

Beginning Part 1

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Chapter 1 (slide 2)

Why study prophecy?

The study of prophecy is called Eschatology. (slide 3)

According to J. Barton Jayne's Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy, prophecy covers 8,352 verses or 27%.

It brings blessing and hope. Titus 2:13 (slide 4 or 5), Revelation 1:3 (slide 6), Isa. 46:9-10 (slide 7)

It is meant to prepare, not scare. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (slide 8 or 9), Jeremiah 33:2-3

Jesus taught about things to come and that He would return. John 14:1-3 (slide 10)

If He is to come again He first had to leave, but He would send the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-18, John 14:26 (slide 11)

However, the Holy Spirit has a finite period of ministry.

Chapter 2 (slide 12)

Can we trust God and His word to be true?

If the answer is no, we can quit right now.

If the answer is yes, we must consider that His truth is complete. He is not a God of partial truth. Proverbs 30:5 (NLT) (slide 13)

If God is true, how does He make Himself known to us, if at all?

The Bible says God spoke directly to the patriarchs and prophets. Hebrews 1:1-2

Today we have God's written word and the Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (slide 14 or 15)

Is the Bible allegorical or literal?

The Bible is all inclusive. Whatever God wanted us to know about prophecy is in there. If God wanted us to have specific information or knowledge He would have included it.

Our English Bible we use is a translation. (slide 16)

Original writers of the Old Testament used their own language of ancient Hebrew or Aramaic. The writers of the New testament wrote in Koine (common) Greek. They both had common figures of speech the gentile ear does not pick up. They are called idioms.

What does His word say about Himself?

He is creator. Genesis 1:1-2 (slide 17)

There is power in the spoken word of God (omnipotent). Genesis 1:3-5 (slide 18)

God owns all that is in the earth and is generous. Genesis 14:22, Psalm 24:1

God sets His own authority. When Moses saw the burning bush he asked God what he should tell the Israelites what His Name was God said in Exodus 3:14 "And God said to Moses, "I AM that I AM." (aka YAHWEH, JEHOVAH). (slide 19, 20, or 21)

God claims Himself above all other Gods and as such He is worthy of our loyalty, praise and love. Exodus 20:1-6 (slide 22), Isa 46:9, Psalm 150:1-5 (slide 23)

God is constant and does not change. Malachi 3:6

God gave man His highest valued trait, free will. Genesis 1:27, Genesis 5:1, Deuteronomy 30:19-20

God is a God of justice. Isa 30:18, Deuteronomy 32:4 (slide 24)

God's grace and mercy are limitless and will last forever. Psalm 86:15

Once He forgives your sins He will separate you from it to remember it no more. Psalm 103:11-12, Isaiah 43:25

He is a covenant or promise keeper. There is no other name under heaven to swear to higher than God himself. Hebrews 6:13

God is a God of truth and as such He does not lie nor is deceitful to his children. Psalm 31:5, Psalm 119:160, John 17:17 (slide 25)

God does not operate in linear time like we do (omnipresent). Peter 3:8 (slide 26), Psalm 90:4

God sets His own calendar. The Feasts of the Lord are recorded and begin in Leviticus 23:1-2 (slide 27)

God works in patterns both in mathematical and in simulations like the Feasts of the Lord. Colossians 2:16-17

God knows all (omniscient) and is perfect. 1 John 3:20

God is wise. Proverbs 1:2-3, Proverbs 9:10

God sees all and nothing is hidden from Him. Hebrews 4:13 (slide 28), Jeremiah 23:24, Psalm 139:7-8, Isaiah 1:28

God is a God of patience, longsuffering, and second chances. Deuteronomy 5:33, Proverbs 28:13

Jesus is the Son of God AND the Son of Man. John 1:1, Hebrews 13:8, His voice is powerful. Matthew 28:18, He may have performed scores if not hundreds of miracles. However, there are only 27 recorded miracles Jesus performed where He healed the sick. John 20:30-31 (slide 29)

Jesus and God both deserve our gratitude and devotion because they are equals. Phillipians 2:5-11

The first mention of a prophetic thought is Actually, the first mention of a prophetic thought is in Genesis 3:14-15. (slide 30) Enmity is defined as a feeling or condition of hostility; hatred; or ill will. Satan hates mankind and specifically the Jewish people because God chose them as his beloved people and to be His conduit for our redemption.

God chose the Hebrews as his beloved people and to be His conduit for our redemption. Deuteronomy 14:2 (slide 31)

the Jewish people are the root for blessing or judgments from God to individuals and the nations. Genesis 13:3 (slide 32)

Can we decipher or unravel the mysteries?

God's word says is the answer is yes. Matthew 13:11 (slide 33), Deuteronomy 29:29, Matthew 6:33, Ephesians 3:1-7

Chapter 3 (slide 34)

To whom does God speak?

Earlier we talked about IF and HOW God made Himself known to the Hebrew people. Now we will examine WHAT He said. Deuteronomy 32:9-10

God spoke directly to Adam and Eve when He put them in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:8-9 (slide 35)

God made a covenant with Noah. Genesis 9:15-17 (slide 36)

God spoke to Abram and entered into an EVERLASTING UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT with Abram and his descendants, the Hebrew people, which stands to this day. Genesis 17:1-13 (slide 37)

God reaffirmed Abraham's covenant with Isaac and Jacob. Genesis 26:24, Genesis 35:9-12 (slide 38)

God plans ahead. Joseph and Jesus life story parallel each other. Gen 15:13, Genesis 50:20 (slide 39)

When the time was right God heard their cries and supplied a liberator, Moses. Exodus 2:23-25

God's covenant with Moses and the Israelites is conditional. It is based on the premise that with obedience comes blessing and disobedience comes curses. Deuteronomy 28:1-2, Deuteronomy 28:15, Deuteronomy 30:1-3

He also explicitly mentioned the importance of keeping the Sabbath, and other details regarding behavior to their fellow tribesman, the Ten Commandments Exodus 31:12-18 (slide 40)

While on top of the mountain according to Exodus 25-31, God gives instructions (floor plans) to build a tabernacle to specific construction requirements including dimensions and materials. The Tabernacle was a building that could be moved. Exodus 25:8-9 (NKJV) (slide 41 or 42)

To house these sacred and powerful tablets the dimensions of the Ark of the Covenant are listed in Exodus 37:1-9 (slide 43).

We just looked at God's Ten Commandments, now we will look at the Law of the Sabbath Year and after seven cycles for seven years (49) the Year of Jubilee in Exodus 20, 25 & 31. (slide 44)

God commanded the Israelites to observe a Sabbath year and to let the land rest. Leviticus 25:1-4 (slide 45) In addition to letting the land rest debts are forgiven. Deuteronomy 15:1-2

The year of jubilee. It is a Holy Decree. Leviticus 25:8-15 (slide 46)

The Feast Days of the Lord (slide 47 or 48)

Spring Feasts

Passover, Nisan 14 (Mar/April), Leviticus 23:5

Unleavened Bread, Nisan 15-21 Mar/April), Leviticus 23:6

Offering of First Fruits, Nisan 16-17 (Mar/April), Leviticus 23:10-11

Feast of Weeks, Sivan 6 (May), Leviticus 23:15-16

Fall Feasts

Feast of Trumpets, Tishri 1-10 (Sept/Oct), Leviticus 23:24

Day of Atonement, Tishri 10 (Sept/Oct), Leviticus 23:27

Feast of Booths, Tishri 15-21 (Sept/Oct), Leviticus 23:42-43

God also made a special covenant with King David which predetermined the blood line lineage of Jesus. 2 Samuel 7:12-13

Solomon was commissioned by God to build His temple. He used the same proportions of the tabernacle layout to re-create permanently what was used in the wilderness. Solomon's Temple was also built to house the Ark of the Covenant. 1 Kings 8:6 (slide 49 or 50)

God reiterated Moses' covenant to Solomon in 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 33:12

Chapter 4 (slide 51)

Sadly, over the course of the next several generations, the Israelites went back to their old ways of worshiping other gods. God pleaded and warned the Israelites through the prophets, i.e. Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others, to turn from their ways and seek repentance. Some did, but most didn't. The prophet's words of warning fell on deaf ears. Ezekiel 36:22-29 (slide 52).

