



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

in a moment, in the **twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.  
(1 Corinthians 15:52)

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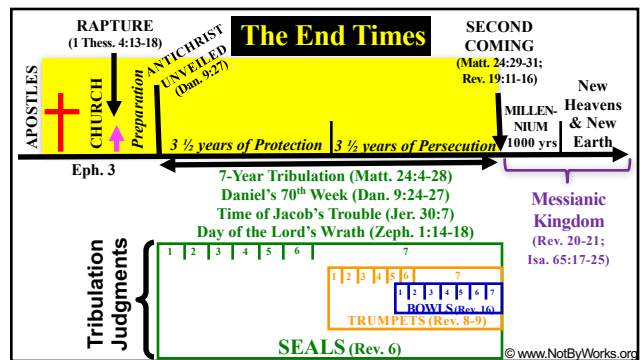
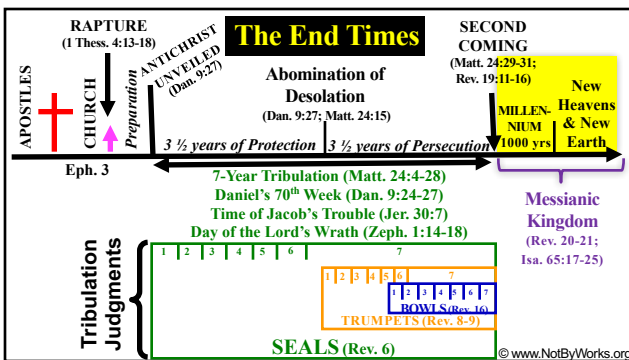
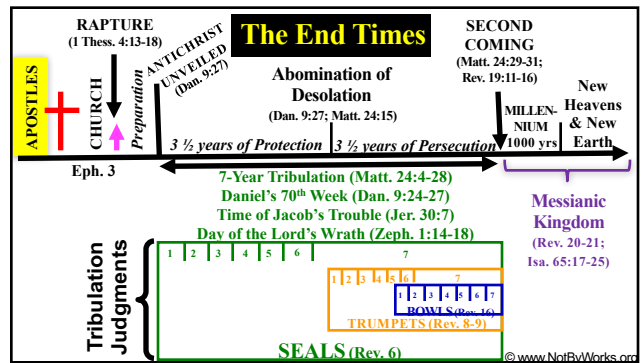
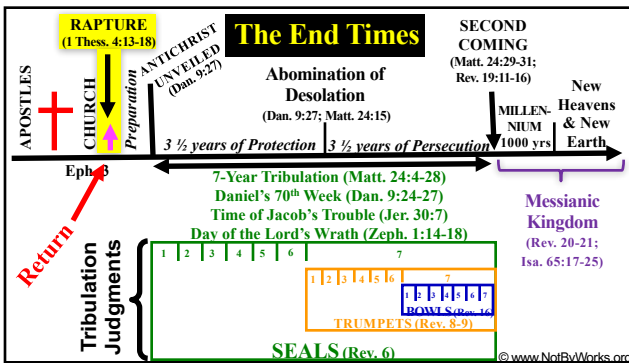
**For Those Who are Caught Up**




Those Who are **Caught Up** will Experience:

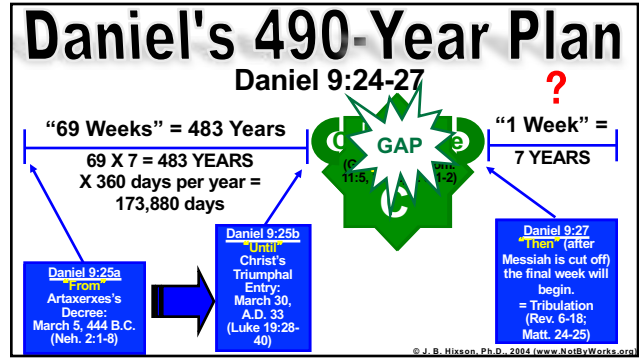
1. A Long-Awaited *Return*








Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because **they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately.**  
(Luke 19:11)




Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, **“Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**  
(Acts 1:6)




And He said to them, **“It is not for you to know times or seasons** which the Father has put in His own authority.”  
(Acts 1:7)



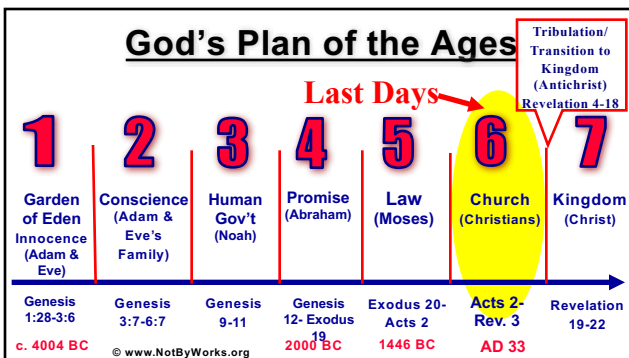
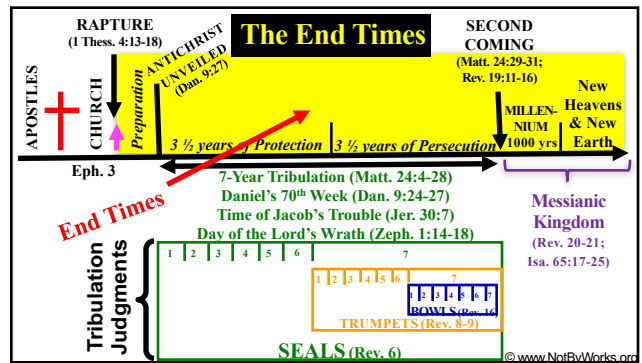
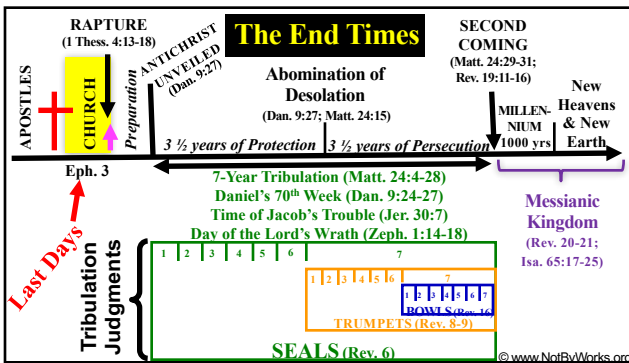
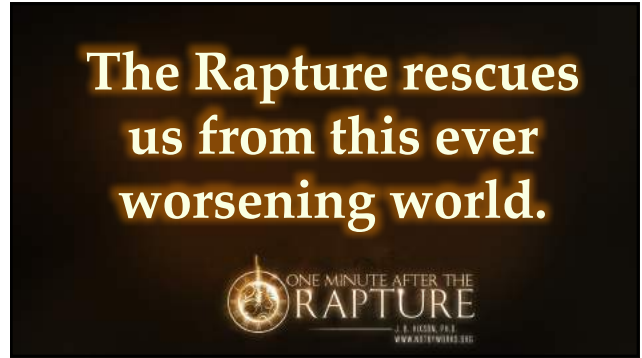
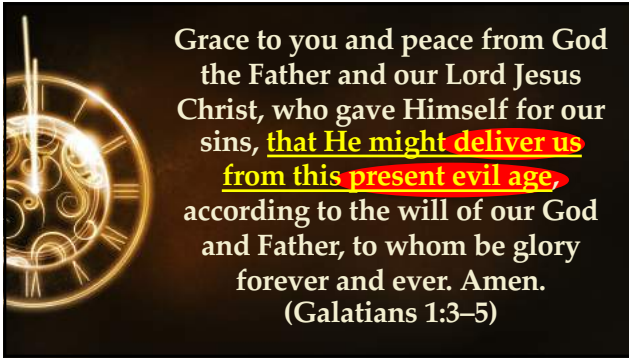
who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner** as you saw Him go into heaven.”  
(Acts 1:11)


