11, Lev. 19:28)
3. Physical death the penalty for not receiving the mark (Rev. 13:15, 20:4)
4. Spiritual death the penalty for receiving the mark (Rev. 14:10-11)
5. Clear cut choice for all - last hope for salvation
6. Opposite the seal of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13, Rev. 7:3, 9:4)

H. Final destiny

1. War with Jesus (Rev. 19:19)
2. Defeated and cast into the lake of fire with false prophet for eternal torment (Rev. 19:20)

LESSON 6
TWO BABYLONS FALL

- A. Rise of apostasy near the end of the age
 - 1. Falling away from the truth (II Thess. 2:3)
 - a. Apostasy is desertion of principles or faith
 - b. Unbelief and man's programs will replace God's Word
 - c. Form of godliness but no power
II Tim. 3:1-5
 - d. Lots of intellectualism but no truth
II Tim. 3:7
 - 2. False teachers in the church
 - a. Introduce heresies (II Peter 2:1-2)
 - b. Mockers of the truth (II Peter 3:3-4)
 - c. Deceivers who deny deity of Jesus
(II John 7, I John 2:22-23)
 - 3. Lukewarmness (Rev. 3:14-18)
- B. Sin will abound
 - 1. Selfishness & pleasure (II Tim. 3:1-4)
 - 2. Drugs and pornography (Rev. 9:21)
 - 3. Idolatry (Rev. 9:20)
- C. Counterfeit church appears
 - 1. True church is gone in the rapture - only false ones remain
 - 2. The remaining visible church will be apostate and without the power of God.
 - 3. Ecumenical movement will have brought most of the remaining religions together into a world-wide religious body.
- D. Mystery Babylon (Rev. 17)
 - 1. True church called:
 - a. Wife (Rev. 19:7)
 - b. Chaste virgin (II Cor. 11:2)
 - c. The bride (Rev. 21:9)
 - 2. End time church called "the great whore" (vs. 1)
 - 3. Will not be a weak Christianity but a religious system based on that of ancient Babylon. (Mystery Babylon = religion of

Babylon)

- a. Nimrod founds Babylon (Gen. 10:8-10)
 - b. Tower of Babel built (Gen. 11:1-9)
 - 1. Intended to study the stars and for pagan worship
 - 2. Description of tower discovered in 1876 shows shrines to gods around base and sanctuary for Bel-Merodach and signs of zodiac on the top.
 - c. Babylonians believed stars control man's destiny
 - d. Their religion was:
 - 1. Astrology (Is. 47:1, 12-13)
 - 2. Witchcraft
 - 3. Occult
 - e. Continued thru Daniel's day (Dan. 2:2, 10, 27)
 - f. This religion passed from kingdom to kingdom even to Roman Empire - augers, etc.
 - g. On the rise again today
4. Symbolism in Rev. 17
- a. Great whore (vs. 1) = woman (vs. 3)
Mystery Babylon (vs. 5), city (vs. 18)
 - b. Many waters (vs. 1) = control over many people (vs. 15)
 - c. Fornication (vs. 2) = spiritual adultery (James 4:4)
 - d. Drunk (vs. 2) = unable to think clearly or rationally
 - e. Beast (vs. 3) = revived Roman Empire ruled by Antichrist (vs. 8)
 - f. Gold and jewels (vs. 4) = great wealth and influence
 - g. Drunken with blood of saints (vs. 6) = guilty of martyring true believers
 - h. Seven heads (vs. 3) = seven mountains (vs. 9) - Rome
 - i. Ten horns (vs. 3) = Ten kings (vs. 12)
5. This religious system is most likely to be headquartered in Rome.
6. Will be in league with Antichrist (sitteth

on (Rev. 17:3 & 7)

7. Antichrist will turn on her (probably at mid-tribulation and destroy her when he sets himself up as God in Jerusalem temple (Rev. 17:16-17)

