

# Eschatology and the Book of Revelation

## Topics and Schedule

1. Jan 17 A Brief Biblical World History Pointing to Messiah (various verses)
2. Jan 24 Author, Nature, and Purpose of the Revelation (Rev 1)
3. Jan 31 Letters to the Seven Churches on Earth (Rev 2-3)  
Feb 7 -Break-
4. Feb 14 The Rapture (John 14:1-4, 1 Cor 15:51-54, 1 Thes. 4:13-17)
5. Feb 21 John is shown Heaven, and Christ is found worthy (Rev 4-5)
6. Feb 28 Tribulation: The Seal Judgements (Rev 6-7)
7. Mar 6 Tribulation: The Trumpet Judgements (Rev 8-11)
8. Mar 13 Tribulation: The Bowl Judgements and Babylon Revealed (Rev 12-18)
9. Mar 20 The Return of Christ and Armageddon (Rev 19)
10. Mar 27 The Millennial Kingdom (Rev 20:1-6)  
Apr 3 -Break-
11. Apr 10 Final Rebellion (Rev 20:7-10)
12. Apr 17 Great White Throne of Judgment (Rev 20:11-15)
13. Apr 24 Heaven – the Eternal State (Rev 21-22)

## Ten Prophecies about Messiah (there are over 300 fulfilled by Jesus)

<u>Prophecy</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Fulfilment</u>
Messiah would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Mat 2:1 Luke 2:4-6
Christ's Triumphant Ride into Jerusalem on a Colt	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:12-15, Mat 28:8-11
Rejection of Christ by His Own People	Isaiah 53:1-3	John 1:10-11, John 12:37-38
Jesus was Silent before His Accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Mark 15:5
The Soldiers Cast Lots for his garments	Psalms 22:17-18	John 19:23
Not One of His Bones Would be Broken	Numbers 9:12	John 19:31-37
They Would Pierce His Hands and Feet	Psalms 22:14-16	Mat 27:35, Luke 24:39
Jesus Will Die as a Sacrifice for Our Sins	Isaiah 53:5-6	1 Peter 2:24
Jesus was Buried in a Rich Man's Tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Mat 27:57-60
Jesus Would Rise from the Dead	Psalms 16:10	Mat 28:6

## Brief history of the world, and the Jewish nation (all dates are approx.)

- 4004 BC The six days of Creation (Irish Bishop James Ussher, 17<sup>th</sup> century)
- 2350 BC Global Flood (James Ussher)
  - <https://web.stanford.edu/~meehan/donnelly/bibchron.html#:~:text=In%20this%20way%2C%20Bishop%20Ussher,the%20date%20at%202459%20BC>.
- 2000 BC, Abraham leaves Ur of the Chaldees. The age of “the PATRIARCHS” begins
- 1446 BC the year of the Exodus
- 1406 BC Conquering the Holy Land, the Tabernacle
- 966 BC Solomon begins building the temple
- 586 BC Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon captured Israel, Solomon’s temple destroyed
- 539 BC Persia conquered Babylon
- 516 BC the second temple was completed (see Ezra)

- Then the Greeks took over until 140 BC, when the Maccabean revolt ejected them
- 37 BC King Herod gave the temple an extreme makeover with inlaid gold everywhere, and a large wall surrounding the courtyard. IT WAS OPULENT!
- 27 BC, Rome ruled in Israel
- 33 AD Pilate crucified Jesus
- 66 AD The Jewish revolt, Jews fled to Masada
- 69 AD The siege of Jerusalem by the Romans
- 70 AD Herod's Temple was destroyed in 70 AD setting fire to scaffolding.
  - The only remains of the Temple: The (Western) Wailing (crying) Wall
- 72-73 AD The siege of Masada

### **Traditional Jewish wedding parallels to His Church**

- The Bridegroom chooses his bride and pledges himself to her.
- The Bridegroom pays the bride price for his bride to *her* father (who is her father in our context?).
- The Bridegroom returns to His Father's house to prepare a place for his bride.
- The wedding doesn't happen until the father says it's time.
- The bridegroom waits, patiently, preparing.
- When the Father gives his word, without warning the shophar is blown.
- The wedding party goes to collect the bride and carry her away (literally catches her up).
- Then follows the wedding feast (only the invited guests).

### **What are the next major events in the biblical calendar?**

- The Rapture of the Church (everything is in place for this to happen) Nothing is lacking!
  - Why do we believe the church will not go through the tribulation?
    - Historical precedent. The righteous are saved from judgement.
      - The Flood of Noah.
      - Sodom and Gomorrah
      - *Rev 3:10 (NLT), "Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world."*
- Tribulation (7 years, divided as 3 ½ and 3 ½), the days will be cut short "for the sake of the elect".
- Armageddon – all unbelievers are killed by Christ by only speaking the Word.
- Satan and his angels thrown into the abyss for 1000 years.
- Those surviving the Tribulation pass into the Millennial Kingdom, we reign with Christ on earth.
- We will all reign with Him in His Kingdom on earth for 1000 years.
- Satan released once again, final battle, the Great White Throne of Judgment.
- Satan is bound forever, along with all unbelievers in the Lake of Fire.
- The current Universe is then completely burned up (it melts with fervent heat – 2 Pet 3:10)
- New Heavens and a new Earth, and the New Jerusalem, known as the eternal state.

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