Those Who are **Caught Up** will Experience:

1. A Long-Awaited *Return*
2. A Timely *Rescue*




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But **evil men** and impostors will grow **worse and worse**, deceiving and being deceived.  
(2 Timothy 3:13)





We know that we are of God, and **the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**  
(1 John 5:19)




And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "**From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.**"  
(Job 1:7)

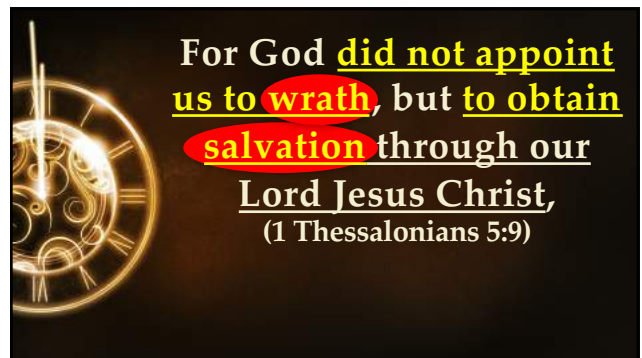
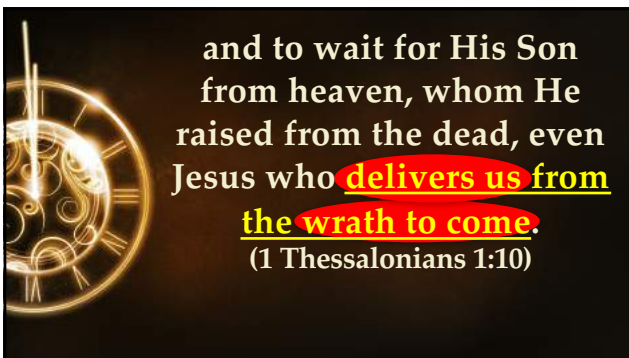
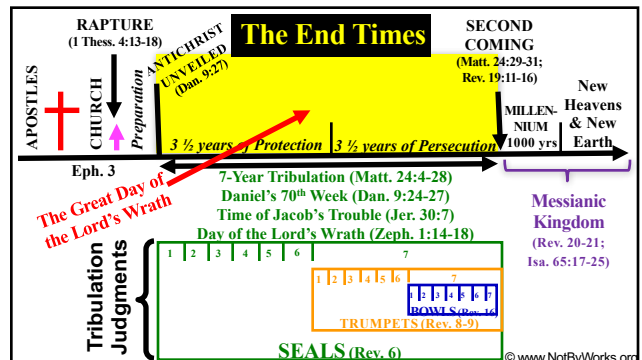
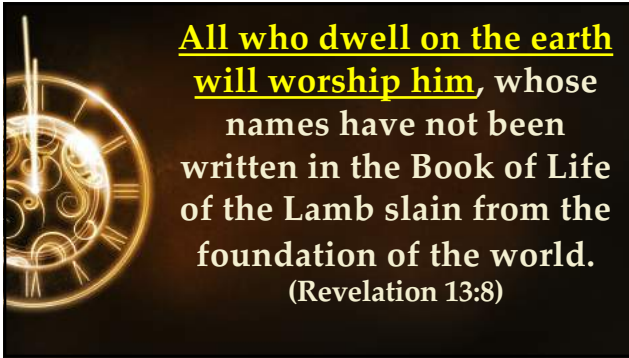
**The earth is Satan's playground!**



For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but **against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age**, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.  
(Ephesians 6:12)



It was granted to him **to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.  
(Revelation 13:7)



The Rapture rescues us  
from wrath of God *and*  
the wrath of Satan.



“Therefore rejoice, O heavens,  
and you who dwell in them!  
Woe to the inhabitants of  
the earth and the sea! For the  
devil has come down to you,  
having great wrath, because  
he knows that he has a  
short time.”

