

Current Events, Israel and Bible Prophecy

1. As Christians, we have to show _____ for Jewish people; antisemitism is ultimately an evil, satanic influence because Satan wants to thwart _____ for a glorious, future Israel.

Rom. 1:16 ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom. 11:12 Now if their wrongdoing *proves to be* riches for the world, and their failure, riches for the Gentiles, how much more *will* their fulfillment *be!*



Rom. 11:17 ¶ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,

Rom. 11:18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.

Rom. 11:25 ¶ For I do not want you, brothers *and sisters*, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

Rom. 11:26 and so **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written:

“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

Rom. 11:27 “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

Right now there are 16 million Jews on this earth. The end times period called the Tribulation could begin today. And that means that many of the Jews alive right now could be a part of this faithful remnant of Israel who go through the end times. The only reason we Christians in the Church have the glorious future we have is because we share in the promises given to Israel. We should honor and respect Jewish people even though so many do not believe in Jesus yet. As the Church today, we are indebted to Israel. And we should live as though the Jewish people we encounter today will be the Jewish people who cry out for Jesus in the Tribulation.

In the end, antisemitism is inspired by Satan. Satan works to thwart all of God's plans and to destroy God's people. This is why the Jewish people have faced potential extermination repeatedly during their history. You can trace this through the Old Testament and into the New Testament. In Israel's ancient history, Satan tried to destroy Israel so the Messianic promise would not be fulfilled. Ahab's family almost destroyed the line of David. Herod the Great killed the Jewish male babies in Bethlehem. The Canaanites, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks and Romans in ancient history almost exterminated Israel. You might know about heroes like Esther and Nehemiah who saved Israel from destruction.

Rev. 12:1 ¶ A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;

Rev. 12:2 and she was pregnant and she *cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Rev. 12:3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven crowns.

Rev. 12:4 And his tail *swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.

Rev. 12:5 And she gave birth to a Son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev. 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she *had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days.

Rev. 12:7 ¶ And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,

Rev. 12:8 and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.

Rev. 12:9 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.

At the midpoint of the seven-year Tribulation (1260 days), Israel flees into the Judean hills and God supernaturally protects Israel from Satan. Michael and the holy angels cast Satan down to the Earth. When Satan is cast down, antisemitism is unleashed on the Earth:

Rev. 12:13 ¶ And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, **he persecuted the woman** who gave birth to the male *Child*.

Rev. 12:14 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, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent.

Rev. 12:15 And the serpent hurled water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood.

Rev. 12:16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon had hurled out of his mouth.

Rev. 12:17 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.

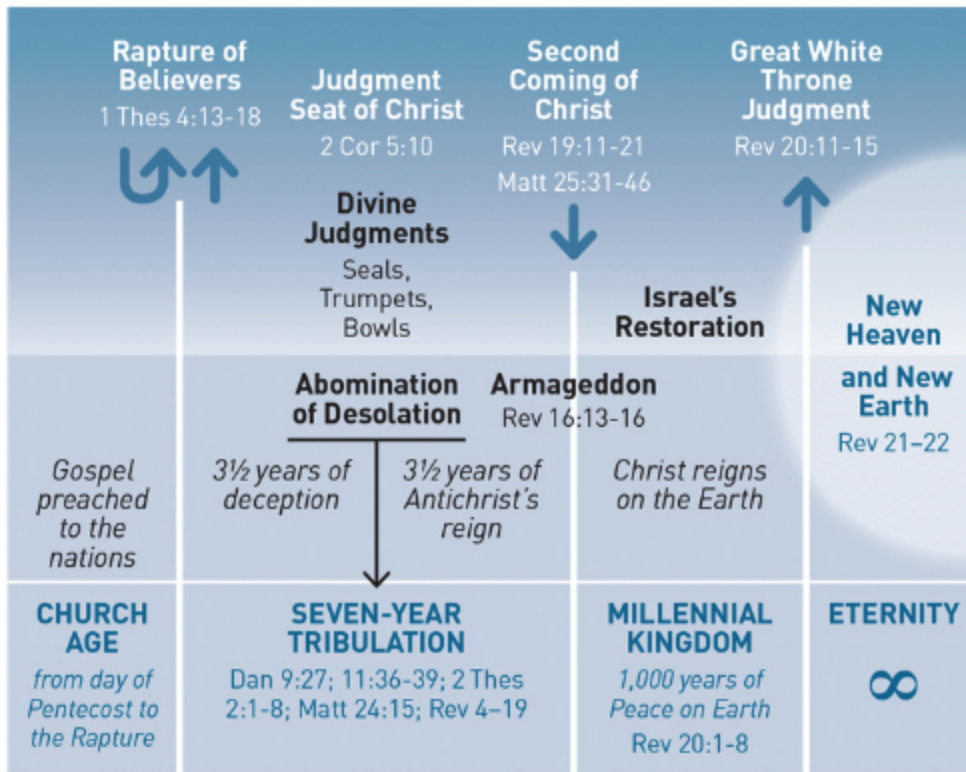
Rev. 13:1 ¶ And *the dragon* stood on the sand of the seashore. ¶ Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns *were* ten crowns, and on his heads *were* blasphemous names.