E. Another Babylon (Rev. 18)

1. This one a literal city (Rev. 18:17-19)
2. Not the same as Mystery Babylon (compare Rev. 17:16 & 18:9)
3. A city of great commerce and trade (Rev. 18:11, 15, 17)
4. Probably not the literal city of Babylon but Rome - the center of government of the revived Roman Empire. Note Rev. 18:17-18. Also I Peter 5:13.
5. Destroyed by God with the last vial judgment (Rev. 16:17-19)
6. Destruction by fire & shaking in one day - even one hour (Rev. 18:8, 10, 17)

F. Will old Babylon be rebuilt?

1. Some believe that it will referring to Isaiah 13 and Zech. 5:5-11.
2. Not likely that a rebuilt Babylon is referred to in Rev. 17 & 18.
3. If it is rebuilt, it will be ultimately destroyed according to Is. 13:19-22.

G. Sequence of events

1. Christians go in the Rapture
2. Occultic, Satanic religion takes over
3. So strong it dominates (sits on) the government (beast)
4. Whore and beast are lovers for a time - it suits both their purposes and Satan's
5. Wicked, rich & oppressive
6. Antichrist (powerful now) sets himself up as god.
7. He destroys the whore.
8. Antichrist is worshipped as god for 3½ years
9. God's judgments are poured out on the earth
10. Antichrist's government & city of power are destroyed by God at the end.

LESSON 7
ARMAGEDDON AND ADVENT

- A. War is the order of the day
 - 1. Continual warring & strife (Matt. 24:6-7)
 - 2. Caused by lust of unregenerated man (James 4:1)
 - 3. Only solution is to change man's heart by receiving Jesus and the New Birth

- B. Mid-East a powder keg
 - 1. Jews and Arabs in continual struggle over the land of Israel
 - 2. God gave the land to Abraham forever (Gen. 15:18)
 - 3. Abraham had two sons
 - a. Ishmael - son of bonds slave and father of the Arabs
 - b. Isaac - son of promise and father of the Jews
 - c. God's promise to Abraham flowed thru Isaac (Gen. 17:19-21 & 21:12-13) but Arabs do not accept this.
 - 4. When Arabs were displaced in 1967 and Jews took the land again, the fire was kindled once more.
 - 5. Wars have been fought between them and will continue 'til the end.

- C. Antichrst promises peace
 - 1. White horse - first seal (Rev. 6:1-2)
 - 2. Confirms covenant guaranteeing Israel's integrity (Dan. 9:27)
 - 3. Temple will be rebuilt and sacrifices resumed.

- D. Final wars begin
 - 1. Israel at peace & seemingly secure (I Thess. 5:3, Ezek. 38:14)
 - 2. Red horse - second seal (Rev. 6:3-4)
 - 3. War breaks out in earnest & lasts 3½ years (Dan. 12:7)

- E. Four major powers in the last days

1. King of the North - Gog (Ezek. 38 & 39 & Dan. 11)
2. King of the South (Dan. 11)
3. Antichrist - beast (Rev. 13:4, 16:13-16)
4. Kings of the East (Rev. 9:15-19, 16:12)

F. Battle sequence

1. King of the South (Arab/African) will attack Israel (Dan. 11:40)
2. King of the North (probably Russia) will attack Israel and press on into Egypt and North Africa (Dan. 11:40-43)
3. Russia will consolidate back in Israel after threats from the Far East (Dan. 11:44-45)
4. God protects Jewish remnant (Rev. 12:6 & 13-17)
5. Russia destroyed in Israel (Ezek. 38:18-39:7)
6. Eastern army (200 million) moves across Euphrates River into Israel (Rev. 9:15-19, 16:12)
7. Rest of world's armies under Antichrist gather to oppose them (Rev. 16:13-16)

G. Armageddon - the final battle

1. Takes place in the Valley of Megido in Israel (Rev. 16:16)
2. Blood runs to the horses bridles for 200 miles (Rev. 14:20)
3. Horrible suffering (Zech. 14:12)
4. A giant earthquake (Rev. 16:17-21)

