

## Thursology 79: Without This Foundation...YOUR Rapture View...and ANY Rapture View...Falls Apart!!! (Rapture-Pt 2)

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--The Tribulation...in a verse (Daniel 9:27):

--The Tribulation...in a chapter (Matthew 24):

--The Tribulation...in a Book (Revelation)

--Chapter 1: Establishes Christ's \_\_\_\_\_...and that He's coming  
\_\_\_\_\_!!!

--Chapters 2 and 3: An outline of the \_\_\_\_\_ Age

--Revelation 4:1-2: A picture of the \_\_\_\_\_-Trib Rapture

--After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

--This passage describes: 1) A loud \_\_\_\_\_, 2) A \_\_\_\_\_,  
3) John is \_\_\_\_\_ up, 4) He's with the Lord in \_\_\_\_\_.

--According to the Pre-Trib view: This describes the Rapture at the end of the \_\_\_\_\_ Age...and \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation begins.

--The First Half of the Tribulation:

--6:1-2: The Tribulation begins with a \_\_\_\_\_ peace treaty...and the seven \_\_\_\_\_ Judgments begin

--Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

--8:1-2: The seven \_\_\_\_\_ Judgments end...and the seven \_\_\_\_\_ Judgments begin

--When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

--The Mid-Point of the Tribulation:

--11:1: The \_\_\_\_\_ is present during the Tribulation

--Then there was given me a measuring rod like a staff; and someone said, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar, and those who worship in it."

--11:2: The Temple and Jerusalem will be "tread under foot" by the nations for \_\_\_\_\_ months because the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Peace Treaty has been removed

--Leave out the court which is outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations; and they will tread under foot the holy city for forty-two months.

--11:3, 7: The two witnesses who have prophesized for \_\_\_\_\_ days are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Beast

--And I will grant authority to My two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."...When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.

- 11:11**: The witnesses are \_\_\_\_\_  
 --But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.
- 11:12**: After they're resurrected...the witnesses hear a loud \_\_\_\_\_...and then they're caught \_\_\_\_\_ into heaven  
 --And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud...
- According to its advocates: This is a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_-Trib Rapture
- 12:7-9**: \_\_\_\_\_ and his angels are thrown down from heaven to \_\_\_\_\_  
 --And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.
- 12:13**: The Peace Treaty is \_\_\_\_\_...and the horrendous persecution of \_\_\_\_\_ begins  
 --And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.
- 12:14-17**: A Remnant of Israel is supernaturally \_\_\_\_\_ from the Dragon's destruction for \_\_\_\_\_ years...so the Dragon makes war with the other believers throughout the world  
 --But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.
- 13:1-2**: The \_\_\_\_\_ appears and is given \_\_\_\_\_ power  
 --And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names. And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.
- 13:11-13**: The False Prophet appears and is given the Antichrist's authority and compels those on the earth to \_\_\_\_\_ the Antichrist...and performs great \_\_\_\_\_  
 --Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb and he spoke as a dragon. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down out of heaven to the earth...
- 13:15-18**: The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Beast campaign begins and believers are \_\_\_\_\_

--And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

--**14:6-7**: An angel preaches the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ world

--And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

### --**The "Great" Tribulation...the last three and a half years:**

--**16:1**: During the Great Tribulation the seven \_\_\_\_\_ Judgments...which are the wrath of \_\_\_\_\_...occur

--Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

--**16:12-13, 16**: The 6<sup>th</sup> Bowl: Preparation for \_\_\_\_\_

--The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits...And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

--**16:17-18, 21**: The 7<sup>th</sup> Bowl: Horrendous \_\_\_\_\_ is poured out on the armies that have come to destroy \_\_\_\_\_

--Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air...And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since mankind came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty...And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

--**Chapters 17 and 18**: As the Tribulation nears its end...the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Babylon are \_\_\_\_\_

### --**The End of the Tribulation: The Completion of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> "Seven"**

--The \_\_\_\_\_-Trib Rapture occurs here...at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tribulation

--**19:6-7, 9**: The \_\_\_\_\_ Supper of the Lamb occurs in \_\_\_\_\_

--Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."...Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

--**19:11, 14-16**: The Second Coming of Christ when He comes in power to \_\_\_\_\_ the Antichrist and his armies at the Battle of \_\_\_\_\_

--And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

--**19:19**: Antichrist leads the armies of the \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_

--And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

--**19:20**: Antichrist and the False Prophet are \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Fire

--And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

### --**The Millennium:**

--**20:1-3**: An angel appears with a great chain and \_\_\_\_\_ Satan in the abyss for \_\_\_\_\_ years so that he cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the nations

--Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he took hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years and he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed...

