

INFUSION: Ready Or Not Here He Comes... Study of the End Times

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PART 4

The Agenda to the End Times

What is God's timeline for the End Times?

3. **The Rise of the Antichrist.** The Antichrist is the end-times false messiah who seeks, and likely achieves, world domination so that he can destroy Israel and all followers of Jesus Christ. The Antichrist's rise to power is associated with this time period.
 - a. After the church is taken out of the way (Rapture). A satanically empowered man will gain worldwide control with promises of peace
 - b. The Antichrist (the beast) will come into power and will sign a covenant with Israel for seven years (Daniel 9:27).
 - i. [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#)
 - ii. [Revelation 13:1-18](#)
 - iii. [Daniel 9:27](#)
 - c. The Antichrist will be aided by another man, called the false prophet, who heads up a religious system that requires worship of the Antichrist.
 - i. [Revelation 19:20](#)
 - d. The second half of the tribulation is known as "the great tribulation" and "the time of Jacob's trouble"
 - i. [Revelation 7:14](#)
 - ii. [Jeremiah 30:7](#)
4. **The Battle of Gog and Magog.** About halfway through the seven years, the Antichrist will break the peace covenant with Israel and make war against it.
 - a. According to Ezekiel, Magog will not win. God will intervene to preserve Israel. "There shall be a great earthquake" ([Ezekiel 38:19](#)), "every man's sword will be against his brother" (verse 21), and God "will pour down torrents of rain, hailstones and burning sulfur on [Gog] and on his troops and on the many nations with him" (verse 22). The result is that the nations will see God's greatness and holiness (verse 23). ([Ezekiel 38-39](#)).
5. **The Abomination of Desolation.** At the midway point of the seven-year tribulation, the Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel and shows his true colors.
 - a. The Jews are scattered, and many of them turn to the Lord, realizing that Jesus is their Savior.
 - b. A great persecution breaks out against all those who believe in Christ.
 - i. [Daniel 12:11](#); [Mark 13:14-20](#); [Revelation 12:17](#)
 - c. The Antichrist will commit "the abomination of desolation" and set up an image of himself to be worshiped in the Jerusalem temple which will have been rebuilt.
 - i. [Daniel 9:27](#); [2 Thessalonians 2:3-10](#)

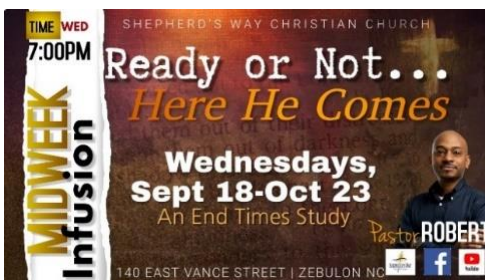
6. **The Battle of Armageddon.** At the end of the tribulation, Jesus returns with the armies of heaven. He saves Jerusalem from annihilation and defeats the armies of the nation's fighting under the banner of the Antichrist.
 - a. **Mark 14:62; Revelation 19:11–21**
 - i. The Antichrist and the false prophet are captured and thrown alive into the lake of fire
 1. **Revelation 19:20**
7. **The Judgment of the Nations.** Christ will judge the survivors of the tribulation, separating the righteous from the wicked as "sheep" and "goats". Those who showed faith in God by treating Israel favorably (giving them aid and comfort during the tribulation) are the "sheep" who will enter into the Millennial Kingdom. Those who followed the Antichrist's lead and persecuted Israel are the "goats" who will be consigned to hell.
 - a. **Matthew 25:31–46**
8. **The Binding of Satan.** Satan will be bound and held in a bottomless pit for the next 1,000 years. Satan no longer has influence over the inhabitants of the earth.
 - a. **Revelation 20:1–3**
9. **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.
 - a. Earth's Inhabitants During the Millennium. There will be two sets of people who inhabit the earth during the millennial kingdom, when Satan will be bound for a thousand years: those with glorified bodies, and those with earthly bodies. Those with earthly bodies will have lived through the tribulation period and into the millennial kingdom. Those with glorified bodies are the Church and the resurrected martyrs of the tribulation (Revelation 20:4–6). This resurrection is mentioned right after Satan is bound for a thousand years.
 - i. **Revelation 20:4-6**
 - b. Personal Choice in the Millennium. You might think that nothing could go wrong during these thousand years, since Satan has no power. However, even in the millennium, God will allow people to choose whether to accept Him or not. Those with earthly bodies will still be bearing children during the thousand years, and there will be many people who must make a choice.
 - i. **Isaiah 60–62**
 - c. Memorial sacrifices will be offered in a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem
 - i. **Ezekiel 40–48**
10. **The Last Battle.** At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be released from his prison (the Abyss) for a short time. He will deceive the nations once again, and there will be a rebellion against the Lord. The rebellion is short-lived, for "fire came down from heaven and devoured them that will be quickly defeated."
 - a. **Revelation 20:7–10**
 - i. Satan will be cast into the lake of fire, never to reappear.

11. **The Great White Throne Judgment.** All those in hell will be brought forth, and all the wicked from all eras of history will be resurrected to stand before God in a final judgment

- a. **Revelation 20:11–15**
 - i. The verdicts are read, and all of sinful humanity is cast into the lake of fire.
- b. Some believe this is the time when we will judge angels. *The judgment of angels*
 - i. **1 Corinthians 6:2–3; Jude 1:6**

12. **The New Creation.** God completely remakes the heavens and the earth. It is at this time that God wipes away all tears and there will be no more pain, death, or sorrow. The New Jerusalem descends from heaven, and the children of God will enjoy eternity with Him.

- a. **Revelation 21:1-27; Revelation 22:1-21**



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Part 5

The Application for the End Times

How do we prepare for the End Times?

There are 3 responses we should have for the End Times.

1. **Submit to the Word of God.** We are to obey God's word for us to live like we are ready for the Lord's coming.
 - a. **Mark 13:33-37; 1 Peter 4:7-11**
2. **Share the Salvation of God.** We have been called to proclaim the message of God. The message of God's salvation and the truth of His second coming need to be proclaimed for all to hear, especially to those who don't yet believe. We must give everyone the chance to turn to God and be saved from His coming wrath.
 - a. **Revelation 22:10**
3. **Serve the People of God.** All believers should be diligent about carrying out God's will and performing good works. Part of Christ's judgments will be of the works performed by believers. They do not determine a Christian's acceptance into heaven, but they do show what each believer did with the gifts given to him or her by God. Paul says of this judgment, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad"
 - a. **2 Corinthians 5:10**

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Study Idea: When we know what God is planning, we can live with expectation and faith, not fear.