H. His glorious coming (SECOND ADVENT)

1. Jesus comes as promised
 - a. In power & glory (Matt. 24:29-30)
 - b. Personally & visibly (Acts 1:11)
2. Saints will be with him (Rev. 19:14, Jude 14-15)
3. Beast & earth's armies will fight him (Rev. 19:19)
4. He will destroy the wicked with his word (Rev. 19:15, Heb. 4:12)

5. God's wrath fulfilled (Rev. 19:15, 14:14-20)
6. Jews will be protected (Zech. 14:1-5)
7. Jews will recognize him (Zech. 12:10-11)

I. Victory won

1. Beast & false prophet cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev. 19:20)
2. Vultures & other birds clean up the dead flesh (Rev. 19:17-18, Ezek. 39:17-20, Matt. 24:28)
3. Satan bound for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-3)

J. God's purpose fulfilled

1. Read Joel 3:1-17

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LESSON 8
MILLENIAL KINGDOM

- A. Will there really be an earthly kingdom?
1. David said yes (Ps. 22:27-28)
 2. Jesus preached it (Matt. 4:23)
 3. He told us to pray for it (Matt. 6:10)
 4. He didn't say whether but when (Acts 1:6-7)
 5. God promised throughout the Bible that Israel would receive a kingdom on the earth and God keeps his promises (Numb. 11:23)
- B. What will it be like?
1. Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:1-3)
 2. Kingdom will last 1,000 years in this form (Rev. 20:3, 4, & 6)
 3. Government
 - a. Theocracy - God will rule supreme (Is. 2:2-3, Zech. 14:9, Micah 4:6-8)
 - b. Jesus, the Son, will execute authority
 1. Because he is the son of man (John 5:26-27)
 2. Because he is descended from David (Is. 9:6-7)
 3. Covenant with David will be fulfilled literally (II Sam 7:8, 13 & 16)
 4. He'll rule with righteousness (Is. 11:3-5)
 5. Also with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27, 12:5, 19:15)
 - c. Twelve apostles will rule the twelve tribes of Israel (Matt. 19:28, Luke 22:29-30)
 - d. Saints will rule men and angels under Christ (I Cor. 6:2-3, Rev. 20:4-6)
 1. According to our faithfulness in this life (Luke 19:11-28)
 4. Nations will be judged at Christ's coming (Matt. 25:31ff)
 5. Jerusalem will be the capitol city (Zech. 8:1-8)

6. The new temple will be the capitol building (Ezek. 40-47)
 - a. All nations will send their envoys (Zech. 8:20-22)
 - b. Everyone will come to worship (Zech. 14:16-17)
7. The law of the world will be God's Word (Is. 2:3, Ezek. 44:23, Luke 21:33)
 - a. Perfect law of love (Matt. 22:36-40)
 - b. Unchanging & unbending (Ps. 119:89)
8. One "religion" in the world
 - a. Salvation offered to all by willingly receiving Jesus as Lord
 - b. Holy Spirit poured out on all
 - c. God's glory manifested continually
9. Universal peace & prosperity
 - a. Fruitful labor (Zech. 8:11-13)
 - b. Peace (Is. 2:4, Micah 6:3, Is. 66:12)
 - c. Nature of animals changed (Is. 11:6-9)
 - d. Healing and blessing will be common place (Is. 35)
10. All Israel shall be saved - the 1/3 that is left as a remnant (Zech. 13:7-9, Rom. 11:26-27)
 - a. This is the earthly kingdom they were looking for when Jesus came the first time.