--**20:4**:

--Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads and on their hands; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

--**Key Concept**: Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth for \_\_\_\_\_ years

--**20:7-8**: The Millennium \_\_\_\_\_ and Satan is released to \_\_\_\_\_ the nations...and they join him in a great \_\_\_\_\_ against Christ

--When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore.

--**20:9**: Fire destroys Satan's \_\_\_\_\_

--And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

--**20:10**: \_\_\_\_\_ is thrown into the Lake of Fire for his \_\_\_\_\_ punishment...joining the Antichrist and the False Prophet

--And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

--**20:11-12**: The "Great White Throne"...which is the \_\_\_\_\_ judgment for \_\_\_\_\_

--Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

### --**Beyond the Millennium:**

--**Rev 21:1**: The \_\_\_\_\_ heaven and earth are created...and \_\_\_\_\_ begins

--Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...

--**Key Concept #1**: It is important to not to confuse the “Pre-\_\_\_\_\_ view”...which is about the timing of the \_\_\_\_\_...with the “Pre-\_\_\_\_\_ view”...which is about the \_\_\_\_\_ chronology of the Last Days...from the \_\_\_\_\_ age...into \_\_\_\_\_

--**Key Concept #2**: The clear, simple, explicit phrase, “...\_\_\_\_\_ years...” is used \_\_\_\_\_ times in Revelation chapter 20.

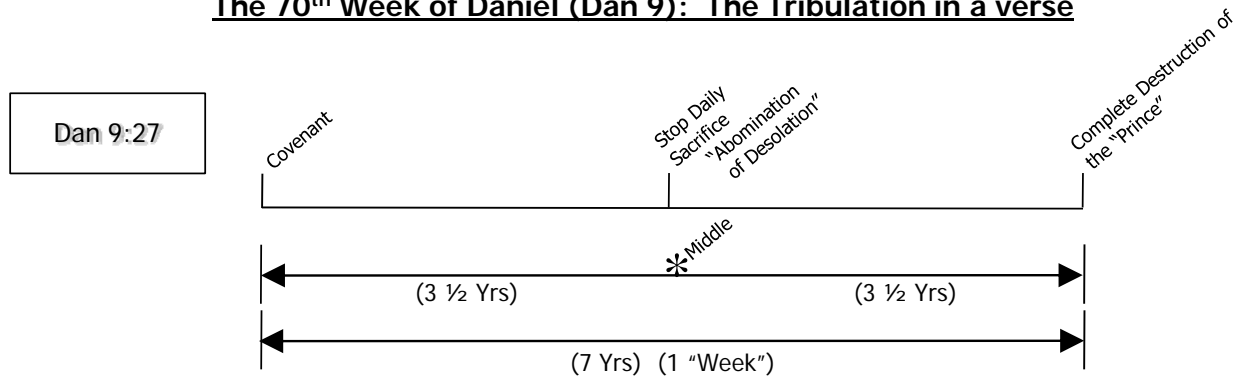
--**Key Concept #3**: The \_\_\_\_\_-millennial chronology flows \_\_\_\_\_ out of the “normal” reading of the Revelation and depends upon no \_\_\_\_\_...no \_\_\_\_\_-ordering of the text...and no theological \_\_\_\_\_...for its support!!!

--**Application**: Never let eschatology merely be about \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_ of future events...because the \_\_\_\_\_ issue in all eschatology is about who...is...!!!

--**Matthew 7:13-14, 17, 19, 21-23, 26-27**: “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it....every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit...Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire...” “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.’... Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.”

