

***Session 1 Jesus' Beauty: An Overview of God's End-Time Plan***

**I. JESUS THE BEAUTIFUL KING (PS. 45:1-5)**

- A. I do not ask anyone to accept my views. I urge you to challenge all the ideas that you read in this teaching. Boldly refuse any that you cannot clearly see in Scripture for yourself (Acts 17:10-11).
- B. Isaiah emphasized that the *beauty of the Messiah* would be seen in context to His end-time leadership (Isa. 4:2; 28:5; 33:17; 61:3; 62:3-5).  
*<sup>17</sup>Your eyes will see the King in His beauty... (Isa. 33:17)*  
*<sup>2</sup>In that day the Branch of the LORD [Messiah] shall be beautiful and glorious... (Isa. 4:2)*  
*<sup>5</sup>In that day the LORD of hosts will be...a diadem of beauty to...His people... (Isa. 28:5)*
- C. Psalm 45 is the Father's song about Jesus' beauty (Heb. 1:8). Jesus will be openly seen as the One more beautiful than all others in context to His activity when He destroys the Antichrist's armies as He approaches Jerusalem at the end of the Armageddon campaign (Ps. 45:3-5; Rev. 19:11-21). The Father commissioned Jesus to gird His sword to remove the wicked kings of the earth (45:3).  
*<sup>1</sup>My heart is overflowing...I recite my composition concerning the King [Jesus]...<sup>2</sup>You are fairer [more beautiful] than the sons of men...<sup>3</sup>Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One...  
<sup>4</sup>In Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness...<sup>5</sup>Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; the peoples [nations] fall under You. (Ps. 45:1-5)*
- D. Jesus' second coming will be in context to a military conflict around Jerusalem. His plan is to replace the evil leadership of the earth in one hour and establish a new world order.  
*<sup>19</sup>The kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered to make war against Him [Jesus]...<sup>20</sup>The Beast [Antichrist] was...cast alive into the lake of fire...<sup>21</sup>The rest were killed with the sword... (Rev. 19:19-21)*
- E. The coming of Jesus is our great hope. There will be great pressures, but the result will be glorious. He will establish the optimum environment for His people to walk in love, power, and purity. *He uses the least severe means to bring the greatest number of people to the deepest level of love.*  
*<sup>13</sup>...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of...Jesus Christ... (Titus 2:13)*  
*<sup>14</sup>For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD... (Hab. 2:14)*
- F. The book of Revelation is about the glory of Jesus (Rev. 1:1) and His plan to transition the earth to the age to come. It is not a doomsday prophecy about the end of the world, but a glorious love story of Jesus ushering in a new world order. It describes the *end* of the dark night of Satan's oppression of the human race and the *dawning* of Jesus' new day as He returns to rule all nations with His people, to destroy the Antichrist's empire, remove sin from the planet, and fill it with God's glory.

## II. THREE PROPHETIC TIME FRAMES

- A. There are 3 prophetic time frames related to the final 7 years of natural history and two key dates—Israel becoming a nation (1948) and gaining control over Jerusalem (1967). The three time frames (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:8; 1 Thes. 5:2-3)—*beginning of birth pains* (possibly starting in 1948 or 1967), *worldwide counterfeit peace and safety* (3½ years) and the *Great Tribulation* (heavy birth pains).
- B. All three time frames occur in context to *one* generation (Mt. 24:33-36). That generation may have started in 1948 or 1967. The Lord indicated that a generation may last 100 years (Gen. 15:13-16).  
*<sup>33</sup>When you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup>...this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place...<sup>36</sup>Of that day and hour no one knows... (Mt. 24:33-36)*
- C. When “*all*” these signs accelerate at the *same time*, God’s people are to know that they are living in the generation of His return. The first mention of “all of these things” (24:33) refers to the signs of the times *before* the Great Tribulation (24:5-15). The second mention of “all of these things” (24:34) refers to what occurs *after* the Great Tribulation, at the time of Jesus’ return (24:29-31).

