



# Survey of Christian Theology.9

## End of the World

*(Eschatology)*





## Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Note - Theology 301.9 is taught in two parts.
2. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain an understanding of:
  - a. Key biblical terms related to the topic of eschatology.
  - b. Key aspects of what Jesus said about the end of the world.
  - c. What the bible says will happen when we die.
  - d. Daniel's 70 Weeks.
  - e. Key events that will unfold prior to Jesus' return
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# Eschatology

*"It's the end of the world as we know it!"*

The study of **ἔσχατος**, i.e., last things. The Oxford English Dictionary defines eschatology as "that part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind."

# Eschatology (continued)

*"It's the end of the world as we know it!"*

"Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"  
And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Matthew 24:3-4, 14

# Eschatology *(continued)*

*"It's the end of the world as we know it!"*

"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Acts 1:6-11

# Eschatology (continued)

*"It's the end of the world as we know it!"*

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"And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son/child. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.'"

Revelation 21:6-8

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Revelation 22:20

# Some Key Terms as We Get Started

**Apocalyptic** An unveiling or revelation, e.g., The Book of Revelation, is sometimes referred to as the "Apocalypse." *Apocalyptic* also refers to a type of writing in Judaism that used visions or dreams and which focused on God's intervention in the affairs of the world.

**Antichrist** *Anti* - opposed to or against. In biblical prophecy, the Antichrist is also called the *lawless one*, *the man of sin*, and *the son of perdition*.

"Let no one **deceive** you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

"...and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?' And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies," Revelation 13:4b-5a





## Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*



**Battle of Armageddon** The final great battle(s) of the world's armies in the Valley of Jezreel. Megiddo is an ancient city that was positioned as one of the entry routes to the Valley Jereel.

**Day of the Lord** Throughout the Old and New Testaments, it is used to refer to a day of God's judgment for disobedience. It often refers (based on the context of the passage) to the final judgment of God on the world's disobedience and rejection of Christ..

# Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*

## Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse - Revelation 6

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold, **a white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 **Another horse, fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. 5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, **a black horse**, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." 7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, **a pale horse**. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.



# Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*



**Futurist** An eschatological view that interprets biblical prophecy literally, as it relates to the end times as future events. The *Futurist* view is generally held by conservative Protestants and rejects a symbolic view of prophetic passages of the Bible.

**Kingdom of God** At times, synonymous with the *Kingdom of Heaven*. Jesus often spoke of the Kingdom of God:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

It refers to the *already* arrival of the Kingdom with Jesus' first coming, and the *not yet* arrival of his final Kingdom at His second coming.

# Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*

**Mark of the Beast** The control of global commerce appears to have a significant role in the unfolding of end time events. At that time Christians will be locked out of an ability to have jobs or purchase anything.

“He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or 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 it is the number of a man: His number is 666.” Revelation 13:6-8

**Millennialism** Latin for *a thousand years*. It is the belief (generally held by dispensationalist theologians) that there will be a thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ (after the Great Tribulation) on earth as He rules over His promised kingdom here on earth. The final judgment of all souls and the future New Jerusalem, i.e., Heaven, will come after this thousand-year kingdom. Millennialism is further defined by different schools of thought as Premillennialism, Postmillennialism, and Amillennialism.

**New Jerusalem** In the Old Testament, the New Jerusalem is a prophetic vision of a city to be established, which will be the capital of the Messianic Kingdom. In the New Testament, the New Jerusalem is also called the Heavenly Jerusalem and is often synonymous with Heaven.



# Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*



**Preterist** An eschatological view (generally held by Roman Catholics) that interprets some or all prophecies of the Bible as future events at the time of their writing, but as of today, as events in the past.

**Rapture** An event when Christians (that generally hold to a premillennial theology) who are alive at the time of the Second Coming will rise into the clouds (the rapture) to meet the Lord in the air.

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. **Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.** And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

# Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*

**Second Coming** Jesus *first coming* was His incarnation i.e., virgin-birth in Bethlehem - and His *second coming* refers to His glorious return to earth after His Ascension. His second coming will be to rule and reign over the kingdom He reestablishes.