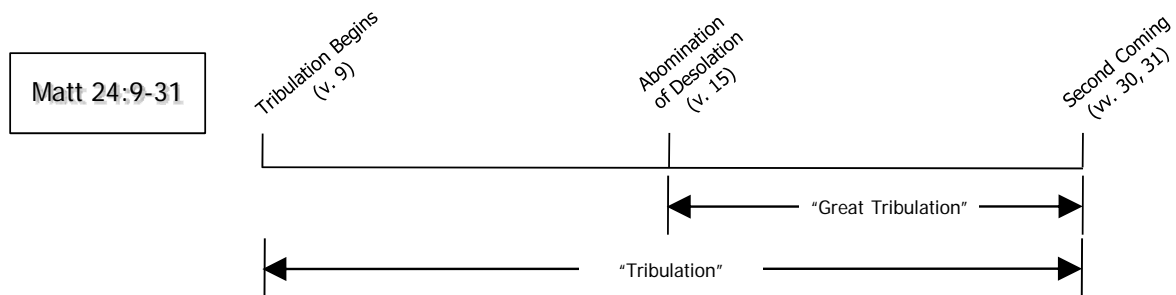
# Putting It All Together: The Last Seven Years

## The 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel (Dan 9): The Tribulation in a verse

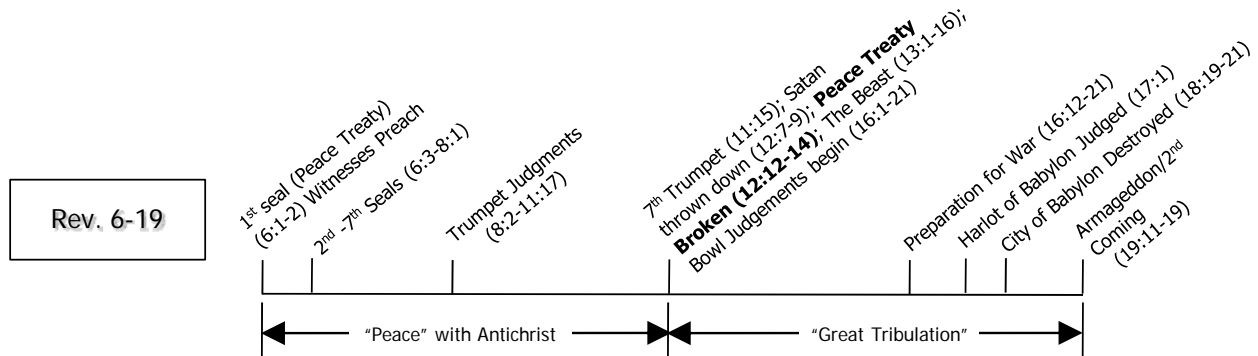


Compare: Dan 2:40-42; 7:1-8, 11, 19-26

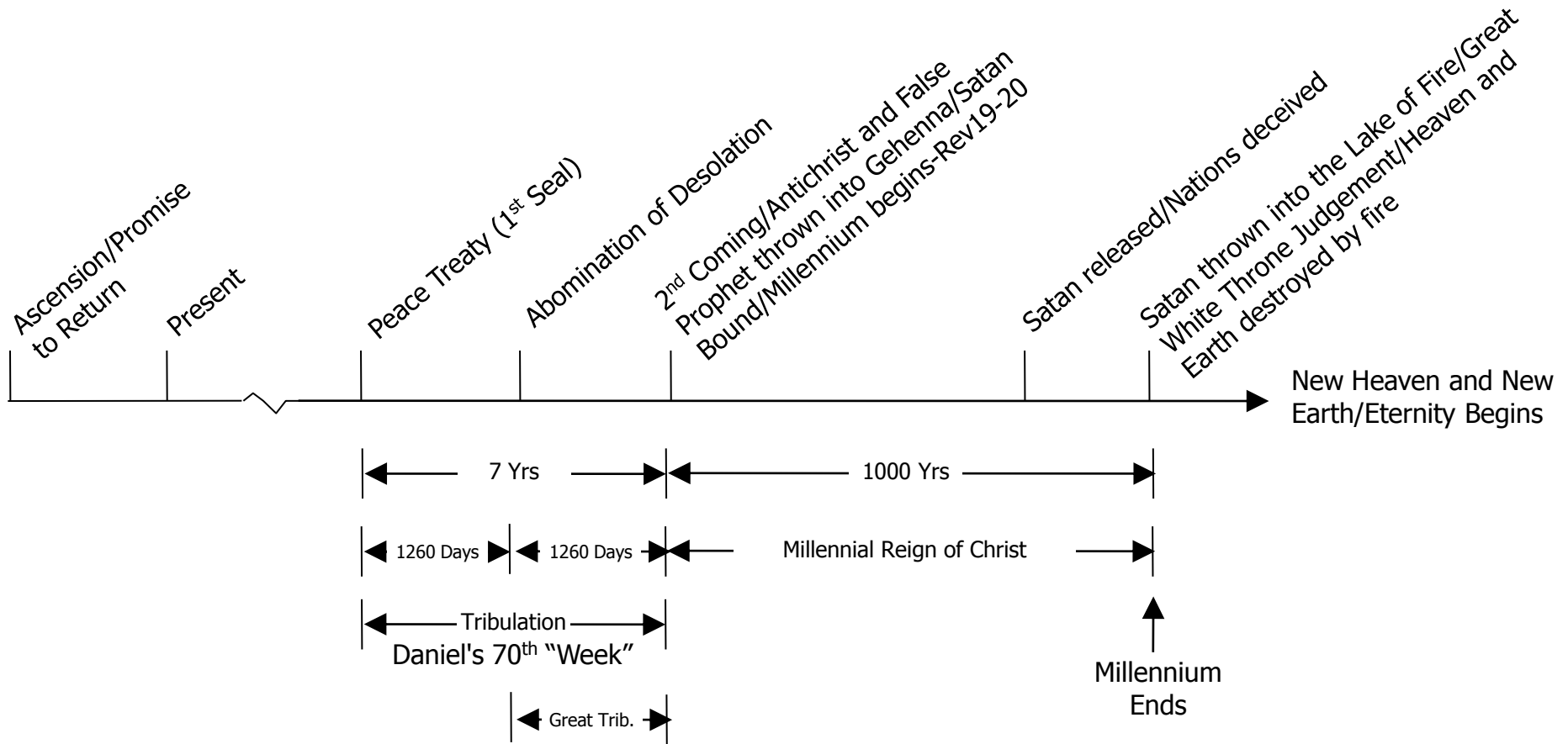
## The Olivet Discourse (Matt 24): The Tribulation in a chapter



## The Revelation Account (Rev 6-19): The Tribulation in a book



# The Revelation Timetable of the Future



## **Thursology 78: Fistfights in Rapture Timing: "MY View is the RIGHT View!!!"**

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### **--Introduction:**

--The single most important way to keep from being misled: Whenever anyone attempts to teach about the End Times...you must know their **BIASES**...their **ASSUMPTIONS**...their **PERSPECTIVE**...and their **APPROACH** to biblical interpretation!!!

### **--The foundations of this series on Rapture Timing:**

--Foundation #1: When a text is not clearly **LITERAL**...we will endeavor to utilize the most **COMMON**sense, **NORMAL** understanding of biblical passage

--Key Concept #1: In Scripture...whether a text is literal, allegorical, symbolic, metaphorical, historical, poetic, musical, a parable, or any other literary style...it **ALWAYS** has *at least one common-sense, normal, truthful, useful **MEANING**!!!*

--Key Concept #2: Even the **PARABLES**...while being *allegorical*...have a **LITERAL** meaning!!!

--Foundation #2: Even when the Scripture is clearly **SYMBOLIC**...we will still endeavor to identify and utilize the most reasonable **MEANING** of the passage.

#### **--Rev 12:7-10**

--The meaning of this symbolic language is not complicated:

--Meaning #1: The **DRAGON** is **SATAN**

--Meaning #2: Satan's role **BEFORE** this event is to stand before God...and **ACCUSE** believers of their sin

--Meaning #3: At the mid-point of the Tribulation...Satan and his angels will be **THROWN** down from heaven to **EARTH**

--The meaning of **Rev 12:13-17**:

--Meaning #4: The **CHILD** is **CHRIST**

--Meaning #5: The **WOMAN** who gave birth to the Child is **ISRAEL**

--Meaning #6: God supernaturally **PROTECTS** a remnant of Israel from Satan for the last **3 ½** years of the Tribulation

--Meaning #7: God's protection **ENRAGES** Satan...so he goes to **WAR** against the rest of those on the earth who have the testimony of **JESUS**

--Key Concept: *Highly* symbolic language can have **EASILY** identifiable **MEANING**!!!