C. Rebellion - one last testing

1. Satan will be loosed at the end of 1,000 years (Rev. 20:3 & 7)
2. He rounds up those who have secretly opposed the loving but iron rule of Jesus
 - a. Many have submitted but not willingly. They obey Jesus as Lord but are inwardly resistant (Is. 1:18-20)
 - b. Satan finds many who are glad to listen to deceit (Rev. 20:8)
 - c. Unregenerated man's heart is still wicked (Jer. 17:9)
 - d. These have not inherited the kingdom that was available to them (Gal. 5:19-21, I Cor. 6:9-11)

3. They gather to attack Jerusalem (Rev. 20:9)
4. God destroys them before they can attack (Rev. 20:9)
5. Satan cast into the lake of fire for eternal torment

D. Great White Throne

1. Wicked dead are raised with eternal bodies (Rev. 20:12)
2. They are judged according to their works because their names are not in the book of life (Rev. 20:12-13)
3. They are then sentenced and cast into the lake of fire for eternal torment (Rev. 20:14-15)

LESSON 9
ALL THINGS NEW

A. Redemption is made complete

1. Man is now dealt with
 - a. Righteous - resurrection and eternal life (Rev. 20:5)
 - b. Unrighteous - great white throne and second - eternal - death (Rev. 20:11-15)
2. Now God must cleanse the rest of his creation and redeem everything perverted by sin and cursed (Rom. 8:18-23)
3. Then God & man will live together and inhabit a perfect creation as originally planned.
4. John saw in the vision a new heaven & a new earth (Rev. 21:1)
5. Earth not destroyed but made new - just like when a man is born again and he becomes a new person. He's redeemed. (II Cor. 5:17)

B. How the earth will be changed

1. By fire (II Peter 3:7, Is. 66:16)
 - a. Fire stored in the earth (II Pet. 3:7)
 - b. Everything burned up (II Pet. 3:10)
2. Explosion (II Peter 3:10)
 - a. A molten mass now inside earth under control
 - b. When God speaks the word & releases control, everything will explode and burn
 - c. Heaven (earth's atmosphere) is oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen - all combustible and explosive elements.
 - d. Release of atoms that hold elements together.
3. Melting (II Peter 3:10)
4. Dissolving (II Peter 3:11)
5. God will fold up the heavens and the earth like an old piece of clothing and put it away. Then he'll make a new one (Heb. 1:10-12)

6. We will be with the Lord while this is going on (I Thess. 4:17)

C. What will this new creation be like?

1. Everything will be new (Rev. 21:5)
2. Heavens will be calm - no more frightening storms, tornadoes, etc. Weather will be stable & beautiful (Rev. 21:4)
3. No more seas (Rev. 21:1)
4. No more curse (Rev. 22:3)
 - a. Ground will be fruitful (Gen. 3:17)
 - b. No thorns or thistles (Gen. 3:18)
 - c. No hard labor for food (Gen. 3:19)
 - d. No more poverty, sickness, or death (Rev. 21:4)
 - e. Like the original Eden
5. God's dwelling will be with men (Rev. 21:3)
6. Isaiah's description (65:17-25)
 - a. So wonderful & beautiful we won't remember the old (vs. 17)
 - b. Constant rejoicing and joy
 1. By us (Vs. 18)
 2. By God (Vs. 19)
 - c. No weeping or crying (vs. 19)
 - d. Long life (vs. 20 & 22)
 - e. Everyone will enjoy the fruit of his labors (vs. 21 - 23)
 - f. God will meet every need (vs. 24)
 - g. All life is in harmony (vs. 25)

D. New Jerusalem - Heaven on Earth (Rev. 21:2 & 10)

1. Built by Jesus - God the Son
(Compare John 14:2 and Rev. 21:2. See also Heb. 11:8-10 and 16)
2. Bride & husband indicate eternal relationship (Rev. 21:2)
3. The redeemed of God live there
 - a. The bride - the church (Rev. 21:9-10)
 - b. Saved Jews (Heb. 11:16)
4. God dwells in the city (Rev. 21:3, 10-11)
 - a. No temple (vs. 22) - open communion with the Lord