**Tribulation** Often referred to as the *Great Tribulation*; it is a period during which God pours out terrible judgment on the earth prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

"For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be." Matthew 24:21

"And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' So he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of the **great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" Revelation 7:14

Tribulational Views and the Rapture:

- Pre-trib
- Mid-trib
- Post-trib



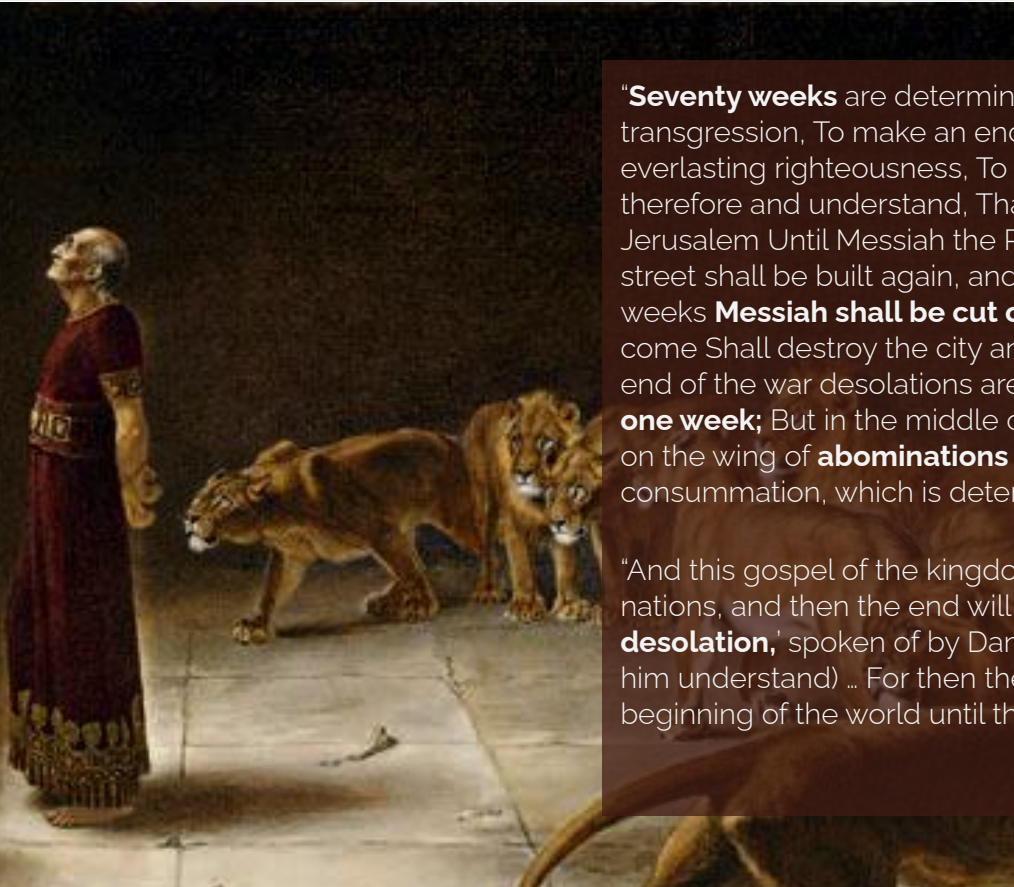
## Some Key Terms as We Get Started *(continued)*



### White Throne Judgement

11 "Then I saw a great **white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:11-15

# Daniel's 70 Weeks



"**Seventy weeks** are determined for your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be **seven weeks** and **sixty-two weeks**; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. "And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 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." Daniel 9:24-27

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. "Therefore when you see the '**abomination of desolation**,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand) ... For then there will be **great tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matthew 24:14-15, 21



# Daniel's 70 Weeks (continued)

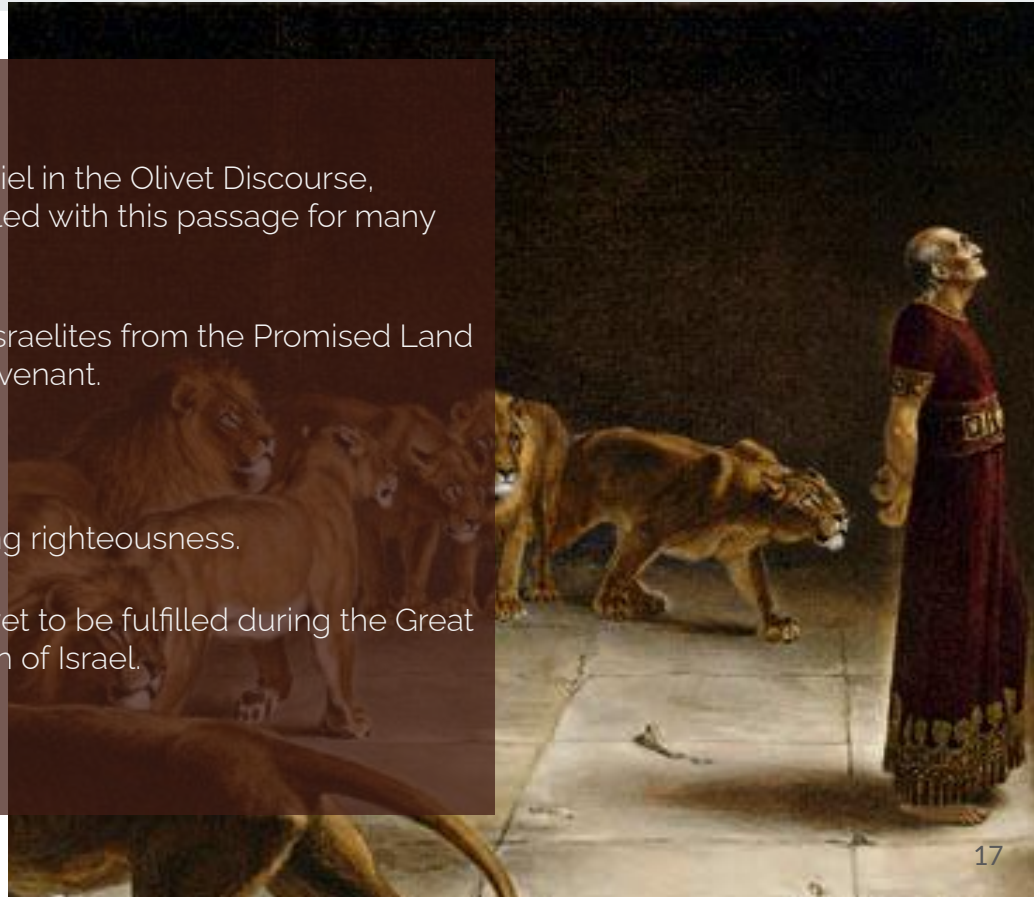
Since Jesus clearly references this passage from Daniel in the Olivet Discourse, theologians and students of Eschatology have grappled with this passage for many years.