By their continual and flagrant disobedience, they provoked God's anger toward them. 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

In 2 Kings 17 God allowed the Assyrians to capture the northern ten tribes who were to never return and fell from its place in history. (slide 53)

in 2 Kings 24-25, God allowed the Babylonians to conquer the southern two tribes and put them into exile, but only for a period of 70 years because they did not keep the Law of the Sabbath Year. Jeremiah 25:11 (slide 54)

The Ark of the Covenant was taken back to Babylon as a prize. 2 Chronicles 36:18-21

Let's step out of this narrative while we look at Daniel and the crucial role he played in relating to Israel and the end times. Daniel's story is important to the continuation of God's blessing to the Israelites. Through Daniel God revealed his plan for the world. In chapter 2 he interprets a dream for King Nebuchadnezzar.

First the dream. Daniel 2:31-35 (slide 55)

Now the interpretation. Daniel 2:36-42

The Great Statue has been studied by many scholars and historians.

The premise of the coming one world leader is repeated to Daniel in chapter 7 under when Daniel was living under King Belshazzar. Daniel 7:23-25

Daniel chapter 9 details a specific prophecy that has become known as "Daniel's 70 week prophecy." We will examine that in detail later in chapter 6. Finally, God brings Daniel's mission purpose to an end.

God gave Daniel only so much information. Daniel 12:8-9

God gave Isaiah specific prophecies of the coming Messiah. However, God allowed the Jews to be blinded to the coming Messiah. Isaiah 6:9-10 History says that after Babylon (the head of gold in Nebuchadnezzar's dream that Daniel interpreted in chapter 2) fell to Persia (as envisioned as the chest and arms of silver) in 539 BCE. In 536 BCE under Cyrus, the Jews were allowed to return and rebuild Solomon's temple. 2 Chronicles 36:22-23 (slide 56)

The Jewish calendar is based on a lunar cycle with a 360 day year and a leap month every so often. It is sometimes referred to a prophetic calendar. Our calendar is based on a solar cycle with a 365 day year. For the Jewish folks this current year is 5778 (not 2018) and will change to 5779 in September at Rosh Hashanah. Without getting into too much of the details, our calendar is based off a calendar reworked in the middle of the 3rd century called the Julian Calendar after Pope Julius. It was based on the civil Roman calendar and was reworked by Pope Julius. He calculated and decreed Jesus' birth on December 25 and how far mankind had progressed and issued by edict declaring the year. Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 amended it to the form we use now. (slide 57)

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Jesus is the Bridge (slide 59)

Matthew bridges the two Testaments with his opening evidence. Matthew 1:1

The following 17 verses of Matthew 1 recount Jesus' genealogy to include Jesse, King David, and Abraham. (slide 60)

The Gospels texts focus is less on law and more grace. John 1:17

The main focus of Jesus' ministry was the Jews, not "the Gentile church" which we are a part. However, His sacrifice was for all, Jew and Gentile alike. John 3:16-17 (slide 61)

Time of the Gentiles (slide 62 or 63)

Before they could come back the bible does say that there will be a "time of the Gentiles." Luke 21:24 (slide 64)

As a compensation of sorts for the Holocaust, in 1948 the modern day State of Israel was reborn as foretold where Isaiah spoke of Israel being reborn in one day. Isa 66:7-8 (slide 65), Isa 10:20-22

Most, if not all, prophecy scholars agree that Christ's second coming could not happen until the Israelites were physically back in their promised homeland which happened in 1948. (slide 66 or 67)

The Hebrew language will be revived in Israel. Jeremiah 31:23

The Dry Bones Live Ezekiel 37:1-14 (slide 68 or 69)

A remnant of Israel will be re-established as a nation. Isaiah 11:11-12

The people of Israel would return to "their own land" and be the vessel where 144,000 missionaries will come from. Ezekiel 34:13 When Israel is reborn and her peoples repatriated (Aliyah), there will be representatives from ALL twelve tribes. God the designer of DNA genetic coding will know from which tribe they belong. (slide 70)

Jacob's descendants would regain control of Israel. Amos 9:14-15

Israel will come back as one nation, not two. Hosea 1:11

The Star of David will be on the Israeli flag. Isaiah 11:10 (slide 71)

The Desert Will Bloom and Blossom Isaiah 35:1 (slide 72)

Jerusalem will be reclaimed as the capital of Israel. (slide 73)

Chapter 6 (slide 74)

The Old Testament mentions this seven year time period as "days of wrath." Job 21:30, Jeremiah 30:7 That day is also known by other expressions such as "in that day", "the day of the Lord", "latter days," "the wrath to come," "judgment day," "the end times", "the last days", "Tribulation (first half)", and "the great Tribulation (second half)," also known as "Jacob's trouble." (slide 75, or 76)

Arguably the most important passage about the Jews and a seven year period of judgment to come is found in Daniel 9 known as the 70-week prophecy. (slide 77) This prophecy's emphasis is for the Jews only in that the "church" was not established when God spoke to Daniel. Daniel 9:24-27 (NASB) ²⁴ Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the holiest place. ²⁵ So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks (a total of 69, 1 week is to come); it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress. ²⁶ Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off (Jesus' crucifixion) and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined." ²⁷ Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

There are several points that need to be explained.

- Bible and Prophecy scholars teach that the word "week" referred to in vs 24 is a period of "years", not weeks as we understand it. Strong's #H7620 lists the word for "week" is "*shabuwa*". "It better translates to "year."
- Vs. 25 & 26 mention the beginning of this time period is "the issuing of a decree" or an edict. The natural question is "which decree?" There more than few who support the edicts from Cyrus in 536 BCE that allowed the Jews to return to their homeland. [Ezra 1:1-2](#) ¹ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, ² Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, "The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah." The other common edict is the edict given to Ezra by Artaxerxes in 457 BCE that allowed worship in the temple. [Ezra 7:11-13](#) ¹¹ Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of his statutes to Israel. ¹² Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time. ¹³ I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with thee."

Additionally, vs 26 also clearly states that there are a total of 69 weeks/years. So, the math suggests $69 \times 7 = 483$. If you work back from the date of 30-33 AD when Christ was crucified

fulfilling the "Messiah being cut off", the previous two years are too early. However, according to Sir Robert Anderson who published his book "The Coming Prince" in 1894, where he painstakingly converted the Jewish calendar to the Gregorian calendar. The decree given to Nehemiah from Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem's walls is corroborated with secular history in 445 BCE. Not just from timing but also from the mention of "building with plaza and moat." [Nehemiah 2:7-8](#) ⁷ Moreover I (Nehemiah) said unto the king (Artaxerxes), "If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; ⁸ and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city (Jerusalem), and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."

The Jews must be in possession of the land for God's clock to tick. Upon their return under order from the Persian King Cyrus, the clock started to tick again as prophesied in Daniel's 9:26 above. That clock stopped when Jesus was crucified, leaving a balance of 7 years to take place. There is also a conditional point about the remaining 7 years. This condition happened in 1948 with the rebirth of the State of Israel but the clock could not start because the Jews are not in possession of the temple mount. It is in Arab control. The clock will not restart until the Antichrist confirms his covenant in the beginning of the Tribulation. Daniel 9:27a "Then he (the Antichrist) shall confirm a covenant with many for one week." [\(slide 78\)](#)

The purpose of this period of week/years has two objectives

One that the children of Israel will have their eyes opened to accepting Jesus as the Messiah. Ezekiel 36:26-27 [\(slide 79\)](#)

Two, God must execute His righteous wrath and judgment on all rebellious nonbelievers, Jew and Gentile. Psalm 110:5, Isaiah 13:9, Joel 3:1-2 [\(slide 80\)](#)

There is one final sign to look for before the return of the King. That is the Spirit of the Lord will be out poured. Joel 2:28-29 [\(slide 81\)](#), Acts 2:16-18 [\(slide 82\)](#) Even though there is data saying church attendance in traditional mainline in America is declining, there is also data confirming the spirit of the Lord rising worldwide as more and more people accept Christ. [\(slide 83\)](#)

Chapter 7 [\(slide 84\)](#)

We touched upon Jesus, equipping His disciples with the power and ability to heal the sick, in Jesus' name, when we looked at Jesus as the Son of God and the Son of Man. Jesus commissioned His disciples to do the same. Matthew 10:1 [\(slide 85\)](#)

Jesus left them with new commandments.