## III. BEGINNING OF BIRTH PAINS: 1<sup>ST</sup> PROPHETIC TIME FRAME BEFORE JESUS RETURNS

- A. Jesus identified 12 negative trends that characterize this time and one positive trend related to the great harvest (Mt. 24:4-8, 14; Mk. 13:5-8; Lk. 21:7-18)—*false christs* (influential leaders in the culture), *war, ethnic conflict* (racism as nation [*ethnos*] rises against nation, *economic warfare* (kingdom against kingdom), *famines, pestilences* (pandemics/biological diseases), *earthquakes, troubles* (pressure on society; Mk. 13:8), *commotions* (chaotic events; Lk. 21:9), *fearful sights* (Lk. 21:11), *great signs from heaven* (cosmic signs; Lk. 21:11), and *persecution* (Lk. 21:12-19).
- B. History will go through a birth canal of trouble, resulting in the glorious birth of a new world order with a glorious King ruling the nations with His people and filling the earth with God’s glory.
- C. During this time, watch for 5 political and religious developments:
1. The emergence of the *Antichrist as man of peace*—he begins as a *regional leader* (Dan. 7:8).
  2. The emergence of a *10-nation confederation* that forms the basis for a *one-world government* (Rev. 17:12). The political, military, and economic alliances of these ten nations will provide the Antichrist with the greatest power and resource base of any leader in history.
  3. *Rebuilding of the ancient city of Babylon* on the Euphrates as a powerful economic and religious center (Isa. 13-14; Jer. 50-51; Rev. 17-18). Babylon, a city on the Euphrates River in Iraq, about 50 miles south of Baghdad will be restored and used by the Antichrist.

4. The establishment of new **worldwide religion** of great tolerance (Rev. 17) made up of people from different backgrounds including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc.
5. **Rebuilding of the temple** in Jerusalem and the reinstatement of animal sacrifices according to the law of Moses.

#### IV. WORLDWIDE COUNTERFEIT PEACE AND SAFETY: 2<sup>ND</sup> PROPHETIC TIME FRAME

- A. Counterfeit peace and safety (first half of the final 7 years of this age) initiated by the Antichrist establishing a *peace treaty* between Israel and the Islamic nations (Dan. 9:27; 1 Thes. 5:3).

<sup>2</sup>*For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.*  
<sup>3</sup>*For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains [Great Tribulation] upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. (1 Thes. 5:2-3)*

- B. The Antichrist will come on the world stage as man of peace who negotiates Middle East peace.

<sup>27</sup>*Then he [Antichrist] shall confirm a covenant [peace treaty] with many [Israel and Islamic nations] for one week [7-year period]; but in the middle of the week [after 3½ years] he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering [break the covenant with Israel]. (Dan. 9:27)*

- C. A worldwide religious and economic system called the **Harlot Babylon** will be established. The kings of the earth will participate in it. This will be a religion of toleration without absolutes.

- D. The death penalty will be instituted for hate crimes against the state—loyalty to Jesus (Rev. 17:6). At this time, believers will be hated by all nations for exposing the truth about her (Mt. 24:9).

<sup>6</sup>*I saw the woman [Harlot Babylon], drunk with the blood of the saints... (Rev. 17:6)*

<sup>9</sup>*They will...kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. (Mt. 24:9)*

- E. In the middle of the final 7 years of this age, the Harlot religion of tolerance will be replaced with Antichrist worship—a religion of intolerance—demanding that all worship the Antichrist. The ten kings that serve the Antichrist will hate her and will burn her at the beginning of Great Tribulation.

<sup>12</sup>*The ten horns which you saw are ten kings...<sup>16</sup>*The ten horns...on the Beast will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. (Rev. 17:12, 16)**

#### V. THE GREAT TRIBULATION: 3<sup>RD</sup> PROPHETIC TIME FRAME BEFORE JESUS RETURNS

- A. **The catalytic event:** The Antichrist's dramatic head wound and healing will be the catalyst event that launches the Antichrist into world prominence (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14). **The Antichrist is seemingly killed and healed**, causing the nations to worship him, overwhelmed with awe and wonder at him.

<sup>3</sup>And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast...<sup>8</sup>All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life... (Rev. 13:3-8)

- B. **Abomination of Desolation:** The Antichrist will declare himself to be God by setting up an idol (which is the abomination) that will stand in the Jerusalem temple.