--Foundation #3: We'll always acknowledge that Eschatology is **COMPLEX** and requires both diligent biblical study *and* a mind that is led *directly* by the **ENLIGHTENING** of the Holy Spirit



--II Cor 3:12-16: Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

--**Foundation #4:** Despite its **COMPLEXITY**...we'll assume that **most** prophecy isn't a **MYSTERY** for those who diligently seek truth

--**Foundation #5:** We won't be **satisfied** with a conclusion or interpretation unless it's in **HARMONY** with the **OTHER** biblical passages that relate to the subject

--An obvious corollary: There will be a **LOT** of issues that we simply won't make **FINAL** conclusions about.

--**Foundation #6:** When clear biblical truth is **FOUND**...we will **ACCEPT** the truth...and we won't stand in **JUDGMENT** of it!!!

--**Foundation #7:** We'll accept the fact that major **DIFFERENCES** exist between teachers...even though they are using the **SAME** Bible...and filled with the **SAME** Holy Spirit!!!

--Key Concept: Even the most **DILIGENT** followers of Christ in this age...still only have a **PARTIAL** knowledge of the truth!!!

--I Cor. 13:9-10, 12: For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away...For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

--**Foundation #8:** We'll personally **APPLY** the truth that matters of **eschatology** are not matters of **SALVATION**

--**Foundation #9:** We won't **ARGUE** with those of other **VIEWS**

--**Foundation #10:** Whenever possible...the Bible will be allowed to interpret **ITSELF**...and a **BIBLICAL** interpretation will **always SUPERSEDE any other interpretation!!!**

--Dan 8:3-7: Then I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a ram which had two horns was standing in front of the canal. Now the two horns were long, but one was longer than the other, with the longer one coming up last. I saw the ram butting westward, northward, and southward, and no other beasts could stand before him nor was there anyone to rescue from his power, but he did as he pleased and magnified himself. While I was observing, behold, a male goat was coming from the west over the surface of the whole earth without touching the ground; and the goat had a conspicuous horn between his eyes. He came up to the ram that had the two horns, which I had seen standing in front of the canal, and rushed at him in his mighty wrath. I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

--Vv. 19-21: 19 He said, "Behold, I am going to let you know what will occur at the final period of the indignation, for it pertains to the appointed time of the end. The ram which you saw with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat represents the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king.

--**Foundation #11**: The Old Testament and New Testament are a **UNITY** and both are of **EQUAL inspiration and importance**

--**Foundation #12**: The Church has not **REPLACED** Israel in God's prophetic **PLAN** for the Last Days

--**Foundation #13**: We won't **SWITCH** or **MANIPULATE** methods of **INTERPRETATION** for effect, convenience, or to make prophecy seem more impressive

**--The five great purposes for teaching about the Rapture and the Second Coming:**

--**Purpose #1**: It compels us to **WITNESS** to lost people...because it reminds us that their **PERIL** is great...and their *situation* is **URGENT!!!**

--Zeph 1:14-18: 14 Near is the great day of the Lord, near and coming very quickly; listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and the high corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on men so that they will walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood will be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth.

--**Purpose #2**: It brings great **HOPE** to the believer...and helps us to **ENDURE** in this difficult age...because we **KNOW** that Jesus is coming back

--Matt. 24:3-7, 13: As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. 6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. But do not be alarmed, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes....13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

--**Purpose #3**: It puts a perspective on **MATERIALISM**

--II Peter 3:3-4, 10: Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."...But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

--Our recurrent, constant, unwavering theme in life should be: →

--It's all gonna **BURN!!!**

--**Purpose #4:** To call believers to a **LIFE** of absolute **OBEDIENCE** to the Father

--II Peter 3:10-12: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

--Key Concept: The primary focus of teaching eschatology shouldn't be **KNOWLEDGE**...the primary focus should be...**HOLINESS!!!**

--**Purpose #5:** It reminds us to be **SOBER**...**ALERT**...and **READY!!!**

--Matt. 24:37-41, 44-51: For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left...For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will. "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.