

NOTES

~ The end of Our World ~

Review:

- We walked away from God
- God's covenant through Noah, Abraham, and Moses
- God's covenant with mankind through Jesus a final sacrifice

Salvation of Israel: return of His 'bride' in the last days (Jeremiah 23:3-8)

Salvation of those in covenant with Jesus: Jew and non-Jew alike

- Enter into covenant with Him (**Matthew 26:28**; 1Corinthians 11:25-26)
- We're in a betrothal awaiting the marriage supper (**Matthew 26:29**)

Sequence of events from Jesus' time to the gathering for the marriage supper in heaven (gleaned from a sequential and literal read of ALL end-times Scripture):

- Events that will increase in frequency and intensity as the end draws near (**Matthew 24:1-8** and **Revelation 6:1-6**):
 - False Messiahs
 - War and removal of peace from the earth
 - Famine, earthquake, and plagues
- Events of the end:
 - Seven-year agreement between Israel and other nations broken in the middle
 - Three-and-a-half year authority of the Antichrist; God's people, (Jew and non-Jew) under incredible tribulation
 - Rescuing of Jesus' followers; God's wrath against the rest (**Matthew 24:27-31**; **1Thessalonians 4:16-17**; Revelation 6:12-17)
- Marriage supper of the Lamb of God (**Revelation 19:7-9**)

Our hope: Confidence in a future appearing of our savior to rescue and transform us for eternal life with Him (**2Peter 3:13**; **Revelation 21:1-4**)

Judgment: all will face judgment; some for reward, some for destruction (**2Corinthians 5:10**; **Matthew 25:31-46**; **Revelation 20:11-15**)

What now? Seek the kingdom of heaven and enter into covenant with God through Jesus and be obedient out of faith (Matthew 6:31-33; **Matthew 22:36-40**; John 14:21; James 2:14-26)

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“for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.” —Matthew 26:28.

“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.” —Matthew 26:29.

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you.”—Matthew 24:1-4.

“For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.” —Matthew 24:5.

Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. —Revelation 6:1-2.

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.” But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. —Matthew 24:6-8.

When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.” —Revelation 6:3-6.

“just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. . . . But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL** from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. —Matthew 24:27-31.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. —1Thessalonians 4:16-17.

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.” —Revelation 19:7-9.

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. —2Peter 3:13.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” —Revelation 21:1-4.

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. —2Corinthians 5:10.

All the nations will be gathered before Him; . . . Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. . . Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ —Matthew 25:31-43.

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. —Revelation 20:11-15.

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him “‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 22:36-40.