(Revelation 12:12)



And the dragon was enraged  
with the woman, and he went  
to make war with the rest of  
her offspring, who keep the  
commandments of God and  
have the testimony of Jesus  
Christ.

(Revelation 12:17)

Those Who are *Caught Up* will Experience:

1. A Long-Awaited *Return*
2. A Timely *Rescue*
3. A Physical *Renewal*




Now this I say, brethren, that flesh  
and blood cannot inherit the  
kingdom of God; nor does  
corruption inherit incorruption.  
Behold, I tell you a mystery: We  
shall not all sleep, but we shall all  
be changed—

(1 Corinthians 15:50–51)



in a moment, in the  
twinkling of an eye, at the  
last trumpet. For the  
trumpet will sound, and  
the dead will be raised  
incorruptible, and we shall  
be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:52)



For this **corruptible** must put on **incorruption**, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality.**  
(1 Corinthians 15:53)





For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our **habitation which is from heaven.**  
(2 Corinthians 5:2)



Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, **the redemption of our body.**  
(Romans 8:23)

Those Who are *Caught Up* will Experience:

1. A Long-Awaited *Return*
2. A Timely *Rescue*
3. A Physical *Renewal*
4. A Corresponding *Resurrection*

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the **dead in Christ will rise first.**  
(1 Thessalonians 4:16)


When will our bodies be resurrected?		
Individual	Timing	Scripture
Old Testament Believer	Resurrected at Christ's Second Coming	Daniel 12:2 Isaiah 26:19-21
A Church Age Believer	Resurrected at the Rapture	1 Thess. 4:13-18 1 Cor. 15:50-58
A Tribulation Believer	Resurrected at Christ's Second Coming	Revelation 20:4-5
A Millennial Believer	Translated at End of Millennium	Isaiah 65:21-25 Ezek. 34:27-29
All Unbelievers	Resurrected at End of Millennium	Rev. 20:5, 12-15 <small>www.NotByWorks.org</small>




Those Who are *Caught Up* will Experience:  
5. A Joyful Reunion




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But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, **lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.**  
(1 Thessalonians 4:13)



For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, **even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.**  
(1 Thessalonians 4:14)



“Father, **I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am,** that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.”  
(John 17:24)


Those Who are *Caught Up* will Experience:  
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“And behold, I am coming quickly, and **My reward is with Me,** to give to every one according to his work.”  
(Revelation 22:12)




“but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”  
(Matthew 6:20)



And now, little children, abide in Him, that **when He appears**, we may have **confidence and not be ashamed** before Him at His coming.  
(1 John 2:28)




And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that **from the Lord you will receive the reward** of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.  
(Colossians 3:23–24)




Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For **we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.  
(2 Corinthians 5:9–10)

Those Who are **Caught Up** will Experience:

5. A Joyful Reunion
6. A Personal Reward
7. A Glorious Rejoicing



looking for the **blessed hope and glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,  
(Titus 2:13)



Therefore **comfort**  
**one another** with  
these words.  
(1 Thessalonians 4:18)

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Those Who are **Left Behind** will Experience:


1. A *Global Confusion*



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For **God is not the**  
**author of confusion**  
but of peace, as in all  
the churches of the  
saints.  
(1 Corinthians 14:33)



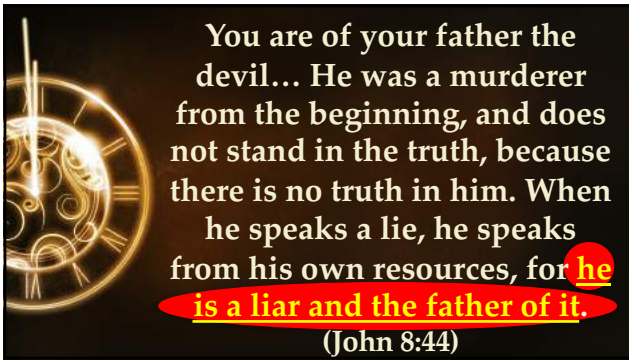
In that day," says the Lord, "**I**  
**will strike every horse with**  
**confusion, and its rider with**  
**madness;** I will open My eyes  
on the house of Judah, and  
will strike every horse of the  
peoples with blindness.  
(Zechariah 12:4)

