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ACTS 17:11

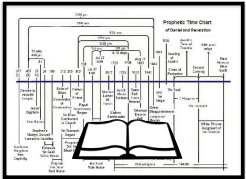
2 Peter 3:3-11
Lesson #11
The Day of the Lord
11/28/2021

(Typical Bible Church) Annual Conferences



Spiritual life





Prophecy



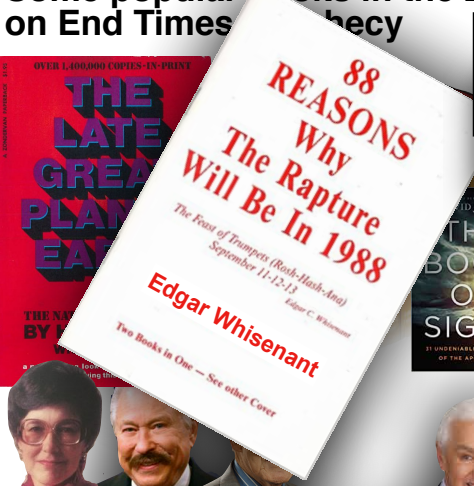


World Missions




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Some popular books in the 20th cent. on End Times prophecy



Too much attention goes to explaining obscure signs and not enough to clear ethical implications.






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Predicted dates of Christ's return and the END

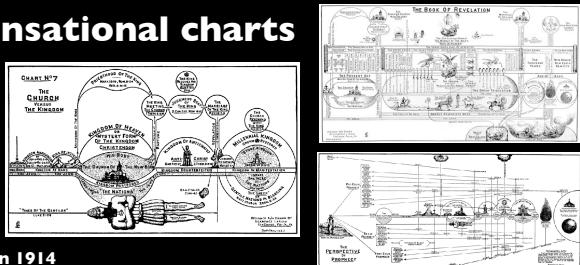
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365	1544	1789	1890	1958	1997 '8
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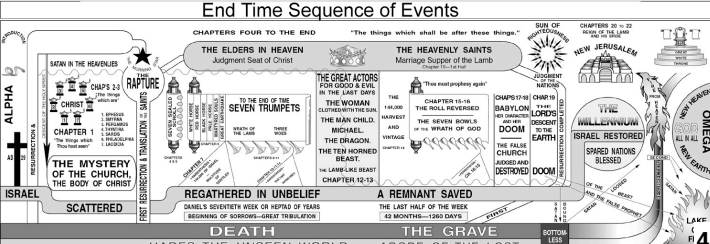
Dispensational charts



Clarence Larkin 1914




End Time Sequence of Events



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2 Peter Finding our way as aliens in this World

Salutation	Three aspects of staying on track.		
Faith and the faith	Cultivate a mature faith in sync with Scripture.	Control your expectations and responses.	Clarify true and false hope.
1:1-4	1:5-15 1:16-21	2:1-22	3:1-18
	Holiness	Heresy	Hope



Alien life coaching

Christian aliens need to avoid pitfalls as they look forward to Christ's return.

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Review

2 Peter 2

“1 But false prophets also appeared among the people, just as there will also be **false teachers among you**, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 **Many will follow their indecent behavior**, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;”

1. Don't be surprised when the Christian faith is **convincingly contested, confused, and criticized**.

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2 Peter 3

“3 Know this first of all, that in the last days **mockers** will come with their mocking, 4 following after their own lusts, and saying, “**Where is the promise of His coming?**” For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as *they were* from the beginning of creation.””

Fundamentalists
“it's the end”

“We are the terminal generation!”

Critics
“it's smoke & mirrors”

“This message of “hope” is a joke”

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5 For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the **word of God** *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water. 7 But **by His word** the present heavens and earth are being **reserved** for fire, kept for the day of judgment and **destruction** of ungodly people.”

2. Don't jump to “conclusions” **with respect to God's timing of the end of days**.

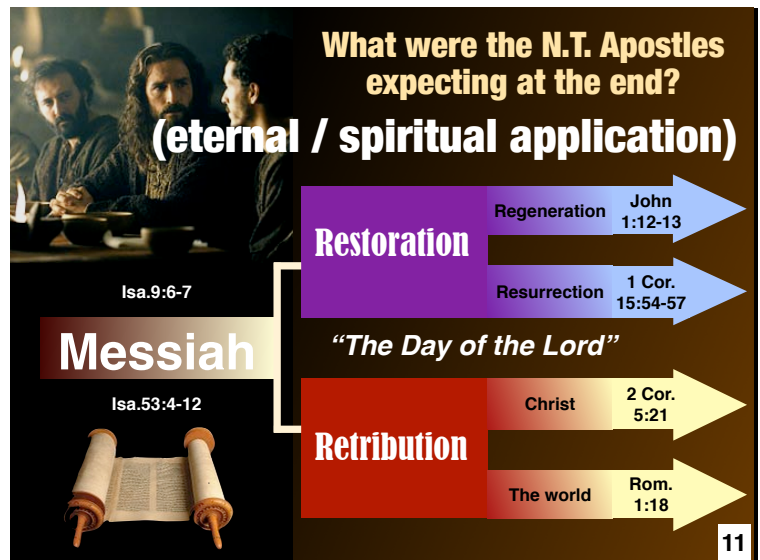
The “2nd coming of Christ” is **not imminent**.

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8 But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. 9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is **patient** toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance. 10 But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and **the earth and its works will be burned up**.”

