

## A Brief & Limited Q & A Aid to Clarify Eschatology

### Final Days: Cues & Clues

- How can we tell which prophecy has already been fulfilled and which is yet to be fulfilled in the final days?

- The details of the prophecy in its entirety have not yet occurred.
- Phrases like "the day of the Lord" and "in the last days" will be used in the text.
- A sense of finality, compassion or an eternal state will be introduced within the text.
- Christ will reign on the earth as Lord and King of all the earth.

### Millennium Reign: Cues & Clues

-How can we tell the difference between the millennial reign of Christ and the eternal state? (compare Rev 20 with Rev 21; 1 Cor 15.24-5 with 15.26-8)

- The Millennium is focused on Christ reign as King on earth.
- The nations in the Millennium are seen as subservient to Israel and their King.
- In the Millennium: Death still exist; punishment, sacrifice & weeping still exist on earth; the earth and the luminaries are not new (although they are changed); a temple exist; rebellious hearts and spirits have not been eradicated; heaven and earth are not enjoined as one; time still exist.

### Beginning Signs: Cues & Clues (2 Tim 3; Matt 24.3-; 2 Thess 2)

What events mark the beginning of the final days?

- Perilous times;
- a noticeable increase in war, hatred & lawlessness
- the man of lawlessness is revealed.

In what order do the events of the final days of earth as we know it occur?

(Note: The Rapture for the believers is imminent- 1 Cor 15.51,52; 1 Thess 4.16,17; 5.4-9)

- The final kingdom of man will shift from a cohesive monarchy (with an identifiable nationality) to an in-cohesive amalgamated groups of peoples with a plurality of leadership.  
(Note: This kingdom will be different than the kingdoms before it  
(Dan 2.36-45; 7.23,24)

- The popularity of Christ will grow to the extent that many will come in His name to deceive and mislead (Matt 24.3-12): Hearing wars & rumors of wars; Nation will rise against nation; Famines & earthquakes in various places; Christians hated by all

nations;

Many will fall away from Christ; Deliver one another up & hate one another; Lawlessness increase; Most peoples' love will grow cold.

- Covenant made. 1 period of sevens or 7 years (Dan 9.27)
- Abomination of Desolation (Matt 24.15; Dan 7.8,25; 9.27; 2 Thess 2.3,4; Rev 13.4-6)
- Great Tribulation unparalleled (Matt 24.21; Dan 12.1)
- Christ comes (after Tribulation) (Matt. 24.29; Rev 19)
- Christ Reigns (Rev 20.1-6)
- Final Judgment (Rev 21.7-15)

-Eternal State (Rev 21 & 22)

(Note: Though much clarity is given about the signs of the last days, a sense of ambiguity about the Lord's coming will persist to the end - Matt 24.42-50; Acts 1.6,7; Mark 13.33-37)

What is the purpose of the Tribulation?

- To bring an end to the time of the Gentiles (Lk 21.24; Rev 19.15,19)
- To reveal the degradation of man (Rev 6)
- To reveal the spiritual forces of evil (Rev 9)
- To avenge the blood of the Saints (Rev 6.9-11; 14.9-12; 2 Thess 1.6-10)
- To purge the remnant of Israel (Isa 10.20-23; Joel 2.28-32; Rms 11.25-28)

What is the purpose of the Millennium?

- To vindicate Israel & their Christ before the nations (Zeph 1.14-2.11; Zech 14; Isa 60; 62.1- 5. Note the question in Acts 1.6)
- To convey to the world Christ' authority, power & glory (Isa 2.2-4; 66.15-24)
- To fulfill the promises given to Israel (Isa 65.18-25; Micah 4.6-8; Ezek 39.21-29)
- To clear God's good name (Ezek 36.16-38)
- To reveal why heaven cannot exist among men though evil may be controlled & suppressed by the righteous King (Rev 20.7-10; Zech 12.14-21)
- To reveal the need of a changed heart over a changed government (Ps 66.1-4; 2 Pet 3.12,13; Col 1.9-23)

## REVELATION OUTLINE - The Unveiling (For the Church)

1 - Unveiling Christ Position & Posture

2 & 3 - Unveiling Christ Intimacy & Involvement with the Church

4 & 5 - Unveiling Heaven's Heart & Hope for Creation

6 - Unveiling Earth's Hostile Influence & Evil Condition

6b & 7 - Unveiling the Sealed & the Slain of the Lamb

8 & 9 - Unveiling Spiritual Forces in Heavenly & Subterranean Places

10 & 11 - Unveiling the Sweet Deception & Bitter Destruction of Forces Above & Below

11 - Unveiling the Power of God to Preserve & Recompense

12 - Unveiling the Intense Love God has for His Beloved & the Bitter Hatred Satan has To Them

13 - Unveiling Satan's Plan to Deceive & Destroy

14 - Unveiling the Lamb's Power to Save Those Who Are His & God's Wrath Upon All Who Are Not

15 - Unveiling the Divine Power Ignited by the Testimony & Praise of the Faithful

16,17,18 - Unveiling God's Righteous Indignation Upon the Loathsome & the Malignant

16,17,18 - Unveiling the Twisted & Manipulative Love/Hate Relationship Between Satan & the World

19 - The Unveiling of the Marriage of Lamb & His Judgment as King of Kings and Lord of Lords

20 - Unveiling Christ Reign, Man's Depravity & God's Judgment

21-22 - The Unveiling of Man's Eternal Dwelling Place With God; Prt 1 - What Will Not Be Prt 2 - What Will Be Prt 3 - What Will Be Coming

22.6-9 - Unveiling the Power of Divine Prophecy- The Power to: Affirm Sovereign Inspiration, Stimulate Expectant Jubilation, Instill Enthralling Adoration

22.10-15 -Unveiling the Need for an Abrupt & Total Change: Time is Near, Change is Hard, Reward is Unilateral, Consequence is Comprehensive & Final

22.16-21 Unveiling Christ' Role in Eschatology: The One Sending; The One Longed For; The One In Mind; The One Coming

