

The background of the entire slide is a landscape photograph. In the center, a dark, conical hill rises from a field of dry, brownish grass. Atop this hill stands a simple white cross. The sky above is a gradient of deep purple and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

# Be Alert!

Mark 13:24-37

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***“Redemptive history remains  
incomplete  
until Christ returns.”***



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13:24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, 25 AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken.



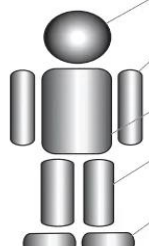
26 Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.

# Jesus Coming Is Sure 24-27

- ‘after that tribulation’
- Daniel 7; Zech 2:6
- Gathering – not a ‘calling out’
- Basic Timeline



**NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM OF COMING KINGDOMS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE ESTABLISHING OF GOD'S KINGDOM ON EARTH**  
 God gave the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel in Daniel chapter 2. The interpretation includes the prophecy that God would set up an everlasting kingdom during the time of the ten kings of the revived Roman Empire (see 4b below). Daniel said, "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (Daniel 2:44) This will happen when Jesus returns to earth immediately after the Tribulation.

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1. **BABYLONIAN EMPIRE/ GOLD**  
Daniel 2:37-38, 7:4
  2. **MEDO-PERSIA EMPIRE/ SILVER**  
Daniel 2:32, 7:5, 8:20
  3. **GRECIAN EMPIRE/ BRONZE**  
Daniel 2:39, 7:6, 8:21
  - 4a. **ROMAN EMPIRE/ IRON**  
Daniel 2:40, 7:7, 19, 23
  - 4b. **REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE/ IRON + CLAY**  
Daniel 2:41-43, 7:7, 20-25  
A future weaker version of iron kingdom made up of ten kings, out of which the Antichrist will arise.
  5. **GOD'S KINGDOM**  
Daniel 2:44  
God's kingdom is now in existence in heaven (Acts 28:31; Rom. 14:17; 1 Cor. 4:20; Col. 1:13) but will be present on the earth during the Millennium following the return of Christ to earth.

**"THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES"**  
 (Luke 21:24, Rev. 11:1-2) "the fullness of the Gentiles" (Rom. 11:25) will be complete after the last Gentile is saved in the Tribulation. Then "the Deliverer [Jesus] will come" (Rom. 11:26).

Christ's resurrection (Ps. 16:10; Acts 2:27-31, John 20) followed forty days later by His ascension into heaven. (Acts 1:9-10)

**JESUS CHRIST'S FIRST COMING TO EARTH**  
 (Isa. 7:14, Micah 5:2, Mtt. 1:21-23)

**YOU ARE HERE.**

**THE EUROPEAN UNION,**  
 with its single currency, and its united military, perhaps the beginning of a Revived Roman Empire (4b) Dan. 2:41-43

**ISRAEL DECLARED A NATION**  
 after 1,878 years w/out a homeland May 14, 1948.

- | 1. GOLD                              | 2. SILVER                             | 3. BRONZE                         | 4a. IRON                          |
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| <b>Babylonian</b><br>605B.C.-539B.C. | <b>Medo-Persia</b><br>539B.C.-331B.C. | <b>Grecian</b><br>321B.C.-150B.C. | <b>Roman</b><br>150B.C.-5th Cent. |

\*Timeline not to scale.

# A BIBLICAL TIMELINE OF END TIME EVENTS

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**Knowing that Christ could come at any time,** the Bible instructs believers to be 1. Evangelizing the world (Colossians 4:3-5, Mark 16:15) 2. Patient and Steadfast (James 5:8) 3. Kind (James 5:9) 4. Prayerful (1 Peter 4:7) 5. Faithful in assembling together and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:24-25) 6. Conducting themselves in holiness and godliness (2 Peter 3:11, 14 and 1 John 3:2-3) 7. Joyfully confident (Titus 2:11-13)

**ROMANS DESTROY THE JEWISH TEMPLE A.D. 70**  
 (Dan. 9:26, Matt. 24:1-2, Luke 21:20-24). Jews scattered throughout world.

**JESUS CRUCIFIED FOR OUR SINS.**  
 A.D. 30-33  
 (Isa. 52:13-53:12; "cut off," Dan. 9:26, Jn. 19:17)

**THE CHURCH AGE**  
 From Pentecost (Acts 2:1) to the Rapture.

**JEWS RETURNING TO HOMELAND**  
 (Ezek. 38:8, Jer. 30:1-3, 32:37-38, 41)

**RESURRECTION OF CHURCH-AGE BELIEVERS**  
 The Bible teaches that those who have died as believers are "present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8 and Phil. 1:21-24) but their bodies will be resurrected at the time of the rapture when "the dead in Christ will rise." (1 Thes. 4:16)

**PREPARATION TIME BEFORE PEACE TREATY**

**THE TRIBULATION PERIOD, 7 YEARS**  
 (Dan. 9:27; Matt. 24:9, Rev. 3:10). Also known as the "Seventieth Week [or 7 year period] of Daniel" (Dan. 9:24-27).