3. Don't lose sight of **God's patience & grace** as you watch & wait for Christ's return.

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A Chronological progression of the "End Times" is found in Matthew 24-25.

Matt. 24:3 "what will be the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

24:4-14
"The beginning of birth pangs"

- ✓ False Christs will come
- ✓ Wars & rumors of wars
- ✓ Famine & earthquakes
- ✓ Believers hated by all
- ✓ Conflict within the ch.
- ✓ False prophets
- ✓ Many are mislead
- ✓ Increased lawlessness
- ✓ Love will grow cold
- ✓ World evangelism

24:15-28
"The Great Tribulation"

- ✓ "Abomination of desolation"
- ✓ Unparalleled tribulation
- ✓ False signs

24:29-31



2nd coming of Christ

25:31-46



Judgment day

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4. Don't read the Bible superficially.



- Is it enough just to **pray** that the Spirit will lead?
- Is it enough to just trust and follow the **leaders**?
- Is it an encyclopedia of **proof texts**?
- Should we take it **literally**, **literarily**, or **allegorically**?
- What should we learn from **historical criticism**?



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Biblical genres, styles, contexts, etc.



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Respecting the cultural / literary genre of what you are reading.

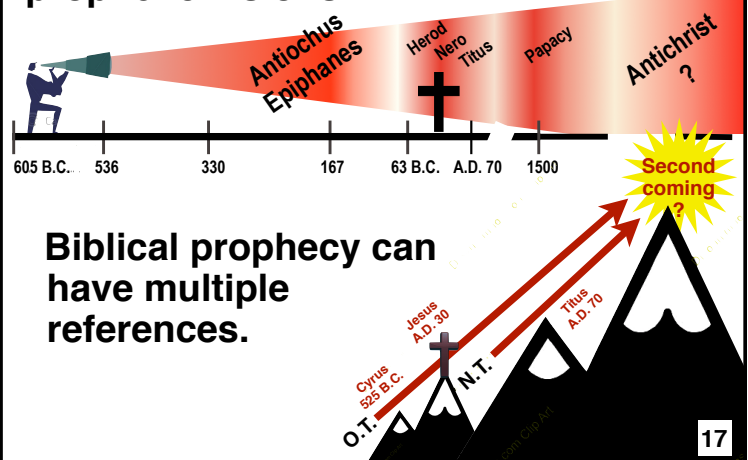


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Apocalypse (to reveal) is a genre of literature that offers comfort and assurance to God's people in a time of great trouble. It employs **dramatic symbols and figures from dreams** of the final culmination of history where God intervenes to save His people. The O.T. book of **Daniel** and the N.T. book of **Revelation** are examples.

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Timeline of events for Daniel's prophetic visions



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Acts 2

“15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 “And it shall be in the last days,” God says, “That I will **pour forth of My Spirit** upon all mankind; . . .

20 The **sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood**, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.””

Many O.T. prophetic references to Messiah **mix Jesus’ 1st advent and 2nd advent.**
(Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:14-21, Rev.6:12, 8:12).

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Isaiah 7:14

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign; Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call his name Immanuel.”

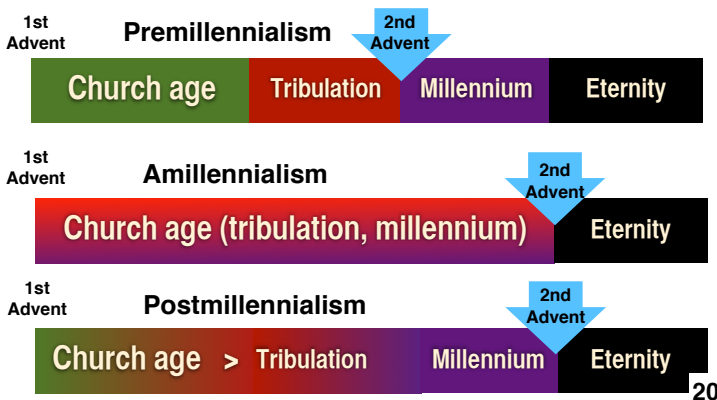
Many commentators recognize a dual fulfillment of this prophesy:

in **Isaiah’s day**
(Isa.8:3-4),

at **Jesus’ birth**
(Matt.1:23)

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5. Don’t divide the Body of Christ over differing interpretations of prophetic texts.



General observations

1. Christians are to be attentive to prophetic events.
2. **Looking forward, circumstances are to get worse, not better for the world and the church.**
3. There is a lot of attention given to signs, anticipation, preparation, and stewardship.
4. The stewardship has to do with spreading the Word and living the Way of the Cross.
NOTE: The subject of next weeks lesson
5. We are not responsible for, and cannot change two things
 - **When the Lord returns**
 - **Producing the promised kingdom of peace & justice before its time and without its King.**

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Bereans should:

1. **EXPECT** the Christian faith to be **convincingly contested, confused, and criticized.**
2. **RESPECT God’s timing** with regard to prophetic issues.
3. **WELCOME God’s patience & grace** as you watch & wait for Christ’s return.
4. **READ** the Bible **contextually & carefully.**
5. **UNITE** the Body of Christ in spite of **differing interpretations of prophetic texts.**

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It’s not what we don’t understand in the Bible that should bother us **but rather the things we do understand and fail to take seriously.**

Who do we **trust**?
What is our **hope**?
Why should we **love**?

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A bishop then must be ... apt to teach 1 Timothy 3:2

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