- b. No sun or moon (vs. 23)
 - c. No night (vs. 25)
 - d. No sin (vs. 27)
- 5. God's glory will light the city (Rev. 21:11 & 23, Exodus 34:29, Acts 26:13, Luke 9:29)
- 6. City is four-square
 - a. 1500 miles long, wide, and high (vs. 16)
 - b. Made of pure gold - transparent (vs. 18 & 21)
- 7. Tremendous wall all around the city (Rev. 21:12-18)
 - a. Twelve foundations named after the twelve apostles (vs. 14)
See also Eph. 2:20
 - b. Garnished with precious jewels (vs. 19-20)
 - c. Wall is 200 - 250 ft. high (vs. 17)
 - d. Built of jasper stone (vs. 18)
- 8. Twelve gates (Rev. 21:12)
 - a. Named after the twelve tribes (vs. 12)
 - b. Three on each side (vs. 13)
 - c. Each gate made from a giant pearl (vs. 21)
 - d. Never shut (vs. 25)
 - e. Twelve angels to guard (vs. 12)
- 9. River of water of life (Rev. 22:1-2)
 - a. Flowing out from God's throne (vs. 1)
 - b. Ministry of the Holy Spirit for eternity (Compare John 4:14 & 7:38-39)
 - c. Water the tree of life which gives life eternally (vs. 2) Note also Gen. 2:9-10, 3:22, and Rev. 2:7

Outside the city

- 1. Nations (Rev. 21:24-26)
 - a. Apparently those mortals still alive and committed to Lordship of Jesus at end of Millenium
- 2. No sin shall enter the city (vs. 27) Is

there some outside?????

- a. Angels guard the gates (vs. 12)
- b. Note Rev. 22:14-15
- 3. Mortals of flesh outside the city (Is. 66:22-24)
 - a. Lake of fire visible as warning (vs. 24)

F. Eternity - forever

- 1. Joyous and wonderful communion and life with God for the saved.
- 2. Horrible and tormenting separation and death for the unbelieving.

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LESSON 10
DEATH, RESURRECTION & JUDGMENT

- A. Physical death
 - 1. Once for every man (Heb. 9:27)
 - 2. Result of spiritual death caused by sin (Rom. 5:12, 6:23, James 1:15)
 - 3. Fear of death keeps man in bondage (Heb. 2:15)
 - 4. At death eternal future is sealed (Heb. 9:27, Rev. 2:10-11)

- B. Old Testament
 - 1. Very little visibility beyond Physical death & the grave
 - 2. Sheol - the unseen state of the dead. Translated grave, hell, or pit.
 - 3. No more remembrance after death (Ps. 6:5, 88:10, 115:17, Eccl. 9:5-6, Ps. 41:5, 104:29, Job 2:9, 14:14)
 - 4. Just a glimmer of hope (Ps. 49:15, 16:10-11, 71:20)

- C. Jesus gave fuller revelation of physical death under Old Covenant
 - 1. Rich man & Lazarus (Luke 16:19-26)
 - a. Two distinct places for the righteous and wicked
 - 1. Abraham's bosom for righteous (vs. 22)
 - 2. Hell for the wicked (vs. 23)
 - b. Great gulf separated permanently (vs. 26)
 - 2. Abraham's bosom (Paradise) emptied when Jesus arose from the dead (Eph. 4:8-10, Matthew 27:52-53)
 - a. The type of blood sacrifice the Old Testament saints trusted in was now fulfilled when Jesus' blood was presented in heaven (Heb. 9:12, Rom. 3:24-25)
 - b. Their faith was counted as righteousness for them (Rom.