<sup>15</sup>...when you see the abomination of desolation...<sup>16</sup>[if in Judea] flee to the mountains...<sup>21</sup>there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world... (Mt. 24:15-21)

<sup>3</sup>...the man of sin [Antichrist] is revealed...<sup>4</sup>[he] exalts himself above all that is called God...so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. (2 Thes. 2:3-4)

- C. The Antichrist shows himself as a man of war—war on Israel and the Church (Rev. 12:17; 13:7)

<sup>17</sup>And the dragon [Satan] was enraged with the woman [Israel], and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring [the saints], who...have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Rev. 12:17)

<sup>7</sup>It was granted to him [Antichrist] to make war with the saints and to overcome them. (Rev. 13:7)

- D. The **false prophet** will come to prominence (Rev. 13)—he will lead a worldwide **Antichrist religion** that will be cruel and strict. They will seek to kill all who refuse to worship him (Rev. 13:4-18).

<sup>13</sup>He [False Prophet] performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven...

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>He causes all...to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark... (Rev. 13:13-17)

- E. Michael the archangel will stand up or arise to action in the earthly sphere (Dan. 12:1; Rev 12:7-9). Satan and the demons are cast down to the earth resulting in an open heaven for the Church.

<sup>1</sup>At that time Michael shall stand up...there shall be a time of trouble... (Dan. 12:1)

<sup>7</sup>And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon [Satan]...

<sup>9</sup>Satan...was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him...<sup>12</sup>Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath... (Rev. 12:7-12)

- F. During this time, watch for two anointed prophets (Rev. 11:3-10) and 144,000 Jewish prophetic singers divinely sealed or protected by the power in the midst of the troubles (Rev. 7:3-4; 14:1-5).

<sup>3</sup>I will give power to my two witnesses...<sup>6</sup>These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.<sup>7</sup>When they finish their testimony, the beast... will kill them...<sup>10</sup>And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth. (Rev. 11:3-10)

## VI. JESUS' SECOND COMING: HIS ROYAL PROCESSION TO JERUSALEM

- A. Jesus will make a royal procession to His throne in Jerusalem, which will involve a **3-stage process** that includes many events. First, His procession will be **across the sky** on a cloud in great glory as He raptures the Church and is seen by every eye (Mt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7). Second, His procession will be **on the land** as He marches up through Jordan (Edom; Isa. 63:1-6) destroying His enemies. Third, His procession will be **into Jerusalem** (and the Mount of Olives) to be crowned King. This 3-stage process occurring over a **30-day period** which can be seen by comparing the 1,260-day time frame in Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5; Dan. 7:25; 9:27; 12:7 with the 1,290 days of Dan. 12:11.
- B. **Stage #1 Across the sky:** Jesus will be seen by every person—believers and unbelievers.  
*<sup>7</sup>Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him...and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him... (Rev. 1:7)*
- C. **Stage #2** Jesus' royal procession **on the land** as He marches through Edom or modern-day Jordan to destroy His enemies (Isa. 63:1-6, Hab. 3:12; cf. Ps. 45:3-5; 110:5-6) on His way to Jerusalem. The "winepress of God" extends about 185 miles—covering the entire land of Israel (Rev. 14:20)  
*<sup>1</sup>Who is this who comes from Edom [Jordan]...traveling in the greatness of His strength?...  
<sup>2</sup>Why is Your apparel red...? <sup>3</sup>I have trodden them [nations] in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. (Isa. 63:1-3)*  
*<sup>13</sup>He [Jesus] was clothed with a robe dipped in blood...<sup>15</sup> He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God...<sup>19</sup> I saw the beast [Antichrist], the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him [Jesus]...<sup>20</sup>The beast was captured and ... cast alive into the lake of fire...<sup>21</sup> The rest [kings of the earth] were killed with the sword... (Rev. 19:15-21)*  
*<sup>20</sup>And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles [4 feet], for one thousand six hundred furlongs [185 miles]. (Rev. 14:20)*
1. When Jesus comes to the Mount of Olives, the Israelite trapped by the mountain will flee.  
*<sup>2</sup>For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...half of the city shall go into captivity...<sup>3</sup>Then the LORD will...fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. <sup>4</sup>And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two...<sup>5</sup>Then you shall flee through My mountain valley...Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, and all the saints with You. (Zech. 14:2-5)*