Those Who are **Left Behind** will Experience:

1. A *Global Confusion*
2. A *False Explanation*



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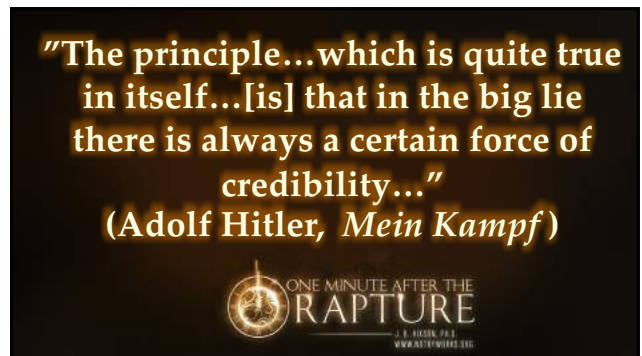
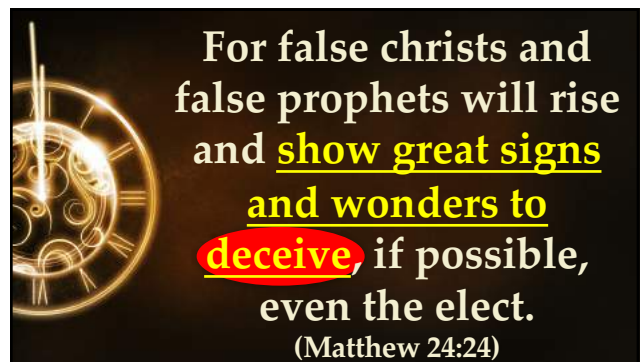
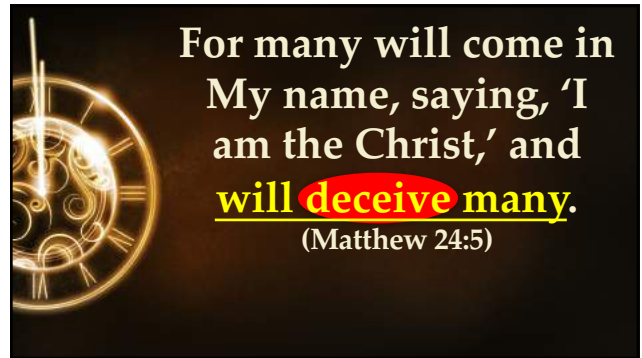
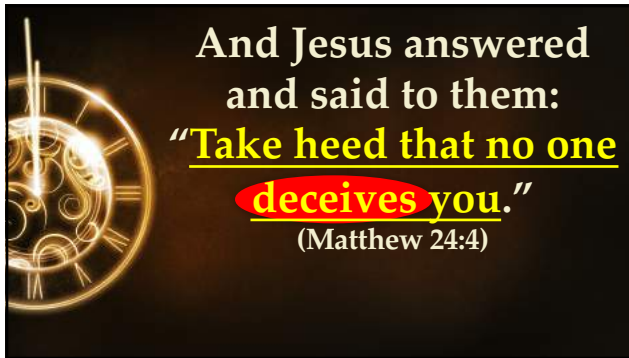
Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:

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2. A *False Explanation*
3. An *Unprecedented Deception*



But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, **deceiving and being deceived.**  
(2 Timothy 3:13)

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have come,** by which we know that it is the last hour.  
(1 John 2:18)