4:3,5)

- c. Wicked remained in Hell awaiting the great White Throne judgment at the last day (Rev. 20:13)

D. Physical death today

- 1. Unsaved go immediately to Hell
 - a. Torment, fire & agony (Matt. 25:41, 46)
- 2. Saved go immediately to Heaven to be with the Lord (Phil. 1:21, 23, II Cor. 5:8)
 - a. Peace and fulness of joy (Ps. 16:11, Rom. 14:17)
- 3. No scripture to support soul sleep or an intermediate state

E. Resurrection

- 1. Promised to all
 - a. Believers (John 6:40, II Cor. 4:14, I Thess. 4:16)
 - b. All men (Acts 24:15, John 5:29, Dan. 12:2)
- 2. First resurrection
 - a. Jesus the first fruits (I Cor. 15:20, Rom. 8:29)
 - 1. Raised in the same body
 - a. Same (John 20:27, Luke 24:39 & 43)
 - b. Yet different (John 20:15 & 19, Luke 24:15-16)
 - b. Old Testament saints after resurrection of Jesus (Matt. 27:52-53)
 - c. Church age saints - living and dead - at the Rapture (I Thess. 4:13-17, I Cor. 15:50-55)
 - d. Tribulation saints at the beginning of the Millenium (Rev. 20:4-6)
 - e. Resurrection is central to the gospel (I Cor. 15:12-18, Acts 4:33, 17:2-3, 2:23-24)
- 3. Second resurrection - for the wicked-

at final judgment (Rev. 20:11-13)

F. Eternal judgment

1. Everyone to be judged (Acts 17:31, Romans 14:10-12)
2. God makes a distinction between the just and unjust (Ps. 145:20, 147:6, Prov. 10:3, 10, 12:7)
3. Jesus is the judge (John 5:22 & 27, Acts 10:42, Romans 2:16)
4. His judgment is just (John 5:30, 8:16, Rom. 2:2)
5. All judgment will be by the Word of God (John 12:47-48)
6. Day of judgment
 - a. For the wicked (II Peter 2:9,3:7)
 1. Fearful (Heb. 10:26-27)
 - b. The righteous are already judged (I John 4:17, Jude 14-15)
 - c. Great White Throne (Rev. 20:11-15) all the spiritually dead will come out of Hell (Hell will be emptied)
 1. The Lord will judge them according to works because they're not in the Book of Life
 2. This is the second resurrection
 3. Cast into Lake of Fire
 - a. Second (eternal) death (Rev. 20:14-15)
 - b. Eternal separation from God (II Thess. 1:9)
7. Judgment for the righteous
 - a. At the New Birth (John 12:47, John 3:17-18, 3:36, 5:24)
 - b. Judgment seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10, Romans 14:10)
 1. For rewards (I Cor. 3:11-15)
 2. Good works are expected of God's children (Eph. 2:10, Luke 19:11-19)
 3. Our works follow us (Rev.

- 14:13)
- c. Crowns for believers (Rev. 3:11)
 - 1. Crown of life (Rev. 2:10)
 - 2. Crown of glory (I Peter 5:4)
 - 3. Crown of righteousness (II Timothy 4:8)
 - 4. Crown of rejoicing (I Thess. 2:19, Phil. 4:1)

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LESSON 11
SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 24:3: "...what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?" Jesus answered in numerous specifics, broadly grouped under the following areas:
1) political, 2) spiritual, and 3) natural. Other Bible books amplify and confirm these prophecies.

A. Political

1. Israel is again a Jewish nation
 - a. Fig tree parable (Matt. 24:32-34)
 - b. Born in a day on May 14, 1948 (Is. 66:8)
2. Jewish nationalism - Zionist spirit
 - a. Jews are going home to Israel (Ezek. 36:21-28, 37:21-23, 39:25-29)
 - b. Israel's policy "consists of bringing all Jews to Israel." (David Ben-Gurion, 1949)
 - c. Desert is blooming like a rose (Is. 35:1, Ezek. 36:34-35)
3. Jerusalem united and occupied by Jews - June 7, 1967
 - a. Time of the gentiles is nearly fulfilled (Luke 21:24)
 - b. Temple can be rebuilt now that Israel owns the site
 1. Excavations are under way now underneath Moslem temple
 2. Rabbis are making plans
 3. One generation from liberation of Jerusalem by David to building of temple by Solomon
 4. Need temple to fulfill Matt. 24:15 and II Thess. 2:4
4. Rise of a bellicose nation to the north - Russia and her allies (Ezek. 38 esp. vs. 14-16)
5. Mobilization of a vast army in the far east - China (Rev. 9:14-17, 16:12)
6. Appearance of a 10 nation confederacy in Europe