In context of the Babylonian exile; God expelled the Israelites from the Promised Land for seventy years due to their disobedience to the Covenant.

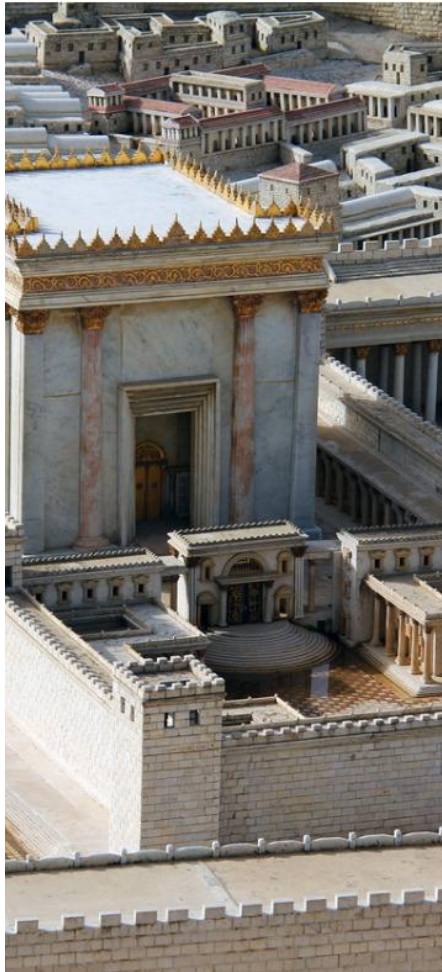
Seven weeks >>> Sixty-two weeks >>> one week.

Restore and rebuild >>> Messiah cut off >>> Everlasting righteousness.

It appears that the final week of Daniel's prophecy is yet to be fulfilled during the Great Tribulation and also provides a time for the conversion of Israel.



# What Did Jesus Say About the End of the World



Jesus' preaching often focused on the distinctive theme of the *imminence* of the **Kingdom of God**.

*Already - but Not Yet*

"Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, 'The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, **the kingdom of God is within you.**'" Luke 17:20-21

"For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the **kingdom of God comes.**" Luke 22:18

# What Did Jesus Say About the End of the World *(continued)*

"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in **what part of the night the thief was coming**, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Matthew 24:42-44

Three important chapters (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21) are referred to as the ***Olivet Discourse***. These chapters are spoken by Jesus from the Mount of Olives and are just days before His trial and crucifixion.