**"A lie told often enough  
becomes the truth."  
(Vladimir Lenin)**



**"It is easier to fool people,  
than to convince them they  
have been fooled!"  
(Mark Twain)**



The coming of the lawless  
one is according to the  
working of Satan, with all  
power, signs, and **lying  
wonders and with all  
unrighteous deception...**  
(2 Thessalonians 2:9-10)



Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:

1. A *Global Confusion*
2. A *False Explanation*
3. An *Unprecedented Deception*
4. An *Intense Lamentation*



"Many will say to Me in that day,  
'Lord, Lord, have we not  
prophesied in Your name, cast out  
demons in Your name, and done  
many wonders in Your name?'  
And then I will declare to them, **I  
never knew you; depart from Me,  
you who practice lawlessness!**"  
(Matthew 7:22-23)



"Afterward the other  
virgins came also, saying,  
**'Lord, Lord, open to us!'**  
But he answered and said,  
'Assuredly, I say to you, **I  
do not know you.**'"  
(Matthew 25:11-12)



**Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:**

1. A *Global Confusion*
2. A *False Explanation*
3. An *Unprecedented Deception*
4. An *Intense Lamentation*
5. A *New Dispensation*



### God's Plan of the Ages

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Garden of Eden Innocence (Adam & Eve)	Conscience (Adam & Eve's Family)	Human Gov't (Noah)	Promise (Abraham)	Law (Moses)	Church (Christians)	Kingdom (Christ)
Genesis 1:28-3:6	Genesis 3:7-6:7	Genesis 9-11	Genesis 12-Exodus 19	Exodus 20-Acts 2	Acts 2-Rev. 3	Revelation 19-22
c. 4004 BC			2000 BC	1446 BC	AD 33	

*Tribulation/ Transition to Kingdom (Antichrist) Revelation 4-18*

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### Daniel's 490-Year Plan

Daniel 9:24-27

"69 Weeks" = 483 Years  
 $69 \times 7 = 483 \text{ YEARS}$   
 $\times 360 \text{ days per year} = 173,880 \text{ days}$

**Church Age** (Gal. 3:24-25; Rom. 11:5, 25; Eph. 3:1-2)

"1 Week" = 7 YEARS

Daniel 9:25a "From" Artaxerxes's Decree: March 5, 444 B.C. (Neh. 2:1-3)


Daniel 9:25b "Until" Christ's Triumphal Entry: March 30, A.D. 33 (Luke 19:28-40)

Daniel 9:26 "After 69<sup>th</sup> week" Messiah cut off (April 3, A.D. 33); city and temple destroyed (A.D. 70)


Daniel 9:27 "Then" (after Messiah is cut off) the final week will begin. = Tribulation (Rev. 6-18; Matt. 24-25)

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that in the **dispensation of the fullness of the times** He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth — in Him. (Ephesians 1:10)




For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel **until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** (Romans 11:25)



### The Jewish Nature of the Tribulation

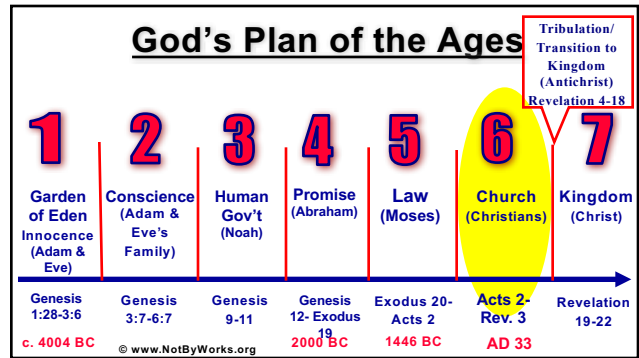
- \* "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7)
- \* "your people" and "your holy city" (Dan. 9:24)
- \* Church did not participate in first 69 weeks of Daniel's prophecy
- \* 144,000 Jewish witnesses (Rev. 7)






### The Jewish Nature of the Tribulation

- \* Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25)
- \* OT descriptions of this period (e.g. Zech. 12:8-9)
- \* No reference to Church in Revelation after chapter three

Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:

6. A Withdrawn Protection





For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.**  
(2 Thessalonians 2:7)

Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:

6. A Withdrawn Protection

7. An Evil Revelation


Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, **and the man of sin is revealed,** the son of perdition,  
(2 Thessalonians 2:3)




Then **he shall confirm a covenant** with many for one week...  
(Daniel 9:27)

Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:


6. A Withdrawn Protection
7. An Evil Revelation
8. A Worldwide Conversion



And I heard the number of those who were sealed. **One hundred and forty-four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:  
(Revelation 7:4)



After these things I looked, and behold, a **great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,  
(Revelation 7:9)



...So he said to me, "**These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."  
(Revelation 7:14)



"And this **gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world** as a witness to all the nations, and **then the end will come.**"  
(Matthew 24:14)

Those Who are *Left Behind* will Experience:

- 6. A Withdrawn Protection
- 7. An Evil Revelation
- 8. A Worldwide Conversion
- 9. A Geo-Political Reorganization



“Imagine there's **no countries**. It isn't hard to do. ...And **no religion**, too. Imagine all the people **living life in peace**. ...Imagine all the people **sharing all the world**. ...And the world will live as **one**.”

(John Lennon)



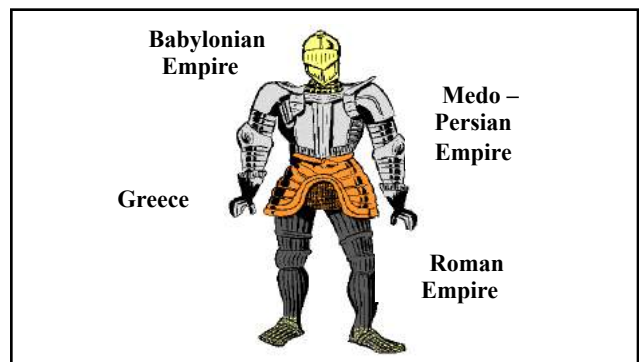
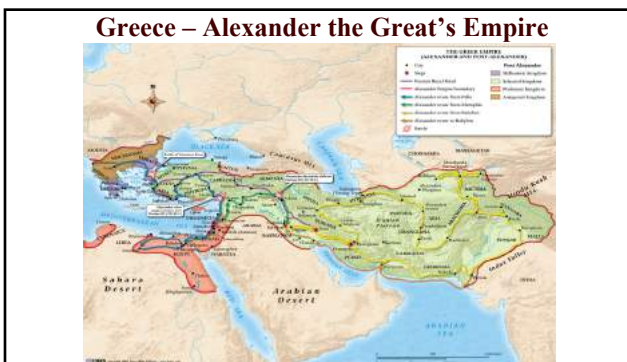
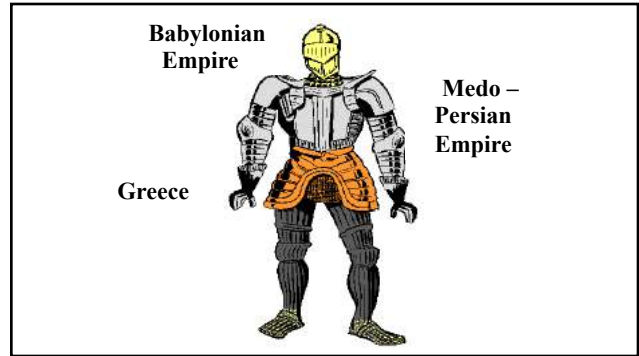
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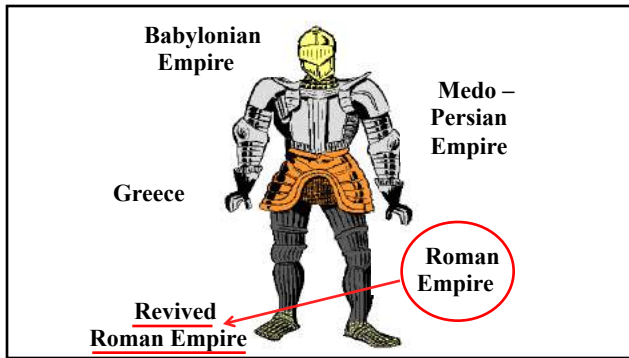