You will love one another. Matthew 22:37-40 [\(slide 86\)](#), John 14:15, John 15:12-17

the Great Commission. Matthew 28:16-20 [\(slide 87\)](#)

I think the first question is as a community of Gentile believers, do we have the right to claim Jesus’ promises to us? Both Jesus and Paul use the gardening metaphor of grafting a “new vine” to “the root” as a way to demonstrate how the gentiles can acquire direct access to Yahweh. (slide 88)

Jesus said in John 15:1-8. Paul said in Romans 11:16-18.

Paul also called us gentiles “heirs” which solidifies our inclusion into the family of God Almighty. Ephesians 3:6 (slide 89) & Galatians 3:26-29 (slide 90)

chapter 8 (slide 91)

God’s master plan hangs on this one premise, God’s plan begins and ends with His son, Jesus. Without the authentication of Jesus’ validation as the Messiah, all of God’s promises would be worthless

First and foremost He was to be Messiah. (slide 92)

Jesus is the cornerstone. Psalm 118:22, Luke 20:17

We (the church) acknowledge his birth, death, and resurrection as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies.

There are at least over 400 prophecies concerning the Messiah and Jesus fulfilling them, but there are 21 covered in the book but here are only 6, and starts with His birth that cover both His birth and time at the cross. (slide 93 or 94)

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Prophecies About Jesus	Old Testament Scripture	New Testament Fulfilment
1. Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
2. Messiah would be born of a virgin and call His name Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23
3. Messiah would be a prophet.	Deuteronomy 18:15	Acts 3:20-22
4. Messiah would be declared the Son of God.	Psalm 2:7	Matthew 3:16-17
5. Messiah would speak in parables.	Psalm 78:2-4	Matthew 13:34-35
6. Messiah would be called King.	Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7-11

The next appearing is called His Second Coming or Second Advent. There appear to be conflicting accounts of this arrival. This will be answered better after we finish exploring Jesus’ role as a prophet and covenant/promise keeper sections when we look at the Rapture vs. the Second

Coming Below is a partial list of Old Testament prophecies that will reinforce and herald the arrival of the Messiah as the Conquering King. That event will be unmistakable and seen by the whole earth. (slide 96 or 97)

Isaiah 66:15-16, Jeremiah 25:30-31, Daniel 7:13-14, Jeremiah 3:17 & Isaiah 24:19-20

Jesus is The Lamb of God. (slide 98) John 1:29 (slide 99)

Isaiah 53:7-8 (slide 100)

Jesus as a prophet. (slide 101)

Up until this time His disciples thought Jesus was a great rabbi or prophet. John 11:8 (slide 102)

Although we as Christians accept His words by faith, a historical fact proves Jesus's ability to precisely assert prophecy in Matthew 24:1-2 (slide 103)

The Olivet Discourse (slide 104)

The disciples were puzzled at this so they asked Him three more questions Matthew 24:3 "Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 1)"Tell us, when will these things be? 2) And what will be the sign of Your coming, 3) and of the end of the age?" (slide 105)

The answer to the first question, when will these things be? is found only in the Luke account. Luke 21:20-24 In 70 AD, the Emperor Titus sacked Jerusalem and destroyed Solomon's temple. (slide 106, 107, 108, or 109)

To answer the second question, what will be the signs of Your coming? Jesus gave the below signs of what to look for before He returns. These points illustrate that Jesus certainly had knowledge of future events but God limited it. Mark 13:32 (slide 110)

deception (slide 111)

Matthew 24:4-5 & 23-26

war (slide 112)

Matthew 24:6-7, Zechariah 14:12

famines, pestilences, earthquakes (slide 113)

Matthew 24:7-8

anti-Semitism (slide 114)

Matthew 24:9-10

break down of social values & tribulation saints (slide 115)

Matthew 24:12-13

preach to all the world (slide 116)

Matthew 24:14

abomination of desolation (slide 117)

Matthew 24:15-20

Jesus ends His answer for this second question when He says Matthew 24:21-22 there will be "great Tribulation." (slide 118)

For the last question, what of the end of the age? He says in Matthew 24:27-31 This coming will be loud, vivid, unmistakable, and predictable as it will show power and great glory. (slide 119)

Usually, when he wanted to give His disciples a deeper or meaningful lesson He would take them off privately and speak with them. Mark 4:33-34 (slide 120 or 121) Matthew 13:10-11 However, when He wanted to speak to the general public He used His tried and true teaching method, parables. Jesus gives His disciples a lesson by example of parables.

The Fig Tree Parable. (slide 122)

Matthew 24:32-35

Main point- the lesson of this parable is portrayed in that we know the coming of summer is relatively soon when we see the clues of the spring's budding leaves. We may not know the day, but we can be aware of the season.

The Days of Noah. (slide 123 or 124)

Matthew 24:36-39

Main point- the flood took them by surprise because they did not heed Noah and his message from God. When Jesus returns it will take those who are not watching by complete surprise. Those who do not follow Christ's teachings, and prophecy is one of them, will not have the fore knowledge of what signs to watch for. Paul highlights that believers as sons of light will have the ability to know the general time of Christ's return and that it will not surprise those who are keeping watch.

The Faithful and Wise Servant

Matthew 24:45-51

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins. (slide 125)

Matthew 25:1-13

Main point- the lesson here is that all 10 virgins initially were looking for the return of their beloved. However, after a time, 5 of them were distracted and lost sight of his return. The remaining faithful 5 stayed the course and remained faithful so when the beloved did arrive they were ready and were taken to His home.

The Parable of the Talents.

Matthew 25:14-29

The Son of Man will judge the Nations.

Matthew 25:31-46

The chief prophetic point here is in vs 32 where God will sit in judgment over the nations after He returns at the end of the Tribulation.

Jesus as a covenant/promise keeper. To be able to fulfill that promise Jesus' birthright was to be the legitimate, lawful conduit for God's plan is established by presenting Jesus within a NEW COVENANT, the Lord's Supper. Jeremiah 31:31-33, Matthew 26:20-21, Matthew 26:28 (slide 126 or 127)

That it is not exclusive to the Jewish people it is free to all (Jew or Gentile) who ask. Matthew 10:40

Paul reinforces and explains that one cannot acquire the gift of salvation by working for it or by being good enough. Ephesians 2:8-9 (slide 128)

It reaffirms and specifies the promise of life in heaven with God for eternity to Jew and non-Jew alike. John 3:16-17 (slide 129)

Jesus declared He was the only avenue by which one can connect to God His Father. John 14:6 (slide 130 or 131)

There is a prophetic correlation between Jesus, the Feasts of the Lord, and what is to come. (slide 132)

Spring Feasts

Passover. Jesus was sacrificed on the cross as the Paschal Lamb on Passover.

Unleavened Bread. Jesus was wrapped and hidden away in the tomb. John 19:40

Offering of First Fruits. Jesus rose from the dead being the first fruits of blessing to all subsequent believers that die in the Lord. Matthew 28:5-6

Feast of Weeks /Pentecost. The Holy Spirit arrive in a whirlwind of fire. Acts 2:1-3

Fall Feasts

Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah This Feast could have two purposes prophetically. The first could be either the Rapture of the church or the beginning of the Tribulation. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 & 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17. The second could be when Christ arrives with His saints and angels at the end of the Tribulation, but does not actually touch the earth until the Day of Atonement. This would fit in the thought that all three Fall Feasts have to happened sequentially and together like the Spring Feasts.

Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur. God established the pattern of His physically visiting the Hebrews in the Tabernacle and Temple. Zechariah 14:4

Feast of Booths/Tabernacles. This is the beginning of the Millennium, which we will explore in detail later in chapter 21. Revelation 20:4

Chapter 9 (slide 133)

The Church.

As we switch our focus to the new converts which will become known as the "church" we mentioned earlier that the New Testament including the Gospels and first chapter of Acts were written to encourage the new Jewish and Gentile converts. Jesus came to seek and save the lost, regardless of heritage. Luke 19:9-10 (slide 134)

He came to fulfill the scriptures of the Old Testament as Messiah while at the same time launching His mission to the world. Matthew 5:17 (slide 135)

Is there a connection between the Jews and the church?