By this point, Jewish temple will be standing once again (2 Thess. 2:4, Rev. 11:1-2).

**Seal Judgments.**  
 (Mtt. 24:4-8, Rev. 6:1-8:1)

3.5 YEARS

Israel under peace agreement (1 Thess. 5:2-3)

4b.

Days of the ten kings in revived Roman Empire (Dan. 2:44, 7:23-24, Rev. 17:12).

**THE ANTICHRIST DECLARES HIMSELF TO BE GOD.**  
 (Dan. 7:20-21, 11:36, 2 Thess. 2:3-4, Rev. 13:6) puts an end to regular sacrifice and sets up the abomination that causes desolation. (Dan. 9:27; 12:11, Mtt. 24:15)

An Antichrist led world gov't is now fully in place (Rev. 13:7, 17:12-13). The false prophet (Rev. 13:1-10) performs signs and wonders (Rev. 13:13-14) and deceives the world into worshipping the Antichrist (Rev. 13:8, 12). The false prophet has the authority to kill those who will not worship him (Rev. 13:15). The false prophet requires a mark be given to all of Antichrist's followers that permits them to buy and sell (Rev. 13:16-18).

**THE "GREAT" TRIBULATION**  
 (Mtt. 24:21, Rev. 6:1-18:24) culminating at Armageddon.

**ARMAGEDDON**  
 (Literally: the mount of Megiddo) armies from around the world will gather together at Megiddo in N. Israel before launching a massive attack against Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1-3, 14:1-5, Rev. 16:14-16, 19:19)

**THE JUDGMENT OF THE NATIONS**  
 (Matt. 25:31-46) also known as "The Judgment of the Sheep (Tribulation believers, v.37) and the Goats (unbelievers)." See Mtt. 13:24-31, 13:47-50, Ps. 96:13, Rev. 20:4. Those who come to faith during the Tribulation will enter the Millennium Kingdom. Unbelievers will ultimately be cast into "eternal fire" (Mtt. 25:41).

**ANTICHRIST and false prophet thrown into the lake of fire** (Rev. 19:20). Armies that attacked Israel will be destroyed (Zech. 14:12-15). **SATAN IS BOUND** (Rev. 20:2-3).

**RESURRECTION OF TRIBULATION MARTYRS & OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS** (Dan. 12:1-2, Isa. 26:19, Jn. 5:28-29a) This resurrection is only "first" (Rev. 20:5) in the sense that it will be before the resurrection of the wicked (Rev. 20:12-13). The resurrection of martyrs and OT saints will occur after the Second Coming (Rev. 19:11-21) and prior to the Millennium (Rev. 20:2-6). Concerning the timing of the OT saints resurrection, Dan. 12:1 makes it clear that it will happen after the "time of distress."

**SATAN RELEASED,** "for a short time" at the end of 1,000 years (Rev. 20:3, 7), deceives many into going to war against the saints and Jerusalem (v.8), where they are immediately consumed by fire from heaven (v.9). Satan is thrown into the lake of fire (v.10).

**PRESENT HEAVENS & EARTH "ARE TO BE DESTROYED."**  
 (2 Ptr. 3:10-12, Isa. 34:4).

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE WICKED DEAD**  
 (Rev. 20:12-13, Jn. 5:28, 29b)

**THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT,** where every unsaved person (Rev. 20:11-13) will stand before Jesus (Jn. 5:22) to be judged for their works.

**THOSE NOT FOUND IN THE BOOK OF LIFE** are thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever (Rev. 20:10, 15).

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:24-28**

**NEW HEAVENS NEW EARTH & NEW JERUSALEM**  
 (Isa. 65:17, 66:22, Rev. 21:1-2, 2 Ptr. 3:10-13), believers forever with the Lord (Jn. 14:3, 1 Thess. 4:17). No more curse, death, mourning, crying, or pain (Rev. 21:3-5, 22:3).

**THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST (1,000 YEARS)**

Jesus will rule (Isa. 9:6) the world from Jerusalem (Micah 4:1-2) for a 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-6; Zech. 14:9, v.16; Isa. 2:1-4, 11:1-10, 35:1-10) where the nations will come to worship (Zech. 14:16) and learn of God's ways (Micah 4:2, Zech. 8:3). The Millennium will start off with believers only (John 3:3, Mtt. 25:31-34, 41, 46) and will be marked by a unified government (Hos. 1:11) where church age believers and Tribulation martyrs will co-reign with Christ (Rev. 20:6, 2 Tim. 2:12). David will be the prince of Israel (Ezek. 34:22-24), the twelve apostles will judge the twelve tribes of Israel (Mtt. 19:28, Lk. 22:29-30), all weapons of war will be destroyed (Isa. 2:4), there will be no wars (Micah 4:3), there will be a worldwide knowledge of God (Isa. 11:9), peace (Isa. 9:6-7), justice (Isa. 11:3-5), obedience (Dan. 7:27), holiness (Ezek. 36:24-31, 37:23-24), the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-29) and an increase in joy (Isa. 9:3-4, 14:7). Children will be born (Isa. 11:6, 65:20, 23, Jer. 30:20) by those in their natural bodies (i.e., survivors of the Tribulation and their offspring). There will also be a prolonged life expectancy for those in their natural bodies. There will be comfort for those who would sorrow (Isa. 12:1, 35:10, 65:19), a removal of sickness (Isa. 33:24, Jer. 30:17), healing of the deformed (Isa. 35:5-6), fruitful, enjoyable labor (Isa. 62:8-9, 65:21-23), one language (Zeph. 3:9), a change in the nature of ferocious animals (Isa. 11:6-9, Ezek. 34:25, Isa. 65:25), great changes in the environment (Isa. 35:1-2, 6b-7, 55:13) and a Millennial temple in Jerusalem where sacrifices will be made in remembrance to Christ's death (Ezek. 40-46). This period is also known as "THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF LAMB" (Rev. 19:9).

This glorious time of celebration takes place on the earth and will include the Jews saved during the Tribulation period (the bridesmaids of Mtt. 25:1-13) who are ready to go into the "wedding feast" when the bridegroom comes (Mtt. 25:10). Mtt. 22:1-14 pictures those not in wedding garments being ushered out of the feast. This will take place at the Judgment of the Nations (Mtt. 25:31-46). See Dr. John F. Walvoord's *Prophecy Knowledge Handbook*, 1990, p. 617-618.

**1,000 YEAR MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST**  
 [See notes above]

**BELIEVER'S IN HEAVEN, WHERE WORKS ARE JUDGED & REWARDED AT THE "BEMA" [GK.] SEAT**  
 (2 Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10-12, 1 Cor. 3:13-15)

**THE "MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB" (Jesus) TO THE BRIDE (the Church).**  
 (Rev. 19:7)

**"THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS"**  
 (Phil. 1:6, 10, 2:16; 1 Thess. 5:2; 1 Cor. 1:8, 2 Cor. 1:14)

Satan thrown down to earth. (Rev. 12:9-13)

**RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up ["harpaizo"-Greek, "rapturo"-Latin] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:17) The coming of Christ for His Church is discussed in Jn. 14:3, 1 Thess. 4:16-18, 2 Thess. 2:1, 1 Cor. 15:50-53, Phil. 3:20-21. **The Rapture, being prior to Tribulation wrath, is supported by:** 1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9-11, 2 Thess. 2:3-8, Nah. 1:2, Rev. 6:16-17, Luke 21:35-36

**"THE DAY OF THE LORD" (2 Ptr. 3:10, Isa. 13:6, 9; 1 Thess. 5:2-4)**  
 The entire period beginning with the rapture and terminating at the end of the millennium.



# Timeline of the End Times





***“More than a fourth of the Bible is predictive prophecy. Approximately one-third of it has yet to be fulfilled. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of promises about the return of Jesus Christ.”*** George Sweeting



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**



13:28 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.



29 Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door.



30 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.



***“Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but My words will not pass away.”***

**Luke 21:33**



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**

***“The grass withers, the flower  
fades, But the word of our God  
stands forever.”*** Isa 40:8



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***“For truly I say to you, until heaven  
and earth pass away, not the  
smallest letter or stroke shall pass  
from the Law until all is  
accomplished.”*** Matt 5:18



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but  
My words will not pass away. 32 But of  
that day or hour no one knows, not even  
the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but  
the Father alone.





# Jesus Coming Is Soon 28-33

- Spring into Summer
- 'generation'?
- God's Word- sure!
- Not the Son?



***“I hope that the day is near at hand  
when the advent of the great God  
will appear, for all things  
everywhere are boiling, burning,  
moving, falling, sinking, groaning.”***

**Martin Luther**



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**

33 “Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come.



***“The Parable of the Fig Tree cautions  
Tribulation saints to watch and know  
the ‘signs of the times.’ But the  
Parable of the Householder warns all  
of us today.”***

**W. Wiersbe**



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**

34 It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.



35 Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—



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36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 What I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert!'"



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# Jesus Coming Is A Surprise! 32-37

- 'be alert' 4x
- Gethsemane – watch and pray!

# Why tell so much w/o date?

- Take heed –
  - purifying effect
  - sense of urgency
  - boldness of faith
  - not attached to world



***"Live as if you thought  
that Christ might come  
at any time."***

***J.C. Ryle***



**THE SERVANT: SAVING**