Rev. 13:2 And the beast that 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.

The final three and half years of the Tribulation will usher in the worst antisemitism in world history. This hatred for Israel at that time is satanically inspired! The hatred of Jewish people in past history was satanically inspired, too. And the racism against Jewish people today comes from the same source even though antisemitic people might be totally unaware of the true source of their evil.

2. Don't listen to anyone predicting when the Tribulation might _____; the next prophetic event coming for the Church is the imminent (could-happen-at-any-moment) _____ of the Church. We need to live as though the Rapture is going to happen _____.

Timeline of Future Events



Jesus taught that once the Tribulation begins, the flow of events is completely predictable. But Jesus also taught that the commencement of the Tribulation is completely unpredictable.

Matt. 24:32 ¶ “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near;

Matt. 24:33 so you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door.

Matt. 24:34 “Truly I say to you, this generation [= race] will not pass away until all these things take place.

Matt. 24:35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Matt. 24:36 ¶ “**But about that day and hour no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

Matt. 24:37 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

Matt. 24:38 “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,

Matt. 24:39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matt. 24:40 “At that time there will be two *men* in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

Matt. 24:41 “Two *women* will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

The Rapture will begin the final seven year experience of God’s judgment on the earth, the Tribulation, that will result in a believing remnant of Israel whom Jesus will rescue from a satanic world army.

After revealing this, Jesus gives his first application to those of us living before the Rapture:

Matt. 24:42 ¶ “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

Matt. 24:43 “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

Matt. 24:44 “For this reason you must be ready as well; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think *He will*.

Matt. 24:45 ¶ “Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household slaves, to give them their food at the proper time?

Matt. 24:46 “Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

Matt. 24:47 “Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Matt. 24:48 “But if that evil slave says in his heart, ‘My master is not coming for a long time,’

Matt. 24:49 and he begins to beat his fellow slaves, and he eats and drinks with those habitually drunk;

Matt. 24:50 *then* the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect, and at an hour that he does not know,

Matt. 24:51 and he will cut him in two and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Rapture of the Church could happen at any moment. After it happens, we are all going to face an evaluation before our Savior Jesus. A big part of that is how we have contributed or failed to contribute to His Kingdom, to His people, to His Church.

3. Another important prophecy Jesus gave that we should reflect on right now is the future judgment of surviving, believing and unbelieving _____ who missed the Rapture, but who survive the Tribulation (Judgment of the Sheep and the Goats).

Matt. 25:31 ¶ “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

Matt. 25:32 “And all the nations [= Gentiles] will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;

Matt. 25:33 and He will put the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left.



Matt. 25:34 ¶ “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Matt. 25:35 ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

Matt. 25:36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

Matt. 25:37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink?’

Matt. 25:38 ‘And when did we see You as a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?’

Matt. 25:39 ‘And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

Matt. 25:40 “And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did *it* for one of the least of these brothers *or sisters* of Mine, you did *it* for Me.’

Matt. 25:41 ¶ “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you accursed people, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Matt. 25:42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;

Matt. 25:43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

Matt. 25:44 "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or as a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'

Matt. 25:45 "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do *it* for one of the least of these, you did not do *it* for Me, either.'

Matt. 25:46 "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

These evil non-believing Gentiles in the end times are antisemitic. They let the Jewish believers in Jesus rot in prison, go hungry, go homeless, and go naked. They are absolutely evil. Antisemitism is absolute evil. It's satanic.

Since the Rapture could happen today, then this means that we should see the Jewish people living in the modern state of Israel today as the very people that Jesus is talking about. If the Rapture happens today, 2% of the Jews will get Raptured, and many more will die in the Tribulation. But a large number of them will believe in Jesus and be rescued by Jesus at the end of the Tribulation.

And this also means that the Gentiles we meet today who don't believe in Jesus, most of them are going to die in the cataclysms coming in the Tribulation. Most of them will get caught up in worldwide antisemitism. But some of them will come to faith in the Tribulation and do everything they can to help the Jews being persecuted.

Therefore, right now we have to love the Jewish people. We have to teach this to our children. We have to understand in the Church that we are only special because of our connection to Israel. And we have to pass on that God has a glorious plan for Israel that is still yet to come.

4. Let's _____ for the Jewish state of Israel and for many Jews and Gentiles living in the Holy Land right now to believe in Jesus as their personal Savior!