The answer according to Paul is a twofold yes. Paul said that God has not and will not go back on His word with the Hebrews. The Israelites were not cut out of God's promise of ownership of the land. Abraham's Covenant still stands Romans 11:1-2 and "The fullness of the gentiles has come in." Romans 11:25 (slide 136)

God does have a separate purpose and relationship planned for us (the church) which leads us to the second part of the answer. The gentiles are to provoke the Jews to jealousy so they will ignite a loving one on one relationship attitude toward God, which God has desired all along, not just a ritualistic exchange or rule of law constricting relationship. Romans 11:11-14

To properly understand where we are going it is imperative we understand from where we started. The New Testament is replete with stories of men spreading the Gospel of Jesus even though they occasionally stumbled along the way. Peter and Paul are at the top of the list.

He charged Peter to minister to their fellow Jews. Matthew 10:5-6. (slide 137)

Peter was a simple fisherman. Peter was the first disciple Jesus called. Matthew 4:18-20

Peter was one of Jesus' inner circle, Peter, James, and John. Mark 9:2 (slide 138)

Peter showed his tendency to be impulsive when he jumped out of the boat the disciples were in a storm. As we all know Peter began to sink when he took his focus off Jesus and looked at his situation. Matthew 14:28-31 (slide 139)

Peter was first to recognize Him as Messiah through understanding from God directly. He is also the first pastor or missionary to the first church or body of believers that Jesus commissioned to build His church. Matthew 16:13-18 (slide 140)

Peter failed Jesus. Mark 14:66-72. As a gesture of redemption, Peter was the only disciple called by name after Jesus' resurrection even after Peter's failure the night of Jesus' trial. (slide 141)

Peter was present at the beginning of the church. Acts 2:1-4 (slide 142 & 143)

Paul was recruited to reach out to the Gentiles. Galatians 2:8

According to the author of Acts, Luke, Paul acknowledged himself as a zealot. Acts 22:3-5

The conversion of Saul the persecutor to Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles is introduced in Acts 9:3-5 (slide 144)

After Saul's conversion, he referred to himself as Paul and in several letters as an apostle like in Romans 1:1-2

Paul penned most of the New Testament as personal letters of encouragement to the early churches which were in Asia Minor either on one of his four missionary journeys or in prison. (slide 145)

Peter and Paul are the Founding Fathers of the "One Holy Catholic (universal) and Apostolic (of the Apostles) Church." The noun the "church" is Strong's #G1577 "ekklēsia." In Greek, nouns, like in some other languages, are designated by gender. In this case, it is classified in the

feminine. English does not classify its parts of speech as it is gender neutral. This classification reinforces the supposition that church is referred to as the Bride of Christ.

Here is an abridged version of church history. The Church Age coincided and was overlaid with the time of the gentiles period referenced above referring to gentile rule over Israel and Jerusalem. Church scholars classify the seven churches listed in Revelation 2 & 3 into seven eras of the church in history. The below list compares the two.

Slides (146, 147, 148, or 149)

Chapter	city	Church Type	AD	Historical Era
1 Rev 2:1-7	Ephesus	The Loveless Church	33-100	Apostolic Church
2 Rev 2:8-11	Smyrna	The Persecuted Church	100-313	Roman Persecuted Church
3 Rev 2:12-17	Pergamos	The Compromising Church	313-538	Compromising Church
4 Rev 2:18-29	Thyatira	The Corrupt Church	538-1517	Corrupt Church
5 Rev 3:1-6	Sardis	The Dead Church	1517-1755	Reformation Church
6 Rev 3:7-13	Philadelphia	The Faithful Church	1755-1844	Missionary Movement
7 Rev 3:14-22	Laodicea	The Lukewarm Church	1844-present	Apostasy Church

Chapter 10 (slide 150)

Peter's warning list 2 Peter 3:3-4 (slide 151), 2 Peter 3:10-13, 2 Peter 3:14-16

Paul's warning list is a little longer. 2 Timothy 3:1-9 (slide 152)

People seem to act as though they believe either they will not be held accountable for their sins or maybe there is always time later to make a decision for Christ. The first observation Romans 1:28-32 (slide 153)

The second observation, when one begins life's journey the outlook is ahead and the attitude is invulnerable, immortal, and invincible Luke 12:19-20 (slide 154)

As bad as it is now it's nothing compared to how it's going to be in the Tribulation. It will be craziness on steroids. As mentioned before, do some people think that if the Tribulation comes they can always make a decision for Christ then? Well, they are playing against a stacked deck. There will be severe environmental global calamities or physical plague level afflictions. As it's already been expressed the thought of people thinking they will have a second chance for salvation during the Tribulation, but what if they never get that chance?

A quarter of the population will perish. Revelation 6:8

The devastation will be so great men call out to the rocks to kill them, but God does not allow it. Revelation 9:6

An additional third of the survivors will also perish. Revelation 9:15

Chapter 11 (slide 155)

Faith is defined as trusting in God that He will do what He said He would do. Some people do not have faith because they are being deceived that their finite human mind can comprehend what the infinite mind of God created. (slide 156)

Dr. David Reagan explains that there are three primary areas of deception that Jesus, Peter, and Paul's lists fall under namely materialism, humanism, and hedonism. (slide 157)

Materialism is the belief that fulfillment or joy can be found, bought or otherwise obtained from the accumulation of inanimate tangible objects. There used to be a bumper sticker that said he who dies with the most toys wins. That is the polar opposite of Jesus' message found in Mark 8:36 (slide 158)

Humanism is the belief that mankind alone can solve any problem if we work hard or long enough for it. Atheism and Agnosticism fall under this category. The 19th century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche claims "God is dead." He died in 1900 and let me assure you, he knows now that God certainly is not dead. (slide 159)

Ideas like psychics or mediums, palm readers, astrology, crystal power, the mother earth goddess, karma, fate, or chance are all types of false religions. Satan has deceived many others by planting thoughts like heaven and hell do not exist. All of these concepts are paving the way for acceptance of a one world religion and false prophet. 1 John 4:1 (slides 160, 161, 162, & 163)

Hedonism is the outlook of anything that feels good goes, so long as it doesn't hurt anybody. It's a belief system that is based on feelings, in particular pleasure, which as we all know are fickle and can change dramatically. It's the love of the pleasures of the flesh. Galatians 5:19-21 (slide 164)

The deception of denial of His existence and attempts of displacing God from His throne is working its way into the general population and churches across the world. 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (slide 165)

Paul wrote about A Great Falling Away or Apostasy that must take place before Christ returns. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 The original word for "falling away" in Greek is Strong's #G646 "apostasia" or Anglicized Apostasy. This point is on our chart. The definition of Apostasy is not just falling way but also a defection. Satan's influence in the church is both subtle and blatant. When he is subtle, things like promoting unsound doctrine or practices expressly forbidden by God worms its way into a church. An example of blatant deception is anything from cults to Satan worship. (slides 166, 167, 168 & 169)

These lists above from Peter and Paul corroborates Jesus' warning of being deceived by false Christs or teachers. The dictionary defines deception as "to make someone believe something that is not true." The Bible says that Satan is the father of lies. John 8:44 (slide 170)

The prophet Isaiah warned about calling good evil and evil good. Isaiah 5:20 (slide 171)

Paul commands us to hold fast to the true way and to keep the good fight so that we may be counted worthy to ascend. 2 Thessalonians 1:4-6 (slide 172)

Chapter 12 (slide 173)

When we examined the Olivet Discourse we talked about Jesus' Second Coming in two phases, (in the third question the disciples asked) one unexpected and one calculable. We also talked about the coming of the Messiah at the end of the age to be visible and with power and great glory. Remember, according to Strong's #G1577 the term for the "church" is "ekklēsia". It is used 115 times in the New Testament. We looked at the historical Gentile eras with the seven churches listed in Revelation 2 & 3. After Revelation 3:22 the term "ekklēsia" is not mentioned again until Revelation 22:16. So the obvious questions are why the gap? What happened to the church and how did they get to heaven in the first place if they are to return with Christ?