**HIS return:**

Preceded by great  
tribulation

Indefinite Timing

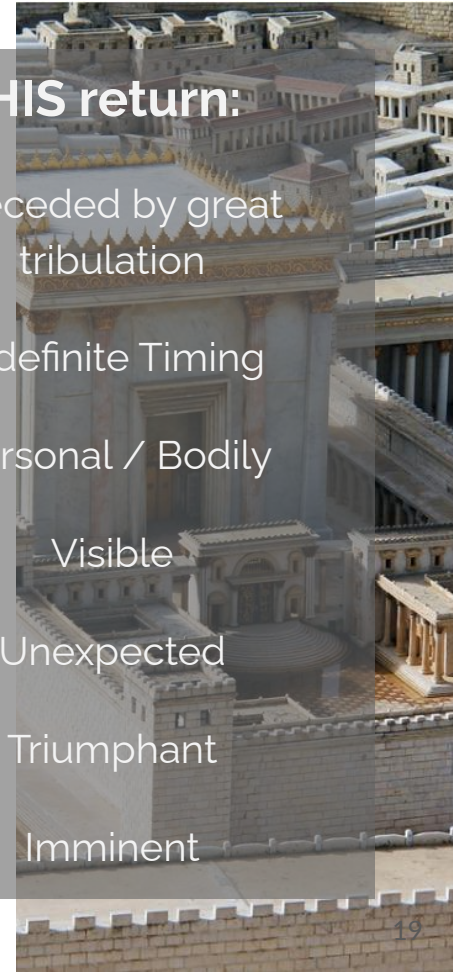
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# What Did Jesus Say About the End of the World *(continued)*



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Don't be deceived by false teachers and don't establish detail timelines when studying the end times:

"And Jesus answered and said to them: 'Take heed that no one deceives you.'" Matthew 24:4

"If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matthew 24:24

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." Matthew 24:36

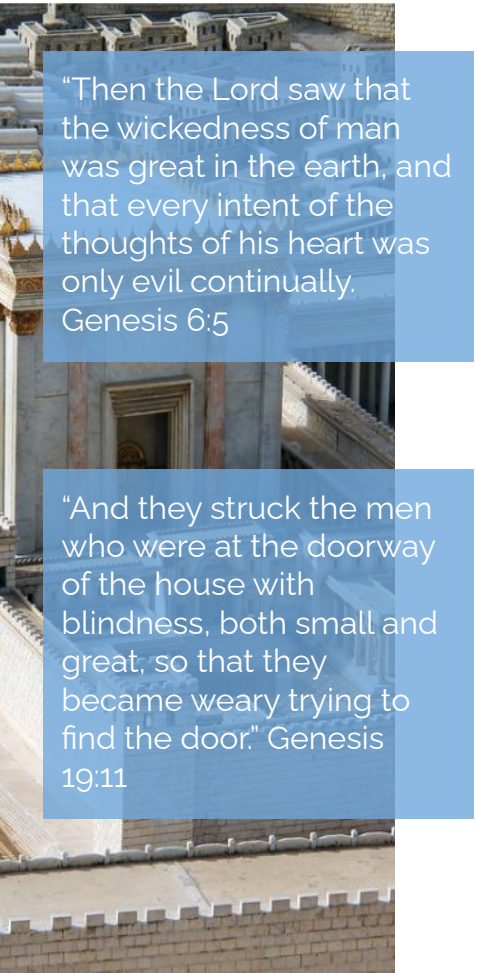
**Be ready for a significant change in society:**

"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will **grow cold.**" Matthew 24:12

**Be ready for persecution:**

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake." Matthew 24:9

# What Did Jesus Say About the End of the World *(continued)*



"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.  
Genesis 6:5

"And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door." Genesis 19:11

## As it was in the days of Lot ... days of Noah

"And as it was in the days of **Noah**, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of **Lot**: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30

