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**2** Peter 3:1-2 "<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, this is already the second letter I have written you, in which I am trying to stir up your pure mind by way of reminder: <sup>2</sup> I want you to recall both the predictions foretold by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles."

Hebrews 1:1-2 "After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, <sup>2</sup> in these last days he has spoken to us in a son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he created the world."

## What have the prophets said?

- A Messiah would be born
- Jesus Christ born
- The expression of the Church (Christ's body on earth)
- The Great Tribulation
  - The 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel (Daniel 9)
  - The beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> empire beast (*Daniel 2 & 7*)
  - Ten king/kingdom federation
- The 3 ½ year midpoint
  - Abomination which causes desolation (*Daniel 9; 2 Thessalonians 2*)
- Christ's return at the end of 7 years (1 Thess. 4; 1 Corinth. 15; Matt. 24; Rev 19)
  - The battle of Armageddon
- Jesus will return at Mt. Sanai and end up in Jerusalem (Isaiah 63; Zech. 14; Rev. 19)
- The Millennial reign (*Revelation 20*)
- A Final battle and judgement
- An eternal existence of either life or death

## Starting at the beginning

Genesis 3:14-15 "The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the cattle and all the living creatures of the field!

On your belly you will crawl and dust you will eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put hostility between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Numbers 24:15-19 "The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of the man whose eyes are open, <sup>16</sup> the oracle of the one who hears the words of God, and who knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees a vision from the Almighty, although falling flat on the ground with eyes open: <sup>17</sup> 'I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not close at hand. A star will march forth out of Jacob, and a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the skulls of Moab, and the heads of all the sons of Seth. <sup>18</sup> Edom will be a possession, Seir, his enemy, will also be a possession; but Israel will act valiantly. <sup>19</sup> A ruler will be established from Jacob; he will destroy the remains of the city."

Daniel 2:37-45 "You, O king, are the king of kings. The God of heaven has granted you sovereignty, power, strength, and honor. <sup>38</sup> Wherever human beings, wild animals, and birds of the sky live—he has given them into your power. He has given you authority over them all. You are the head of gold. <sup>39</sup> Now after you another kingdom will arise, one inferior to yours. Then a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule in all the earth. <sup>40</sup> Then there will be a fourth kingdom, one strong like iron. Just like iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything, and as iron breaks in pieces all these metals, so it will break in pieces and crush the others. <sup>41</sup>

In that you were seeing feet and toes partly of wet clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom. Some of the strength of iron will be in it, for you saw iron mixed with wet clay. <sup>42</sup> In that the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, the latter stages of this kingdom will be partly strong and partly fragile. <sup>43</sup> And in that you saw iron mixed with wet

clay, so people will be mixed with one another without adhering to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. <sup>44</sup> In the days of those kings the God of heaven will raise up an everlasting kingdom that will not be destroyed and a kingdom that will not be left to another people. It will break in pieces and bring about the demise of all these kingdoms. But it will stand forever. <sup>45</sup> You saw that a stone was cut from a mountain, but not by human hands; it smashed the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold into pieces. The great God has made known to the king what will occur in the future. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is reliable."

Daniel 7:1-8 "In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream filled with visions while he was lying on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream in summary fashion. <sup>2</sup> Daniel explained: "I was watching in my vision during the night as the four winds of the sky were stirring up the great sea. <sup>3</sup> Then four large beasts came up from the sea; they were different from one another. 4 "The first one was like a lion with eagles' wings. <sup>5</sup> "Then a second beast appeared, like a bear. <sup>6</sup> "After these things, as I was watching, another beast like a leopard appeared, After these things, as I was watching in the night visions a fourth beast appeared—one dreadful, terrible, and very strong. It had two large rows of iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and anything that was left it trampled with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup> "As I was contemplating the horns, another horn—a small one—came up between them, and three of the former horns were torn out by the roots to make room for it. This horn had eyes resembling human eyes and a mouth speaking arrogant things."

Isaiah 63:1-6 "Who is this who comes from Edom, dressed in bright red, coming from Bozrah? Who is this one wearing royal attire, who marches confidently because of his great strength? "It is I, the one who announces vindication, and who is able to deliver!" <sup>2</sup> Why are your clothes red? Why do you look like someone who has stomped on grapes in a vat? <sup>3</sup> "I have stomped grapes in the winepress all by myself; no one from the nations

joined me. I stomped on them in my anger; I trampled them down in my rage. Their juice splashed on my garments, and stained all my clothes. <sup>4</sup> For I looked forward to the day of vengeance, and then payback time arrived. <sup>5</sup> I looked, but there was no one to help; I was shocked because there was no one offering support. So my right arm accomplished deliverance; my raging anger drove me on. <sup>6</sup> I trampled nations in my anger; I made them drunk in my rage; I splashed their blood on the ground."

## **2 Peter 3:2** "And the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles."

Matthew 24:9-14 "Then they will hand you over to be persecuted and will kill you. You will be hated by all the nations because of my name. <sup>10</sup> Then many will be led into sin, and they will betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will appear and deceive many, <sup>12</sup> and because lawlessness will increase so much, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the person who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole inhabited earth as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Matthew 24:15 "So when you see **the abomination of desolation**spoken about by Daniel the prophet-standing in the holy place"

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 "Now regarding the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to be with him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be easily shaken from your composure or disturbed by any kind of spirit or message or letter allegedly from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not arrive until the rebellion comes and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes <u>and exalts</u> <u>himself above every so-called god</u> or object of worship, and as a result <u>he takes his seat</u> in God's temple, displaying himself as God."