Bible scholars and theologians have coined the word Rapture for this event. (slide 174) Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (slide 175 & 176). The other passage Paul talks about the Rapture is 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (slide 177, 178, & 179)

The question of timing is a point of discussion or contention among students of prophecy. There are three main schools of thought with some minor delineations in each of those. They are Pre-Tribulation, Mid-Tribulation, and Post-Tribulation. (slide 180, or 181)

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Rapture	vs	Second Coming
No warning Matthew 24:36		warning Matthew 24:14
Clouds 1 Thessalonians 4:17		Mt. Olives Zechariah 14:4
last trumpet 1 Corinthians 15:51-52		Great Trumpet Matthew 24:31
Thief in the night 1 Thessalonians 4:17		Visibly and Physically Acts 1:9-11
Twinkling of an eye 1 Corinthians 15:52		Flashes Matthew 24:27

Chapter 13 (slide 188)

After the Bridegroom (Jesus) collects His Bride (the Church) we will be called into the presence of God to be judged or better defined as rewarded to receive crowns (see the chart below for the 5 types of crowns) for our faithfulness during the Age of Grace or Church Age. This ceremony is called the Judgment Seat of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:10-11 (189, 190, or 191)

However, we shall cast those crowns before Him as a tribute. Matthew 16:27 (slide 192)

Crown of Righteousness	2 Timothy 4:8
Crown of Glory	1 Peter 5:2-4, Isaiah 62:3

Imperishable Crown	1 Corinthians 9:25
Crown of Rejoicing	1 Thessalonians 2:19
Crown of Life	James 1:12 Revelation 2:10

Those souls who will be caught up at the Rapture will have new glorified bodies as exemplified by Jesus Himself. It will have the properties of light and be luminous. Matthew 17:2 (slide 193)

Our current earthly bodies will be reconditioned to exist in heaven. Philippians 3:20-21

We will eat food. Luke 24:38-43

Our bodies will be changed from corruption to incorruptible 1 Corinthians 15:42-45

Additionally, we may have the ability to appear and disappear at will. John 20:19-20, Luke 24:28-31, Luke 24:36-37

To fully understand and appreciate the transformation from earthly to heavenly bodies, we must look at what the Bible says about what happens to the body and the spirit or soul at death.

God knew us before we were even born. Psalm 139:13-14, Jeremiah 1:4-5

The Bible also says there is a season for birth and one for death. Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

It also confirms that each of us will die. 1 Corinthians 15:22, and that we will be brought to judgement. Hebrews 9:27-28 (slide 194)

Scholars believe the judgment mentioned here is the Great White Throne Judgment, after the Millennium and before Eternity. The Bible says that for believers, their spirits are brought into Jesus' presence when they die. 2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Jesus called that place Paradise when He was speaking with the thieves on the cross. Luke 23:39-43 (slide 195)

Non-believers are sent to be tormented in a place called Hades. Luke 16:22-23

Ultimately though, at the end of time, every soul ever born will be summoned before God. Daniel 12:1-2, John 5:28-29

For the believers, the Rapture will rejoin the soul with the physical body and transform to the new glorified body.

Chapter 14 (slide 196)

Getting back to what happens at the Rapture, we will remain in Heaven with Jesus for the next seven years while the wrath of God is poured out on earth. As was touched upon above in the Olivet Discourse, those who come to faith during the Tribulation will probably experience a painful death in one of two ways.

They will be delivered and killed for His name's sake. Matthew 24:9-10 (slide 197)

They and unbelievers may also fall victim of the natural disasters. Matthew 24:7 (slide 198)
Either way at the end of the Tribulation we who are with Jesus will be joined with those souls who die during the Tribulation. These later souls are the ones who will become known as the Tribulation Saints.

Just before Christ physically returns to earth at the end of the Tribulation, He will invite all believers as His bride to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven. Revelation 19:6-9 (slide 199)

The Tribulation

There is an incorrect understanding that the Rapture signifies the beginning of the Tribulation. In fact, according to Daniel 9:27a it begins when a peace treaty is confirmed. (slide 200) There may be and probably will be some time whether it be days, weeks or months between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation.

As we discussed in the Olivet Discourse, the reconstruction of Solomon's (3rd) Temple on the temple mount in Jerusalem is now being occupied by the Dome of the Rock, a Muslim mosque. Permission for the reconstruction of the temple could be offered as an olive branch to that conflict. It could begin before or after the beginning of the Tribulation but it has to be completed by the middle mark for the Abomination of Desolation to take place. Daniel 9:27b (slide 201 or 202)

Jerusalem will be at the center of controversy for possession. Zechariah 12:2-3 (slide 203)

God will bring judgment to the nations on their treatment of His chosen people Israel. Joel 3:1-2 (slide 204) As we just read in Joel any country, including the USA, puts their well-being in jeopardy if they force a condition to this conflict that involves Jerusalem or any part of Israel to be divided. A "Two State Solution" between Israel and the so called Palestinians has been put up for discussion several times with various political figures since 1948. (slide 205)

In July of 2000 then President Bill Clinton hosted Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat for a peace summit. It ended without a deal as they all will. (slide 206) On December 6, 2017 President Trump announced the USA will recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capitol city. (slide 207) The following Friday, December 8, the 15 member UN Security

Council (the strongest governing agency for the UN) took a vote to denounce this declaration. The results were unanimous against with the US standing alone. As you might expect, the Muslim nations, and those who support them, erupted in violent protests across the globe. So much for a religion of 'peace.' Palestinians have absolutely no interest in coming to an agreement of living side by side with Israel. Since Israel's rebirth in 1948, they refuse to even acknowledge Israel's right to exist. They wish the Israelis would just be exterminated, just like the Nazis. The Israelis have offered Palestinians land for peace, i.e. Gaza Strip, West Bank & Golan Heights, but Palestinians continue to fire rockets into Israel. How can you negotiate in good faith with an adversary who does not even recognize your right to live? All past and future attempts to bring the Palestinians and Israel to live together side by side will fail. Until the Antichrist takes his place and acknowledges Israel's right to exist.

In order for the Antichrist to confirm a seven-year peace treaty, Israel must be in some form of conflict. This is an ancient sibling rivalry that goes back to Abraham and his two sons by two women, Isaac and Ishmael.

There are 3 Bible prophecies that most prophecy teachers say have yet been fulfilled and that they are outside of the seven year Day of Wrath period but specifically involve Israel

Isaiah 17:1 17 The burden against Damascus (slide 208)

Psalms 83 war (slide 209, & 210, 211, or 212)

Of note, according to an Oct. 27, 2005, NY Times article, the sentiment of verse 4 was proclaimed by Iran's then President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who reiterated in a speech he gave the day before at the World Without Zionism conference. He said, quote "As the Imam (Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini) said, Israel must be wiped off the map" unquote. (slide 213, 214, 215, 216, or 217)

Ezekiel 38 & 39 aka Gog/Magog war. First, let's see exactly what the Bible says. This is perhaps the most detailed prophecy in the Bible pertaining to the people of Israel. A natural question might be why? The answer might just be simply that when it comes to pass, Israel will know the return of the Messiah is at hand. (slide 218)

Gog is a title like Prince or President, not a country. Ezekiel 38:2a In the bible, all directions (north, east, and south west) are in relative position from Jerusalem. IF this were applicable today, the far north from Jerusalem could be Russia and its leader is Vladimir Putin. (slide 219 & 220)

There has to be a reason the Magog/Meshech/Persian et al coalition moves against Israel. there must be something more that would cause this coalition to plan an invasion. It is natural gas and oil, the hook in the jaw if you will. Ezekiel 38:4 (slide 221)

In recent months both Russia and Iran have been building permanent bases in Syria. On January 20, 2018 Turkey invaded northern Syria. All a preliminary move to invade Israel. (slide 222, 223, or 224)

What is holding the Magog/Meshech/Persian et al coalition back? Currently, the only thing keeping this coalition at bay is the fear of retaliation from the US. But, consider this, with the rapture event the USA's and Europe's sphere of influence and military might will be drastically impaired with the sudden vanishing of millions of its citizens and soldiers. In the interest of full disclosure, there is another possibility of timing for launching their offensive. After the first seal is opened, the Antichrist will appear on a White Horse and bring a false sense of security to a world in utter chaos after the Rapture.

When the Ezekiel 38 & 39 war is launched there are four countries listed that will only voice a protest and not send military aid to Israel when Russia/Iran attacks. Ezekiel 38:13. (slide 225).” Sheba and Dedan are universally believed to be Saudi Arabia which has maintained open support for Israel these last few years. Much to anger of Iran and fanatical Islam. (slide 226, 227, or 228) The identity of the “Merchants of Tarshish” and the “young lions” are more vague. There are several possibilities for Tarshish but the common theme that runs through the possibilities is they are from the far west of Israel and on the Mediterranean Sea. They could be from the north coast of Africa, Spain or even Great Britain. (slide 229) One of the popular candidates for the “young lions” is the USA. IF so, this is the only place in the Bible where the USA is inferred in prophecy. The USA is the strongest economic and military country ever formed so why is it conspicuous by its absence in the Bible and especially in latter day writings? The obvious answer is the USA is either unwilling or unable to come to Israel's defense. The world has distanced themselves from Israel just as predicted 2,800 years go by Israel's prophets.