2. As Jesus marches up through Edom (Jordan), He will function as the “greater Moses” as He releases the bowl judgments on the Antichrist, the “end-time Pharaoh,” and opens prison doors to liberate Jews in prison camps (Ps. 102:20; Isa. 27:12-13; 40:11; 42:7, 16, 22; 49:9-12, 21, 24-26; 61:1; Jer. 30:3, 8, 10, 17; 31:16, 23; Ezek. 39:23-29; Joel 3:1-2; Amos 9:14; Mic. 2:12-13; 4:6-7; Zeph. 3:19-20; Zech. 9:11-12; 10:10; 13:8; 14:2; Mt. 25:43; Lk. 21:24). The New Testament speaks of the Antichrist killing or imprisoning Christians and the Old Testament speaks of the Antichrist killing or imprisoning Jews in the end times.

D. **Stage #3: Jesus' procession into Jerusalem:** From the Mt of Olives Jesus will be invited by Israel's governmental leaders to rule them (Ps. 24:7-10; Zech. 14:4; Mt. 23:39), followed by His coronation.

E. The gates of Jerusalem will be opened to Jesus as they receive Him as their messianic King (Ps. 24:7-10; Mt. 23:39). The high point of history is when Jesus makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem in context to the greatest military conflict in history, to be celebrated as the Son of David in a coronation parade. Jesus will not forcibly take the kingship over Israel, but will wait until it is given to Him by those in positions of authority over the land.

***<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O you gates [Jerusalem]! The king of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this king of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle [Armageddon]. (Ps. 24:7-8)***

## **VII. MILLENNIAL KINGDOM: 1,000-YEARS OF UNPRECEDENTED BLESSING**

A. The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world in righteousness. Millennium comes from the Latin “*mille*”—a *thousand*. At this time, the kingdom of God will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (political, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, social institutions, media, families, arts, etc.). Jesus will establish righteousness and prosperity and will restore the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life to the conditions seen in the garden of Eden (Isa. 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25).

B. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to establish His kingdom over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God created the universe in two realms—**heaven** speaks of the spiritual realm where God's presence is openly manifested and **earth** speaks of the physical realm where human process and physical sensation reach their fullest expression.

***<sup>9</sup>Having made known to us the mystery of His will...<sup>10</sup>that He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. (Eph. 1:9-10)***

C. The New Jerusalem will come down to the earth (Rev. 3:12; 21:2, 10).

***<sup>12</sup>The New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Rev. 3:12)***

- D. There will be three types of people on earth when Jesus appears in the sky. The **redeemed** will be raptured at the time of Jesus' return. The **reprobate** who took the mark of the Beast will be judged. The **resisters**, the unsaved survivors of the tribulation who resisted the Antichrist, will need to be saved and will populate the millennial earth (Isa. 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 65:8; 66:19; Jer. 31:2).
- E. We see aspects of the natural and the supernatural dimensions operating together when Jesus appeared with His resurrected body to teach the apostles for 40 days (Jn. 20-21; Acts 1:3). The natural processes of life will continue alongside the supernatural aspects of resurrection life. There will be a need to establish infrastructure for every sphere of life in every city throughout the earth.
- F. The saints will make real decisions that will impact the quality of life for others. Reigning will be relational and not automated like robots that simply implement decisions sent from headquarters.
- <sup>6</sup>...they shall be priests of God...and shall reign with Him a thousand years. (Rev. 20:6)***
- G. Jesus will rule a kingdom that includes two types of kings—**the kings of the earth** (those with non-resurrected bodies) and **resurrected kings** (saints with resurrected bodies). Together they will establish a godly social order that will transform every sphere of society in the Millennium. In the Millennium, resurrected saints will reign with authority over the leaders living on earth with non-resurrected bodies, parallel to angels in this age being over leaders who live on earth.
- H. Jesus' government will progressively increase (Isa. 9:7). Social improvements, or the healing of the nations, will be progressive, not instantaneous. The infrastructure to govern each sphere of society will gradually increase in capacity, quality, and impact as leaders grow in wisdom and skill. It may take 1,000 years for righteousness to spread and mature in every sphere of society of every nation.
- <sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it...from that time forward, even forever. (Isa. 9:7)***