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God's Plan for the Future

Acts 1:9-11

What are the Foundational Truths about Eschatology?

- A. *Only God knows the future!*
- B. *There is one correct way to interpret the Bible...*
 - The Literal Historical-Grammatical Interpretation.

This Biblical method of interpretation demands:

- 1) The literal physical return of Jesus Christ to earth to establish a 1,000 year reign from Jerusalem (The Millennial Kingdom).
- 2) The judgment of the world during a 7-year Tribulation.
- 3) The fulfillment of God's plan for the Jewish people which includes Daniel's 70th week, Daniel 9:24-27 (7 years).
- 4) The Bible refutes the false teaching of "replacement theology" - that God replaced the Jews with "the church."

- C. *A Large Portion of Scripture is yet to be Fulfilled.*

What are the Events Leading up to the Rapture?

- A. *The Rebirth of Israel as a Nation in 1948, Jer. 29:14; Ez. 37.*
- B. *Jewish Control of Jerusalem/Temple Mount - 1967, Mark 13:14.*
- C. *Foundation of the European Union (E.U.), Dan. 2, 5*

D. *One World Church - World Council of Churches, Rev 17.*

E. *The Foundation of One World Government - UN, Rev. 18*

15 Events of God's Plan for the Future

1. The _____ of NT Believers, 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

Christ comes in the clouds to "catch away" all those who trust in Him, 1 Cor. 15:52. But first, the "dead in Christ" are resurrected and their bodies are glorified and reunited with their spirits. The rapture is imminent - that means it can happen "at any moment."

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers, 2 Cor 5:10, 1 Cor. 3:10-15

The Lord will judge our words, our works, our motives, and our service for Him.

3. Antichrist's Peace Treaty between Jews & Arabs, Dan. 9:27

After the church is taken out of the way, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8, a satanically empowered man will gain worldwide control with promises of peace, Revelation 6:1; Daniel 9:27 - "a covenant" of peace.

4. The _____ Tribulation - Daniel's 70th Week, Rev. 6-16.

A period of seven years in which God's judgment is poured out on sinful humanity, Revelation 6-16. During the tribulation on earth, the Church will be in heaven. It is thought that in heaven this is time of the Judgment Seat of Christ and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 19:6-10.

5. The Battle of _____ and Magog

(Russia, Iran, and alliance of countries) Ezekiel 38-39

In the first part of the tribulation, a great army from the north, in alliance with several other countries attack Israel, but they are defeated by God's supernatural intervention, Ezekiel 39:1-12. It will take 7 months to clean up the bodies and 7 years to clean up (burn) the weapons, Ez. 39:9-10.

Gotquestions.org - search "What are Gog and Magog?"

6. A One World Government ruled by _____.

He conquers with false peace treaties - a "bow but no arrows."

He demands worldwide worship. His power is given to him by Satan himself (Rev. 13:2-4, 7). Rev. 13:16 describes how everyone will be forced

to receive some type of digital mark “on their right hand or forehead” in order to buy and sell - 666!

7. The Abomination of Desolation.

A _____ of the antichrist will be set up in the Jewish temple desecrating it. In the first half of the Tribulation, Israel is protected. They worship in safety (without walls and without fear) but then that all changes, Mt 24:15. At the mid-point of the tribulation, the Antichrist breaks his covenant, and begins a persecution, Rev. 12:17.

8. The Great Tribulation (the last 3-1/2 years of the Tribulation), Matthew 24:15-30, Daniel 9:27.

Jesus said, “Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved,”

Matthew 24:22

9. The Battle of Armageddon, Revelation 16:12-16, 19:11-20

At the end of the tribulation, Jesus returns with the armies of heaven to the Valley of Megiddo, Mt. 24:30. He saves Jerusalem from annihilation and defeats the armies of the nations who fight with the Antichrist.

10. Jesus enters the _____ Gate of Jerusalem triumphantly, Ez. 43:1-3, 44:1-3

Following the Battle of Armageddon, Jesus returns to the Mount of Olives where it splits in two creating the Valley of Decision of Joel 3. Then He enters the Eastern Gate triumphantly.

11. The Judgment of the Sheep and _____ Nations.

Christ will judge the survivors of the tribulation, separating the righteous from the wicked in the “Judgment of the sheep and goat nations,” Matthew 25:31-46.

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,

Job 19:25-26.

gotquestions.org - “What are all the judgments in the Bible?”

12. The Millennial Kingdom.

Jesus Himself will rule the world, and Jerusalem will be the capital. This will be a 1,000-year period of peace and prosperity on earth, Revelation 20; Isaiah 60-62. Memorial sacrifices will be offered, Ezekiel 40-48. The curse of sin is going to be lifted.

13. Satan _____ to fight the Final Battle of Gog and Magog, Rev. 20:7-10.

At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be released from his prison for a short time. He will deceive the nations once again and lead a rebellion against the Lord. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire.

14. The Great _____ Throne Judgment, Rev. 20:11-15

All the unbelievers of all the ages of history will be resurrected to stand before God in a final judgment. "The books are opened," the verdicts read, and all of sinful humanity is cast into the lake of fire.

And as it is appointed unto men, once to die, but after this the judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

An unbeliever is in "the jail" of hell until the Great White Throne Judgment, then the sentence is to be cast into "prison" – the lake of fire.

15. The New Heavens and New Earth, Isaiah 65:17

Our earth groans under the curse of sin. After the final rebellion, God shows the universe once and for all that sin will be defeated.

... what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

2 Peter 3:11

It is at this time that God wipes away all tears and there will be "7 no mores": No more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain, no more sea, no more curse, and no more night.

Isaiah says, "behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind." The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, and we will enjoy and serve Him forever, Rev. 22:3.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:11-13

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him.

I Corinthians 2:9

I plead with you friend, "Come to Christ today."

I beg you Christian, Live every day for Christ. Live every day for God's _____, not your pride, nor for pleasure, nor to build up your treasure. Live for Jesus Christ and His glory.