(slide 230) Israel will be left alone to defend herself from the onslaught, but it is by God's hand they are protected. God will make His purpose known to the world and Israel that God's covenant with God's chosen people still stands. Ezekiel 38:16 (slide 231)

The players of the Gog/Magog war are definitely lining up as the stage is being set.

Beginning Part 2

Chapter 15 (slide 1 & 2)

Definition of Apocalypse The correct definition of Apocalypse is a Greek term meaning "to reveal" or "to remove the curtain" a Revelation if you will. Through John, God lays out His final seven-year plan to reclaim those souls left after in the Rapture, Jew and Gentile. (slide 3 or 4)

A flyby survey of John's book of Revelation (slide 5, 6, 7 or 8)

The first half is called the Tribulation and the second half is called the Great Tribulation. The Book of Revelation breaks down the first half of the Tribulation in chapters 6-11 where we see the arrival of the 4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse (also the first 4 seals) followed by the remaining 3 of the 7 seals, after which we have the sealing of the 144,000, the 7 trumpets, and closing out the first half with the introduction of the two witnesses. In chapter 12 there is the midpoint with the woman giving birth and the Dragon lying in wait to devour the child. The Great Tribulation begins the second half in chapter 13 with the Beasts of the Sea and of the Earth, the 144,000 again and ending with the final 7 bowls including the gathering of Satan's forces at Armageddon in chapter 16. In chapters 17- 1st half of 19 talks about the Scarlet Woman, mystery Babylon, the Final Battle, Christ's arrival as Messiah where He completes His final victory, and lastly the Beast and the False Prophet being thrown into the lake of fire. In chapters 2nd half of 19 -22 it gives us details about Satan being bound and cast into the lake of fire while we rule with Christ on earth for 1,000 years, aka the Millennium. It then closes out with God recasting the earth and heaven into a new earth and new heaven where we will live for eternity.

Chapter 16 (slide 9)

Before we unpack the Tribulation, the Day of the Lord, Day of Wrath of God, or Daniel's 70th week as it is laid out in the Book of Revelation, we need to make clear that the person we call the Antichrist cannot appear until the Holy Spirit is moved out of the way. In the beginning of our discussion when we looked at the fourth point of why to study prophecy, the Holy Spirit has a finite period of ministry. 2 Thessalonians 2:5-8 (slide 10)

One last point about [2 Thessalonians 2:7](#) "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work;" The mystery referred to is that nobody but God Himself knows the date of the Messiah's (second) coming. Unlike Jesus, who knew His mission from a very early age, Satan does not know the date of Christ's return even with all his knowledge of the scriptures. [Luke 2:42](#) (slide 11)

Satan has to have had agents in place ready to assume power over the course of history (slide 12)

Satan can masquerade as anything he wishes, including an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 (slide 13)

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The idea of a one world leader, a one world government or a new world order is not so "new." The Bible tells us in Genesis 11 that the idea of a one world leader or government was attempted when the men at that time tried to make themselves equal to God by building the Tower of Babel. God couldn't destroy men again because of His covenant with Noah so he confused their speech. Genesis 11:8 (slide 15)

The United Nations and Paul Henri Spaak, in 1945 in 1945 (slide 16)

Robert Muller was appointed for his first term as Assistant Secretary General in 1948 (slide 17)

The Director of the UN World Health Organization Brock Chisum in 1991 (slide 18)

In 2009 the New York Times reported the then Pope Benedict "called for a reform of the United Nations so there could be a unified "global political body" (slide 19)

The US dollar and phrase "Novus Ordo Seclorum," translated "New World Order." (slide 20)

The ground work for a one world leader is being laid. Nightly the networks news is not at a loss of horrible news about the level of unrest and insecurity in Europe, South America, Middle East, Africa, China, and the US, the world is calling for a leader who can bring peace and safety.

Chapter 17 (slide 21)

The first four seals to be opened are more commonly known as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. (slide 22, 23, or 24)

The First Horse, the White Horse of the Conqueror. Revelation 6:2 (slide 25 or 26)

At some point in the not too distant future, there will be the last gentile person who accepts Christ before the command for the Rapture is issued. With millions of people (possibly including children) suddenly and without explanation disappears, the ensuing chaos and hysteria and in close proximity to the Gog/Magog war people will be exceedingly desperate as they look for a "savior."

A "counterfeit" Christ will appear and seem to have all the answers. As we know, the counterfeit clone's the genuine. (slide 27 or 28)

We have already examined a couple of times Daniel 9:27 he will first bring a seven-year peace treaty. He will then bring a false sense of security as he assumes political or governmental control across the globe

The Bible gives us a few clues on what the Antichrist will be like initially and his characteristics. During the first half of the Tribulation, he will appear and deceive many as a man of peace, as we have discussed at length. Daniel 11:20-23 (slide 29)

He will have two faces, one public and one private. His public face will be Pro-Israel, tolerant, politically correct, persuasive, charismatic, charming and easily believed. His private hidden face

will be devious, heavily involved with the occult and a false sense of prosperity will follow him. Daniel 8:23-25 (slide 30)

The Antichrist will seize the opportunity to take control first through diplomacy than through force. He will then reorganize the world's governments into 10 areas. He will assume control of three of them. Most people are not aware that the UN has designated ten regions across the globe to track a wide variety of social, health, and economic indicators called the Millennium Development Goal Indicators. This could quite possibly be the genesis from where the Antichrist sets up his government. Why reinvent the wheel?

Daniel 7:19-20 (slide 31 or 32)

He will solidify his authority with the help from the leader of a false religious leader called the False Prophet. (slide 33 or 34)

The Antichrist's number will be 666. Revelation 13:18 (slide 35)

He will come from a gentile world probably Europe. Daniel 7:2-3 (slide 36)

Sometimes this area is referred to as the Revived Roman Empire. Daniel 9:26a

The beginning of the second half of this period begins with the abomination of desolation foretold by Daniel 9:27 and Matthew 24:15 as reported earlier. (slide 37)

He will need to move his base of operations to Jerusalem. Daniel 11:45

The Antichrist will also imitate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Revelation 13:3

As a sign of allegiance and obedience, the world's population will be required to take a mark in their right hand or forehead. The Antichrist will take control of all business transactions.

Revelation 13:16-17 (slide 38 or 39)

If you refuse you will be hunted and put to death by beheading without due process of law.

Revelation 20:4 (slide 40)

WARNING The Bible also clearly and firmly says anyone who accepts that mark on the hand or forehead cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. Revelation 14:9-11 (slide 41, 42, or 43)

The systems necessary for the Antichrist to control the world's economies and implement a system that can "mark" will not mysteriously appear overnight. They are here. With the implementation of the Euro, a one world currency is being shaped. The new "chip" Visa and MasterCard credit cards and the development of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices, the size of a grain of rice which can be placed subcutaneously into the forehead or right hand, and their respective systems are in place and being used. The world is spiraling to a cashless society. (slide 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, or 50)

The Second Horse, the Red Horse of War. Revelation 6:4 (slide 51)

The Ezekiel 38&39 war is most unlikely to happen here. What is more likely is a nuclear war. Zechariah 14:12 (slide 52)

Based on the 2 atomic bombs there were dropped on Japan at the end of WW II, the first is an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) and the second is called nuclear winter. An EMP has an effective range of 25 miles from detonation. It fries every electric circuit in that area. So no phones, computers, transportation, electricity to run refrigeration, lights or anything else that needs electricity to run. (slide 53)

If you have followed the news, you will realize that the US has a clear and present danger of this from North Korea with their "testings." Just ask the people of Guam and Hawaii if we should alert. (slide 54 & 55)

The Third Horse, the Black Horse of Famine. Revelation 6:5-6 (slide 56)
The point here is daily needs such as a loaf of bread will cost a full day's wage.

The Fourth Horse, the Pale Horse of Death. Revelation 6:8 (slide 57)
A more accurate translation is "green." The text seems to indicate that daily living will be unbelievably hard. With fruit and vegetables greatly inaccessible, and livestock unavailable people will literally be starving to death. It could be an environmental nightmare.

