



A Review of the Major Events in the Last Days

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Major Events in the Last Days

1. "Birth Pains" (Now)

- A. We are seeing a time of apostasy—a falling away from God's Word.
- B. We are seeing a time of anarchy—sin, wars, earthquakes, epidemics, etc.
- C. We are seeing a time of apathy—inside and outside the church.
- D. We are seeing a time of affliction—persecution, church will be hated, etc.
- E. We are seeing a time of accomplishment—the gospel shared and received.

Matthew 24:6-8, NLT - "And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately. 7 Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. 8 But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.

2. The Rapture

- A. The word "rapture" comes from the Greek word, *harpozo*, meaning "to rescue, snatch up, to be caught up quickly by force."
- B. The Bible clearly teaches a future "rapture of the church."
- C. Pastor Joe believes in a pretribulation rapture: *Here's why...*
 - i. A pretribulation rapture is built on the promises of Scripture.
 - ii. The church is conspicuously absent from Rev. 5-19.
 - iii. The 'known day' (Rapture) vs. the 'unknown day' (Second Coming)
 - iv. There are stark differences between the rapture vs. second coming.

At the rapture....

The saints meet Christ in the air
The Mt. of Olives is untouched
Living saints are "changed"
The saint's body goes to Heaven
Christ comes for the saints

At the second coming...

Christ returns to the earth with the saints
The Mt. of Olives is touched
Saints are not changed
The Saint's body comes to Earth
Christ comes with the saints

- v. There is no reason for Christians to be on earth during the tribulation.

The tribulation has three purposes:

1. To bring the Nation of Israel to repentance.
2. To reach gentiles open to the gospel.
3. To bring judgment to those not-open to the gospel.

- vi. The Christian's judgment was at calvary (not in the tribulation).

D. We don't not know when the Rapture will come (but it will be soon).

Nobody knows the time, so don't waste the time trying to figure out the time, but be ready all the time, because Jesus could come at any time. - Dr. Ed Hindson

E. We must be ready for this.

3. The Seven Year Tribulation

A. The First 3 ½ years

- i. It begins shortly after the rapture of the church.
- ii. The Antichrist will establish a 7-year treaty with Israel.
- iii. The Two witnesses begin their ministry of prophesy.

B. The Jewish Temple will be rebuilt and the 'sacrificial system' restored.

C. The Seven Seals of Judgment begin.

- Seal 1: The Rider on the White Horse—deception by a false Christ.
- Seal 2: The Rider on the Red Horse—Destruction by War.
- Seal 3: The Rider of the Black Horse—Devastation by Famine.
- Seal 4: The Rider on the Pale Horse—Devastation by Death.
- Seal 5: The Martyred Tribulation Saints—Devastation by Persecution.
- Seal 6: A Great Earthquake—Devastation by Terror.
- Seal 7: Beginning of the Trumpet Judgment.

D. The Seven Trumpet Judgments begin.

Trumpet 1: One-third of the vegetation is destroyed.

Trumpet 2: One-third of the sea will turn into blood.

Trumpet 3: One-third of the waters are contaminated.

Trumpet 4: One-third of the sky is darkened.

Trumpet 5: The 'first woe'—locust plague the earth.

Trumpet 6: The 'second woe'—an army of 200k destroy 1/3 of earth.

Trumpet 7: The 'third woe'—beginning of seven bowl judgments.

E. **Midway point:** Antichrist and the devil begin a 42 month cartel, the two witnesses are killed and resurrected, the Antichrist declares himself to be God, Israel flees, the false prophet joins forces with the Antichrist, mark of the beast (666) will be implemented and the 144,000 witnesses are commissioned.

F. The Second 3½ Years

i. One world religion and one world order is implemented.

ii. The 144,000 begin their ministry

iii. Half of the world's population will die during these 7 years.

G. The Very End of the Tribulation.

i. The Battle of Armageddon will take place against Israel.

ii. God will intervene and Satan will be bound for 1,000 years.

4. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (at the same time the 7-year Tribulation is happening on earth, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is happening in heaven.)

A. Similar to the Jewish Wedding Customs of old, the Church will be presented to Christ—*formally*—in Heaven.

B. Magnificent Music will be heard—*Hallelujah!*

C. The Beautiful Bride, the church, will be presented—*Hallelujah!*

D. The Glorified Groom, Jesus Christ, will be presented—*Hallelujah!*"

"And after these things, I heard a great voice of much people in Heaven, saying, salvation and glory, and honor, and power unto the Lord our God...and He shall reign forever and ever, Hallelujah!" (cf., Rev. 19)

E. At the End of the Supper Celebration, the saints will witness the rescue of Israel.

5. The Battle of Armageddon

A. Gog (Russia) and Magog (it's leader) will invade Israel during the 7-year trib.

B. Nations will rise up against Israel.

C. The Antichrist will develop a coalition of nations to battle against Israel.

D. The Angels of Heaven intervene; the Saints of Heaven get to see it all.

E. Jesus Christ will come to the earth, a second time, to lead in this battle to save His Chosen Children (Israel)—*once and for all.*

6. The Second Coming of Christ

A. We looked at the Certainty of His coming—He's coming.

B. We looked at the Manner of His coming—*Harpozo!*

Visible • Sudden • Triumphant • Sovereign (to both comfort and confront)

C. Timing of His Coming—we still don't know when He is coming!

D. Our attitude toward His Second Coming—be ready, working and holy.

E. **The Events of the Second Coming:** Christ will touch down on the Mt. of Olives, enter the Eastern Gate, Destroy His enemies, gather and bless His people, reign as King of Kings and confine the Devil and the Antichrist for 1,000 years.

F. He will establish His earthly Kingdom for a literal one-thousand years.

G. Earth will be as God intended it to be (like in the Garden of Eden)

7. The Millennial Reign

A. The purpose of the Millennial reign is so God can keep His promises to Israel, His Son, Believers, and Creation.

B. Satan will be bound.

C. There will be a new fruitful earth.

D. The ferocious nature of animals and their instincts will be changed.

E. There will be no more war.

F. These will be a longer lifespan for unbelievers who lived through the 7-year Tribulation—and their Children.

G. The Saints will reign with Christ over the nations of Earth.

H. Jerusalem shall be the center for Worship of Christ.

I. Our physical bodies will be perfect.

J. It will be life on Earth—just as God intended it to be. (It will be perfect and glorious.)



8. The Great White Throne Judgment

A. This is a final judgment of all unbelievers.

B. The scene is a courtroom

Great White Throne, the judge-Jesus Christ, the accused (lost), The Evidence (as recorded in the Book of Deeds), there will be no defense. There will be a verdict and a sentence. It will not go well for those who have rejected Christ as Lord.

C. Satan will be bound.

D. Hell, in a formal sense, will begin

i. Hell is an actual place of horrendous suffering that lasts forever.

ii. God will allow people to choose hell—if they want. (He is holy, sin is black, and God has many attributes besides love—like 'holiness.')

9. Heaven

A. Heaven, also called "the eternal state," is real, perfect, and is filled with God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, all believers and the angels.

B. Heaven will NOT be filled with the following: There will be no more sea (nothing to separate us); tears (nothing to sadden us); death (nothing to take our lives away); mourning (nothing to grieve us); crying (nothing to break our hearts); PAIN (nothing to hurt us); Thirst (nothing to long for); wickedness (nothing to defile us); no temple, for God is its temple (no more wondering where God is); no more night (nothing to scare us); closed gates (nothing to distance us from God/family); and no more curse (to keep us from what God intended)—*this will never change!*