- a. Arising out of area of old Roman Empire (Rev. 17:8-13)
- b. Common Market has 9 nations now - Greece to make 10 in January 1981.
- 7. Egypt's alliance with Israel (Is. 19:16-17, 24)
- 8. Wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6)

B. Spiritual

- 1. Appearance of false Christs (Matt. 24:5,24)
 - a. Moon, Mahereshi Mahesh - Yogi, etc.
- 2. False prophets & teachers
 - a. Deceivers (Matt. 24:11, 24, II Pet. 2:1)
- 3. Sin abounding in the earth (Matt. 24:12)
 - a. Mystery Babylon religion - occult, astrology, spiritism, etc. (Rev. 17:5, Is. 47:1, 10-13)
 - b. Pornography, drugs, & murder (Rev. 9:21)
- 4. Men are more and more selfish and pleasure-seeking (II Tim. 3:1-4)
 - a. Proud, disobedient
 - b. Dishonoring parents (I Tim. 3:8, 16)
- 5. Men's hearts full of fear (Luke 21:26)
 - a. Fear is result of sin (Gen. 3:10)
 - b. Men seem to fear everything
 - 1. Financial ruin
 - 2. Energy shortage
 - 3. War
 - 4. Blacks, whites, Jews, Arabs, etc.
 - c. Perilous times & great stress (II Tim. 3:1)
 - 1. Nuclear war threat
 - 2. Fear of button-pushers
- 6. Falling away from faith
 - a. Church membership down (II Thess. 2:3)
 - b. Giving heed to seducing spirits (I Tim. 4:1)
 - c. Rise of cults (II Tim. 4:3-4)
- 7. Men scoffing at Second Coming of Jesus and mocking (II Peter 3:3-4)
- 8. Formal religion without power (II Tim. 3:5)
- 9. Clear distinction between the just & unjust-

elimination of gray areas (II Tim. 3:13-14, Rev. 22:11)

10. Ecumenical movement in traditional churches
 - a. Union not around the Word of God but around a compromised ecclesiastical organization
 - b. Watered down, altered or discarded true doctrine
 - c. True believers begin to separate themselves from apostasy & compromise
 - d. With the "salt" gone, decay continues unchecked.
11. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
 - a. Upon all flesh (Acts 2:17)
 - b. Latter rain (Deut. 11:14, Joel 2:23)
 - c. Standard of God against the enemy (Is. 59:19)
12. Gospel preached to all nations (Matt. 24:14)
 - a. TV, satellites, video tape, etc.
 - b. Bibles, literature, etc.
 - c. Missionary activity

Natural

1. Famines and pestilence (Matt. 24:7)
 - a. Multitudes starving to death daily
2. Increase in earthquakes (Matt. 24:7)
 - a. Frequent disasters & loss of life
3. Tremendous explosion in knowledge and technology in last 50 - 75 years (Dan.12:4)
4. Modern computer technology now available for economic control by Antichrist (Rev. 13:16-18)
5. Signs in the heavens (Acts 2:19, Matt.24:29)
 - a. Line up of planets predicted for 1982