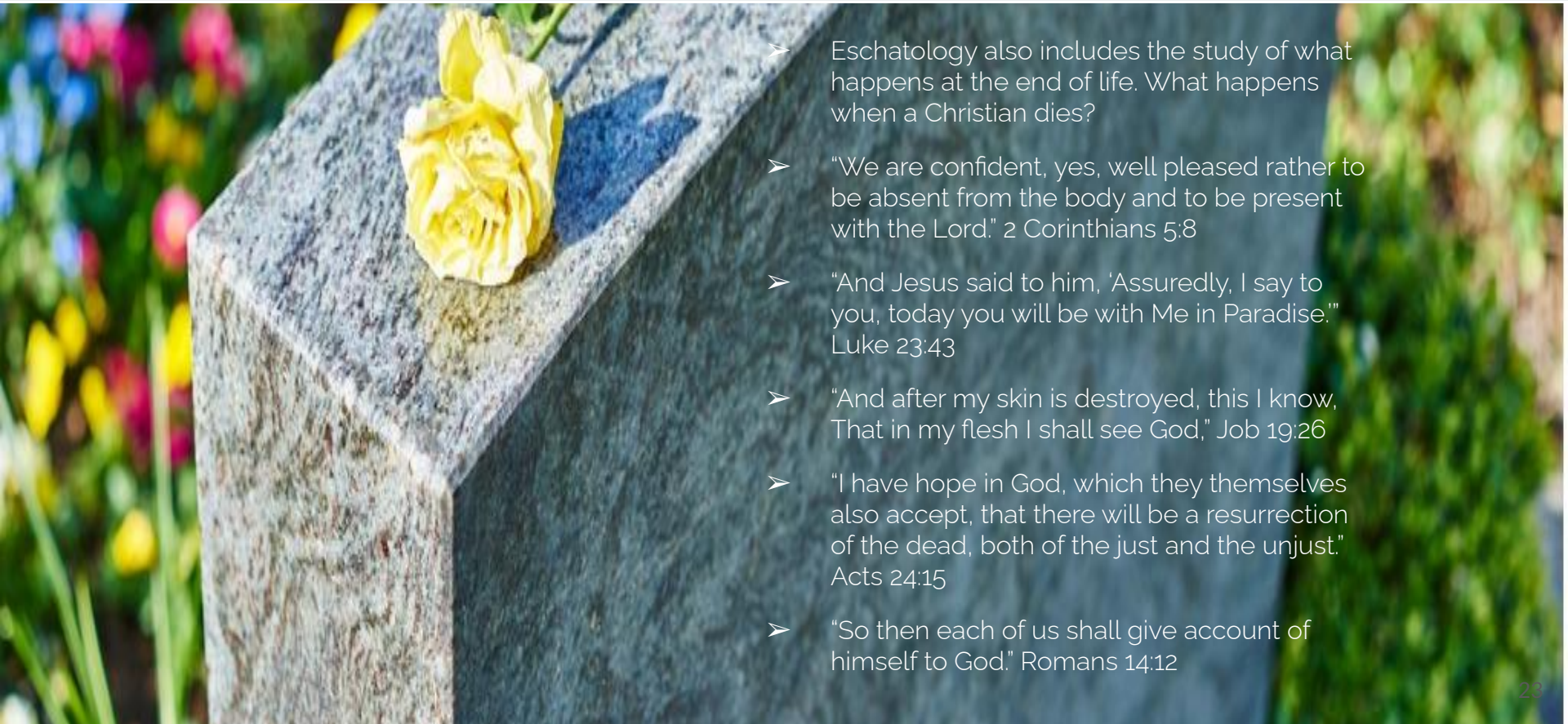
## A time of great tribulation will arrive:

"For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."  
Matthew 24:21

## Be watchful:

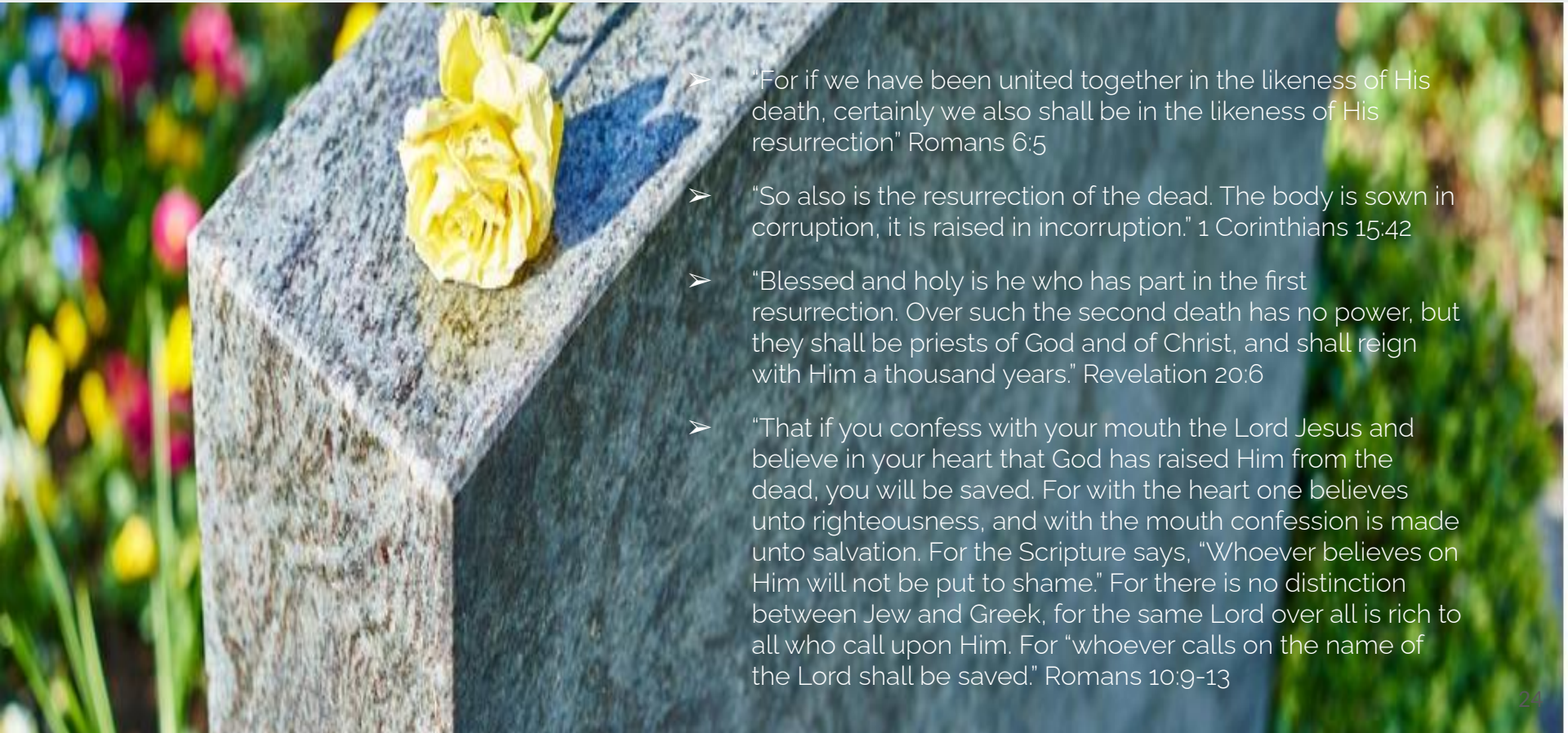
"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming - in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: *Watch!*" Mark 13:35-37