Before we move on, a current topic needs to be addressed that is controversial. The following text states there will be indescribable ecological cosmic destruction the world has never seen before. Revelation 6:12-14 (slide 58)

When we looked at the Olivet Discourse, we looked at the correlation of Mathew 24:7-8 and Revelation 6:5-8 and the birth pangs (increasing in frequency and intensity) of earthquakes as they will go into overdrive during the Tribulation. "Earthquakes" and "mountain and islands moving" could happen hand in hand. The Fukushima Daiichi atomic accident as a result of a tsunami generated by an underwater earthquake off the coast of Japan in 2015 is a prime example of what is likely to come. We touched upon these earlier too, but the Cascadia Fault Zones, the San Andreas Fault Zone, and the Yellowstone Caldera are all interconnected to the Ring of Fire. The Ring of Fire is the Pacific Tectonic plate that extends over the coasts of the countries that touch the Pacific Ocean. According to today's leading geologists, the three mentioned US areas are all overdue for an eruption. When they do erupt islands like Hawaii, the South China Sea Islands, the Caribbean Islands, possibly Puerto Rico and Cuba could be obliterated and sink into the sea. The western edge of the United States will sink into the ocean and a new coast will emerge as cities are laid waste. (slide 59, 60, 61 & 62)

Chapter 18 (slide 63)

As in times before, God provides a way out to escape eternal death for His chosen people and those who will accept Christ during the Tribulation. God will send two groups of His appointed evangelists.

The first group are Jewish virgins, and protected by God Almighty Himself and total 144,000 (12,000 from each of the original tribes) who are sealed from harm. Revelation 7:4 (slide 64 or 65)

They are made up of 12,000 from each of the original tribes, including the 10 lost tribes captured by Assyria. (slide 66)

The second group are two Jewish witnesses. They were prophesied in Zechariah 4:11-14 (slide 67 or 68)

One is Elijah Malachi 4:5 The other is less clear. Either Enoch or Moses

The two witnesses will have supernatural powers, will bring Exodus like plagues as they hold back the rain for 3 ½ years as their length of service is only for the first half of the tribulation. Revelation 11:3-6 If anyone will attack them, they will defend themselves with fire shooting out of their mouths. (slide 69)

Just before the midpoint of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will convince the world that they are to blame for the world's ills and have the two killed. Their bodies will lie in the streets for three days for all the world to see. People will think the worst is over and celebrate with exchange of gifts like it was Christmas. Revelation 11:7-10 (slide 70)

God will breathe life back into them and ascend to heaven, Revelation 11:11-12 (slide 71)

The survivors of the Tribulation thus far were wrong in their thinking the worst was over but the worst was not over. The worst was yet to come.

Chapter 19 (slide 72)

Let's see how the Antichrist, the Jews, and the rest of the world are intertwined in the second half of the Tribulation. During the first half, the Jews will think they are finally safe from persecution or attack from the Arab/Muslim world. They will celebrate and claim they are finally at peace and living in security thanks to their new found political savior. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the evangelism of the 144,000 and the 2 witnesses, the eyes of the Jews will be opened to seeing Jesus as the Messiah and that their current "savior" (the Antichrist) is a false Messiah. Daniel 7:25 & Daniel 11:36-38 He will demand that he be worshipped as God above all Gods (the abomination of desolation). However, the Jews have been waiting and looking for thousands of years for the signs for the return of their Messiah and this guy isn't Him. They will not comply with this leader's demand. (slide 73, 74 & 75)

Coupled with the abomination of desolation we have already explained earlier, the second half of the Tribulation begins with the Dragon (Satan) being expelled from God's presence to earth. Revelation 12:9 (slide 76) & 13 (slide 77)

This is the time of Jacob's Troubles or Great Tribulation. Jeremiah 30:7 (slide 78 & 79)

The Antichrist will begin implementing his plan to eradicate the Jews that will make Hitler's final solution look like child's play. God has promised to provide and protect the Jews by His own hand. Revelation 12:14-17 (slide 80)

He will send them into the desert, like He did with Moses, and assign the Angel Michael to personally protect them. Daniel 12:1 (slide 81)

Some suggest they will go to Petra in Jordan, where God will supernaturally supply food and water for the final 3 1/2 years. (slide 82)

As the Antichrist turns on the Jews, he also begins to kill those gentiles who refuse to take the Mark of the Beast because of their commitment to Christ as we explained earlier. Remember the second purpose of the Tribulation is to bring the Gentile nations into judgment. Isaiah 2:17 (slide 83 & 84)

As we wrap up the final moments of the bloodiest part of the Tribulation, the end of chapter 14 talks about reaping the harvest and the grapes of wrath. Revelation 14:17-20

Armageddon. It is only found in one verse in the entire Bible. Revelation 16:16 The area of "Megiddo" is in northern Israel 78 miles north of Jerusalem. (slide 85 & 86)

Armageddon is perhaps the most familiar battle that has never been fought, but it is also the most misunderstood too. The battle is not a single conflict but has stages.

In his delusion of grandeur, the Antichrist will claim that he is God and demand the world worship him. However, not all of the world will comply. They will also not repent of their sinful ways. Revelation 9:20-21

The Kings of the North and the Kings of the South will join forces and move against the Antichrist. Daniel 11:40-43 (slide 87)

As the Antichrist is dealing with these two, he hears about another flank being attacked by the Kings of the East. Daniel 11:44

God prepares a highway by having the great river Euphrates dry up for this army to have access. Revelation 16:12

Just before the Antichrist is about to launch his Counterstrike, his time is up. The last of the seven bowls are poured out, and God announces "it is done". Revelation 16:17-21 (slide 88 or 89)

God will specifically remember Babylon. However, before Babylon is dealt with, John's narrative of events in the Tribulation is put on pause. He says his spirit was taken to the desert where he saw

a woman in scarlet, sitting on a scarlet beast drunk on the blood of the saints. Revelation 17:1-6
 Babylon is brought to account for her part in the conspiracy to overthrow God from His earthly throne of being Sovereign Lord. Revelation 18:1-3 (slide 90 or 91)

If the woman in chapter 17 is a religious system, Babylon represents and political or governmental system. (slide 92)

Chapter 20 (slide 93)

Earlier we briefly talked the joining of the Raptured Saints and the Tribulation Saints when we talked about what the church can expect during the end of the Tribulation. Both groups are now considered as one when they are invited to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb as the Bride of Christ which happens here. Revelation 19:6-9 (slide 94 & 95)

Returning back to John's account he writes that Christ will appear with His army, clothed in white linen riding on a white horse. Revelation 19:11-16 (slide 96, 97 or 98)
 This is the loud, unmistakable event that all people on earth will see and every knee shall bow that we talked about when we looked at Jesus' answer to the questions of what will be the sign of the end of the age.

Christ will come back with His "saints" and His "angels". Zechariah 14:4-5, 2 Thessalonians 1:10 (slide 99, 100 or 101)

This seven year period of utter devastation and destruction will culminate when Jesus physically returns and takes control. The armies of the Antichrist and False Prophet are beaten and the birds of the air are called to a great Feast on the bodies of the defeated. Revelation 19:17-18 (slide 102)

The Antichrist and False Prophet are then captured, bound, and thrown into hell. Revelation 19:19-20 (slide 103 or 104)

Christ then has Satan seized and bound. He is then relegated to hell for 1,000 years. Revelation 20:1-3

After dealing with the Unholy Trinity, God turns His attention to the business of restoring His creation and setting up His governmental administration and holy laws of worship. This regime will last for 1,000 years. Revelation 20:4-6

Chapter 21 (slide 105)

(slide 106 & 107)

If Christ's return is the blessed hope, Titus 2:13 then the Millennium is the prize. Philippians 3:14

We will rule and reign with Him as kings and priests over those people living on earth who still are in their human body as they did not die nor were taken in the rapture. They still have a life to live. Revelation 1:6 (slide 108), Revelation 5:10 (slide 109)

Before we go on to examining the Millennium, there is an important distinction needs to be made about the first and second resurrection and the first and second death which was just mentioned in Revelation 20:5-6. (slide 110)

The first and second resurrection is for believers only. (slide 111 or 112)

If you recall, at the Rapture the physical bodies of those who are taken will transform from our current physical corruptible bodies to new glorified incorruptible bodies. 1 John 3:2-3 This is the first resurrection (slide 113)

Those believers who come to faith after the Rapture, those who survive during the Tribulation, and those who are born and remain alive up until the 1,000 years are over will be involved in the Second Resurrection if their names are found when the Book of Life is opened at the Great White Throne Judgement. We will explore the Great White Throne Judgement after we examine more closely what we can expect and how the earth is restored in the Millennium.