LESSON 12
WATCH THEREFORE

- A. How should we then live? (Ezek. 33:10)
1. Jesus rebuked the Jews for not discerning the signs of the times (Matt. 16:1-3)
 2. He told disciples (us) to watch because we don't know when he's coming (Matt. 24:42-44).
 - a. No man knows the time (Matt. 24:36, Acts 1:7)
 - b. Watch - the word expounded
 1. Not "sit down and wait"
 2. Greek word means "Keep awake, be vigilant". Same word as in I Peter 5:8
 3. Don't be deceived. Be alert.
 - c. We are not in darkness and should not be surprised at his coming (I Thess. 5:4-8)
 3. The degree to which we love and watch with anticipation for his coming will be in proportion to the intensity of our experiencing his presence now in daily life.
- B. Live like He's coming today (Matt. 24:44)
1. Holiness - a style of life (Heb. 12:14, I Peter 3:10-14, I Thess. 4:7)
 - a. Be holy - a command (I Peter 1:15-16, Titus 2:12)
 - b. Growing in holiness daily (II Cor. 7:1)
 - c. Partaking of his holiness (Heb. 12:10)
 - d. Walk in the Spirit (Gal. 6:16)
 - e. Purify yourself (I John 3:2-3)
 2. Walk in love
 - a. The love walk produces holiness - the nature of God (I Thess. 3:12-13)
 3. Be sober (discreet) and not foolish in what we do (I Peter 1:13, I Thess. 5:6 & 8, Titus 2:12)
 4. Confidently expecting his imminent return (I Thess. 5:8, Titus 2:13)
 5. Keep short accounts with God (I John 2:28, I John 1:9)

6. Won't be time to get ready; we must stay ready
7. Live in obedience - helps to discern truth from error (John 7:17)
8. Have a sense of urgency (John 9:4)
9. Be willing to suffer for another (I Peter 2:19-23)
 - a. Glory later (Rom. 8:18, II Cor. 4:16-17)

Work like His coming is delayed

1. "Occupy 'til I come" (Luke 19:13)
2. Study & learn (II Tim. 2:15)
 - a. Blessing in study of Word (Rev. 1:3)
 - b. Don't change, add or take away from it (Rev. 22:18-19)
 - c. Need Word to discern error & false prophets (I John 4:1, John 8:31-32)
3. Spread the Word (Mark 16:15)
 - a. Get message out (Rev. 22:16-17)
 - b. Teach others (Matt. 28:19, II Tim. 2:2)
 - c. His ambassadors (II Cor. 5:18-20)
 - d. Holy Spirit is being poured out on all flesh to make people receptive to the Word (Acts 2:17)
4. Be faithful to our calling (Eph. 4:1)
 - a. Stewards are required to be faithful (I Cor. 4:2, Luke 16:10)
 - b. Each member of body has important role (I Cor. 12:13-27)
5. Good works our daily purpose
 - a. Created for such (Eph. 2:10)
 - b. The way others see Jesus (Matt. 25:34-40)
6. Plan and build
 - a. Words that last and live on - ten talents (Matt. 25:14-30)
 - b. Prepare to wait - virgins' oil (Matt. 25:1-13)
7. Patience (James 5:7-11)

Illustrative parables

1. Faithful, wise servant (Matt. 24:45-51)
 - a. No time to get ready; we must stay ready
 - b. Faithful to our calling
2. Ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-13)
 - a. Prepare to wait if He tarries
 - b. Can't depend on another - individual relationship with the Lord
3. Ten talents (Matt. 25:14-30)
 - a. Each has opportunity according to his own ability
 - b. We are to occupy & be industrious while we wait
4. Sheep & goats (Matt. 25:31-46)
 - a. Minister to others
 - b. Serve the Lord actively until He comes
5. Pounds (Luke 19:11-28)
 - a. Occupy - business as usual if He tarries
 - b. Do best you can with opportunities you have
6. Great Supper (Luke 14:15-24)
 - a. Compel them to come in
 - b. Share invitation with anyone who will listen
7. The rich fool (Luke 12:13-21)
 - a. Watch your priorities - stay ready
 - b. Seek first God's kingdom (Matt. 6:33)

HELPFUL BOOKS FOR
ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. "The Late Great Planet Earth", Hal Lindsay
(Zondervan)
2. "There's a New World Coming", Hal Lindsay
(Vision House)
3. "Knowing the Future", Paul L. Walker
(Pathway Press)
4. "What on Earth's Going to Happen?"
Ray C. Stedman (Regal Books)
5. "Next Visitor to Planet Earth", Michael Esses
(Logos)
6. "Satan in the Sanctuary", McCall & Levitt
(Moody Press)