# What Happens When I Die?



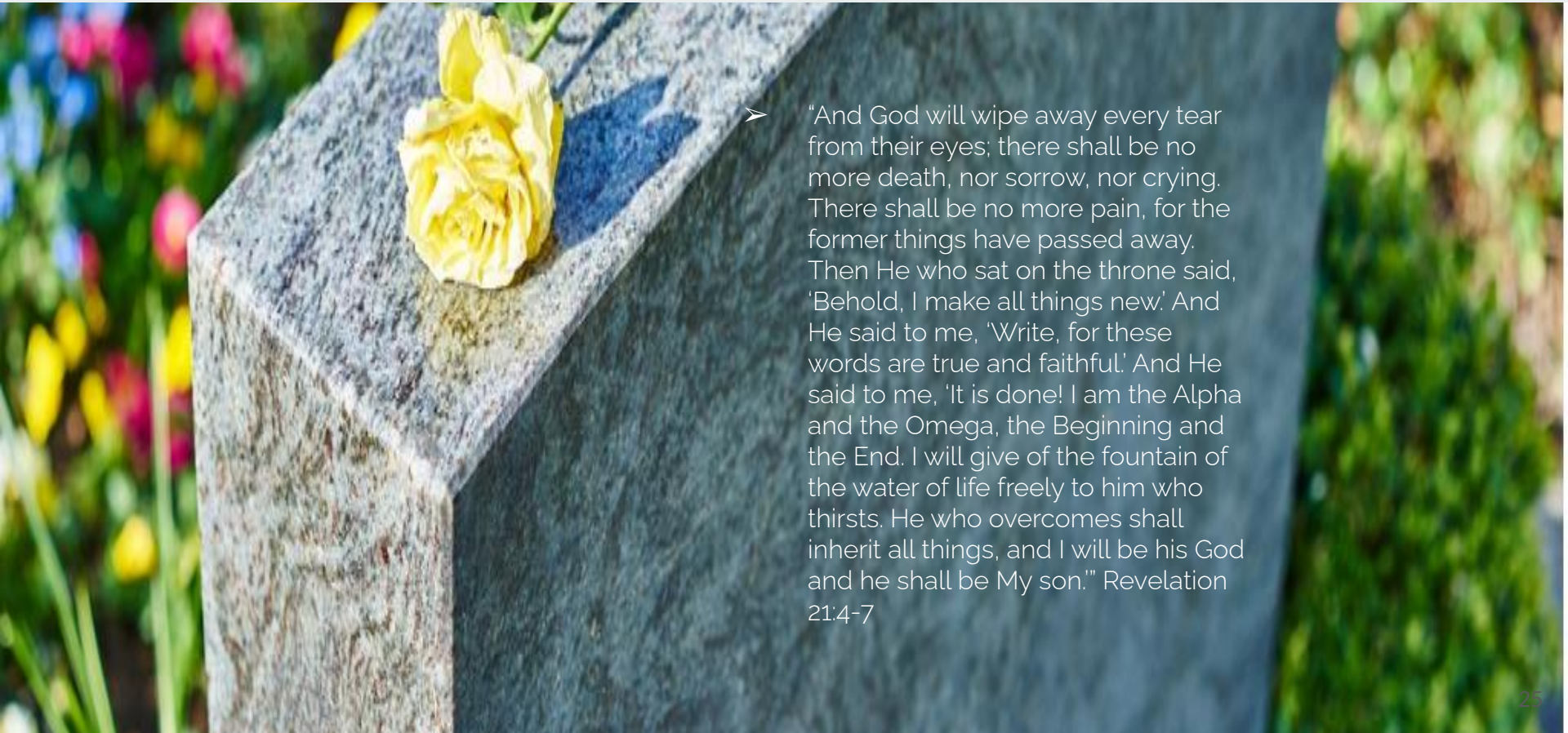
- Eschatology also includes the study of what happens at the end of life. What happens when a Christian dies?
- “We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” 2 Corinthians 5:8
- “And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’” Luke 23:43
- “And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,” Job 19:26
- “I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust.” Acts 24:15
- “So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.” Romans 14:12