Regarding the first and second death.

Earlier we talked about what happens at death for the spirit and bodies when a person dies in the natural body. This is the first death.

Eventually all will be brought before God, where the Book of Life will be opened and if their name is not found there, they will be judged and sentenced to the lake of fire (hell) at the Great White Throne Judgment. This is the second death. (slide 114)

We will now look at what the Bible says about what to expect in the Millennium. There are four categories to examine about the highlights of the Restoration of the Land, the Restoration of Mankind, the Absolute Authority of Jesus' Rule, and the Temple and Worship Laws.

Restoration of the land. After seven years of cataclysmic disasters, the earth will be in ruins. With the voice command of God, He will renovate and restore the earth like it was in the Garden of Eden. Isaiah 51:3 (slide 115, 116, or 117)

There will be such peace that even the animals will live in peace so that the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf free from fear of being prey. Isaiah 11:6-7, Ezekiel 34:25 (slide 118, 119, or 120)

Children will be able to play by poisonous snake dens and not be afraid of being bitten. Isaiah 11:8

Restoration of mankind. As we just touched upon, only believers will enter the Millennium. Psalm 1:1-3

God will usher believers into the Millennium and unbelievers will be sent to Hades, as just mentioned again, for the duration of the Millennium. (slide 121)

In the truest sense of the word, God wanted to take His best creation which had become corrupted and full of decay and restore it to its original condition. Psalm 23:3, Psalm 51:7, (slide 122)

As physical earthly beings, like we are now, those peoples still in their natural body who enter the Millennium will be responsible for repopulating the earth with children. Only married people will have the sex required to build the families as children will be produced. Matthew 22:30, Zechariah 8:4-5

The Millennial people will work the land and enjoy the fruits of their labors. Micah 4:4, Isaiah 65:21-23 (slide 123)

Long life and good health will be reinstated. There will be no illness or disease. Isaiah 35:5-6a
A person could die at 100 years old and his life span will be thought of like a child's. Isaiah 65:20

The instruments of war that were used will be reshaped into farming tools. The study of war will no longer be needed or studied. Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3 (slide 124)

Everybody will be treated and thought of as the same by those who will have authority over them. Isaiah 32:1

There will be no second class citizens or third world countries. Hunger will be gone, disease will be gone, hurt feelings of betrayal will be gone. People will treat each other with courtesy and respect. People will finally find peace. Isaiah 35:10 (slide 125)

Deceit towards your neighbor or pride of any kind will not be tolerated. Humbleness will be the standing order of the day. Zephaniah 3:11-13

As a result of Jesus' righteousness, the nation of Israel specifically and the world by extension will experience prosperity like there never was before. Jeremiah 23:5-6

Jesus' rule and authority will be absolute. Isaiah 9:6-7

He will rule with a rod of iron. Revelation 12:5, Revelation 2:27

The nation of Israel will be considered the pinnacle of earthly nations. Jesus will set up His Capital and Temple in Jerusalem. (slide 126)

All the worlds' governments will submit their sovereignty in favor of God's kingship and send emissaries to pay homage and praise to Jesus the King. Luke 1:32-33, Daniel 2:44 (slide 127)

All the nations of the world must make a pilgrimage to bring Him honor and glory. Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 2:2-3

He will rule from Jerusalem. Joel 3:14-17 (slide 128)

The nation of Israel will get back ALL the land promised to Abraham, not just the sliver of land they have today. Genesis 15:18-21 (slide 129 or 130)

There will be only one religion, Messianic Judaism. Remember that the eyes of Israel would be opened to see Jesus as Messiah. Isaiah 35:5
 Millennium life will be centered around worship in God's Millennial Temple and Jesus as High Priest. Hebrews 9:11 (slide 131, 132 or 133)

There will be an emphasis on living in righteousness or holiness. Isaiah 4:3-5, Isaiah 62:1-2, As priests, the Saints will have the responsibility to perform worship services. Psalm 100:1-5
 There will be music for worship. Ezekiel 40:44 (slide 134)
 The yearly cycle of temple worship including the Feasts of the Lord, the Ten Commandments, the law of Sabbath, and sacrifices will be observed. Zechariah 14:17-19 (slide 135)

the nation of Israel will be reinstated as the channel of blessing they were intend to be. Zechariah 8:7-8, Zechariah 8:11-13
 Ezekiel is chosen to also describe the exact dimensions and sacraments for a New Millennial Holy Temple in chapters 40-48. The cycle of the Feasts of the Lord will be restored and observed. Ezekiel 45:18-25 (slide 136 or 137)

At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan is freed for a short time where he will make one last futile attempt to deceive as many as possible and gather an army to come against Jerusalem and Israel one last time only to be totally destroyed before they even launch their attack. Satan will be recaptured and sent directly to the everlasting lake of fire for all eternity never to be able to mislead anybody again. Revelation 20:7-10 (slide 138, 139, or 140)

Life during the Millennium will be enriching and fulfilling as God always intended it to be. However, it is still each person's responsibility to confess with their mouths and ask for salvation. Romans 10:9-13

This brings us to God's last action on this earth, which we have referenced a couple of times, the Great White Throne Judgement. Revelation 20:11-15 (slide 141, 142, 143, or 144)

The text clearly states all of mankind (since Adam) will be brought before God to be judged. This trial will be simple as the only evidence for the defense or criteria will be the Book of Life. (slide 145, 146, or 147)

It will be opened and the names read. If your name is found there you will be allowed entrance to heaven. If not the only option is the lake of fire or hell. It is the great equalizer. Daniel 7:9-11 (slide 148, 149, or 150)

This is where one of Daniel's prophetic visions comes into play. Daniel 12:1-2 (slide 151)

Chapter 22 (slide 152)

As we are closing in on the end of John's vision, God is telling him about the end of His master plan. He will reclaim and re-establish His rightful place as the Most High Almighty God. He will wipe the slate clean. He will begin with clearing away the infected sinful earth and replace it with a new earth and a new heaven. Revelation 21:1 (slide 153) Conceivably this is the time Jesus referred to when He promised to be with us in Matthew 28:20 to be with us "until the end of the age."

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Revelation 21:4 (slide 154, 155, or 156) Unbelievers are not the only ones who will mourn and be moved to tears at the unbelievers' fate. Believers watching from heaven will shed tears after watching family, friends, and loved ones being summarily sentenced to everlasting torment. It is consistent and plausible that Jesus too will weep at the profound sadness of the sight of believers. John 11:33-35, Luke 19:41-44

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem. Revelation 21:2-3 (slide 157, 158, 159, or 160) Revelation 21:9-21 gives details of the New Jerusalem. The glory of God Himself will provide light for the people to see by. Revelation 21:23

Only those souls whose name was listed in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to drink from the water fountain of life and eat from the tree of life for all eternity. Revelation 22:1-5. (slide 161, 162, 163, 164, or 165)

Bible and prophecy scholars refer to the fulfillment of multiple signs in relatively close proximity to each other and not just a sign here or there as a convergence. (slide 166, 167, 168, or 169)

The only issue is how will you respond? (slide 170)

Every person's salvation is left to the individual's choice. Your parents, spouse, or any other person cannot do it for you. A non-choice is a default no choice. You must proactively choose to accept. (slide 171 or 172)

If you consider yourself a Christian, I hope you will come away with a renewed excitement about the impending return of our Lord.

If you read through this book and still come away disbelieving in God's plan you can make that choice.

If you come away and have realized just how much God loves you or need to reconnect with Him, there are four bible promises that will guide you to Him. (slide 173 or 174)

Admit that you are a sinner. Romans 3:23

Believe in your heart Jesus died for your sins. John 3:16

Confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord. Romans 10:9-13

Receive the Gift of Salvation. Acts 4:12

When this world seems to be spiraling out of control my belief of His soon appearing becomes more sure. This world is not our home! When you see the news through the lens of Bible prophecy of the signs of Jacob's trouble are materializing in Israel now, how much closer are we to the rapture?