# What Happens When I Die? *(continued)*

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- “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection” Romans 6:5
  - “So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.” 1 Corinthians 15:42
  - “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” Revelation 20:6
  - “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:9-13



## What Happens When I Die? *(continued)*



➤ "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.'" Revelation 21:4-7

# So ... How Will the World End?



Significant debauchery and deception will permeate all aspects of society:

"But know this, that in the last days **perilous** times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving **[without natural affection]**, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **having a form of godliness but denying its power**. And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who **creep into households and make captives of gullible** women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 Timothy 3:1-7

"But evil men and **impostors** will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:13

"And for this reason God will send them strong **delusion**, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*

A falling away from the Church will occur. Although many religious people will call themselves Christians, there will be a remnant of Christians who believe in sound doctrine and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

"not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless **the falling away** comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God." 2 Thessalonians 2:2-4

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart** from the faith, giving heed to **seducing** spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth." 1 Timothy 4:1-3



## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*



The world will begin to angrily mock Christianity and the return of Christ. The last days will come upon the world by surprise. The very *elements* of the world will melt:

"knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'" 2 Peter 3:3-4

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." 2 Peter 3:9-10

"looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?" 2 Peter 3:12

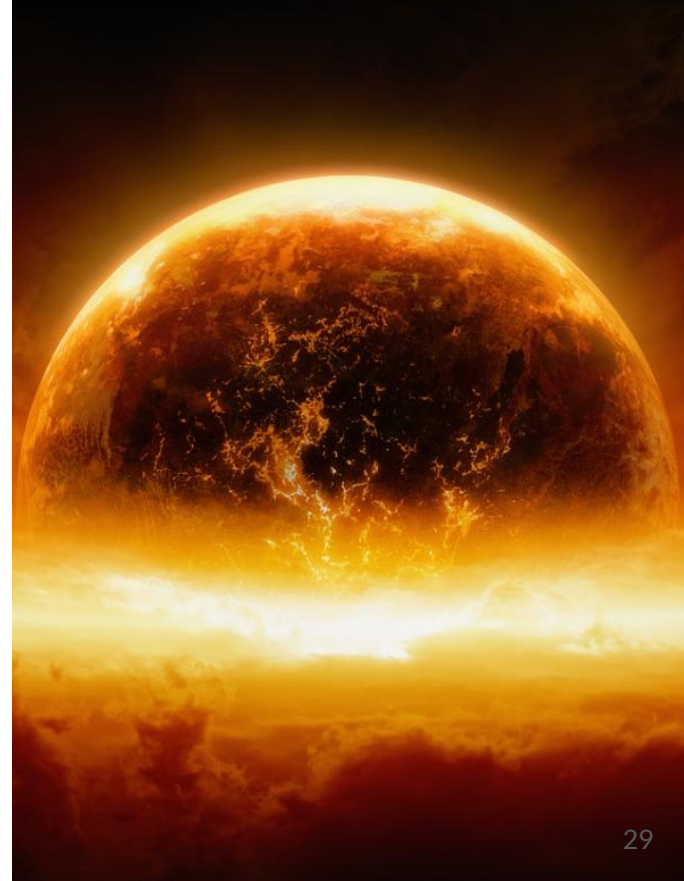
"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape." 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

# So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*

Christians will experience intense global persecution:

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake." Matthew 24:9

"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes." Matthew 10:22-23



## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*



The antichrist will be revealed:

"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the **Antichrist** is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour." 1 John 2:18

"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12

## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*

A unique and horrific event, referred to as the *abomination of desolation*, will take place; the *Great Tribulation* will begin:

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."  
Matthew 24:15-21

Daniel 9 speaks of this event that appears to be the horrific event that initiates the rule of the Antichrist and begins the period known as the Great Tribulation.



## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*



Christians will be locked out of all aspects of banking, payment systems, and global commerce:

15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. 16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:11-17



## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*

The Great Tribulation will be the period during which the wrath of God is poured out on His rebellious creation. The book of Revelation is largely an outline of the Great Tribulation, including the judgments of God on the *late great planet earth*:

- **7 Seals** (The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, cry of the martyrs, day of wrath, silence leading to the 7 Trumpets)
- **7 Trumpets** (destruction of vegetation, oceans, waters, sun, locusts, army of 200,000,000, Kingdom of Christ proclaimed)
- The **Mark** of the Beast
- **7 Bowls** (plague/sores, all in the oceans die, all in freshwater die, scorched by heat, darkness and pain, Battle of Armageddon, men curse God for the fierceness of His wrath)



## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*



The Battle of Armageddon will take place:

Sixth Bowl: "For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to **the battle of that great day of God Almighty**. "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**." Revelation 16:14-16

"Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them." Revelation 9:16

"It has been held commonly that the battle of Armageddon is an isolated event transpiring just prior to the second advent of Christ to the earth. The extent of this great movement in which God deals with "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" will not be seen unless it is realized that the "battle of that great day of God Almighty" is not an isolated battle, but rather a campaign that extends over the last half of the tribulation period." J Dwight Pentecost, *Things to Come*

## So ... How Will the World End? *(continued)*

Christ will return in glory to rule and reign -  
and HIS kingdom will be forever:

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11-16



# Heaven



The beginning (*actually the continuation*) of a beautiful (*and eternal*) friendship!

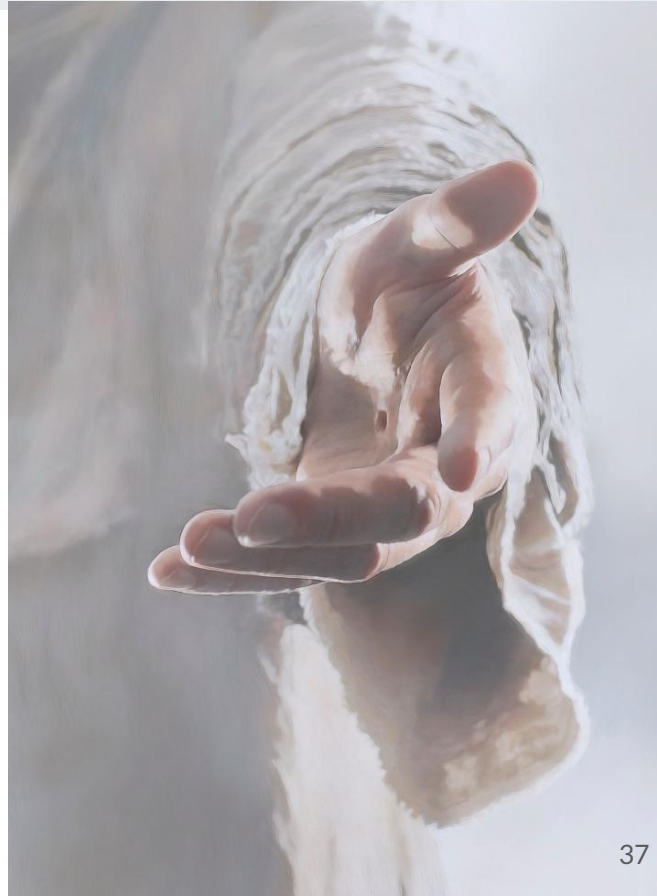
"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also He said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'" Revelation 21:3-7

# Heaven *(continued)*

“It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Revelation 21:11-14

“The wall is built of jasper, while the city is pure gold, clear as glass. The foundations of the wall of the city are adorned with every jewel; the first was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysolite, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. And the twelve gates are twelve pearls, each of the gates is a single pearl, and the street of the city is pure gold, transparent as glass.” Revelation 21:18-21



# Heaven *(continued)*



## The End

"And he said to me, 'Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.'" Revelation 22:10-14

"The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen." Revelation 22:20-21

There is no shortage of false teaching and confusion covering how the world will end - it is therefore critical we understand what the Bible teaches about the last days.

The Bible cautions us to *not be deceived* regarding how the world will end. We must, therefore, know what it teaches on eschatology and be careful not to read our own interpretations into prophetic passages. We must not be confused or fooled by false teachers.

Knowing what happens when a Christian dies should provide us great confidence which is Christ in us, the hope of glory.



We should not live in fear of the end of the world. Are you living in joyful anticipation of His second coming?

Knowing what the Bible teaches about what happens when we die will equip us with an ability to share comfort, as well as challenge when we present the gospel of Christ with others. Are you motivated and active in preaching the gospel to all nations?

One of the theological topics that generates a compelling interest in the Bible and Christianity is eschatology. We can/should therefore use this topic in our evangelistic efforts to prompt a desire to know more of the Christian faith. Are you able to clearly and crisply present the themes and headlines of what the Bible teaches on Eschatology?



Now What