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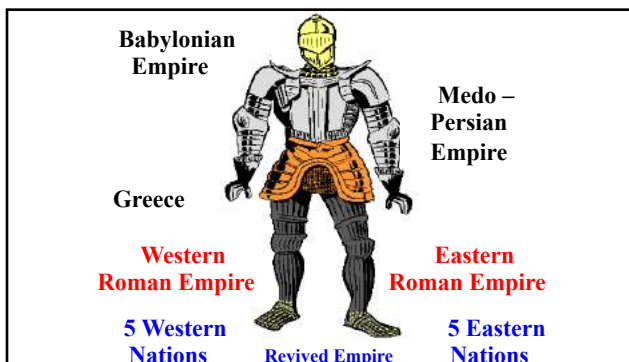


Medo-Persian Empire





Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, **the kingdom shall be divided;** yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. (Daniel 2:41)



Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; **yet the strength of the iron shall be in it,** just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. (Daniel 2:41)

And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be **partly strong and partly fragile.** (Daniel 2:42)


As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but **they will not adhere to one another,** just as iron does not mix with clay. (Daniel 2:43)




And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a **kingdom which shall never be destroyed...**  
(Daniel 2:44a)



...and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, **and it shall stand forever.**  
(Daniel 2:44b)



You watched while a **stone was cut out without hands**, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and **broke them in pieces.**  
(Daniel 2:34)



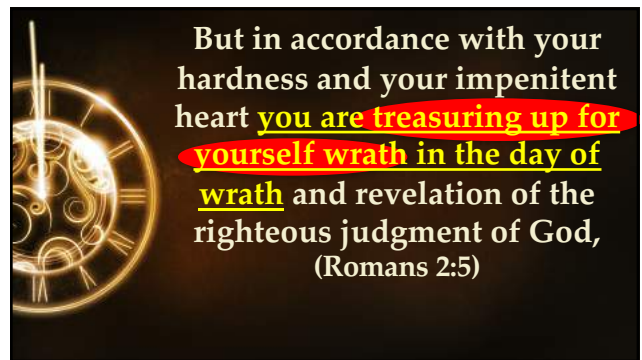
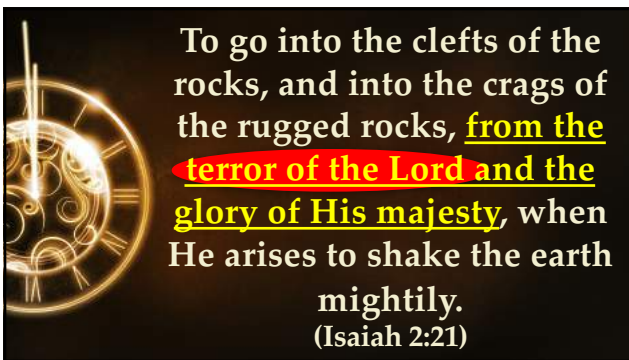
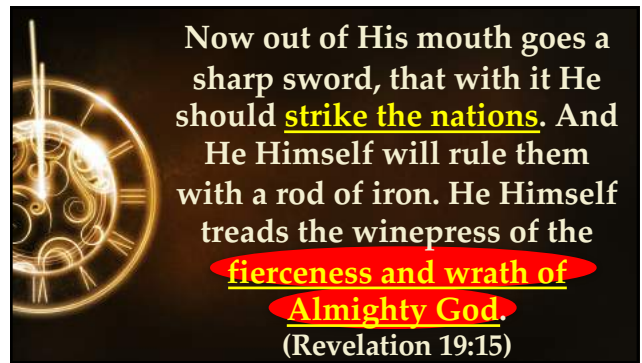
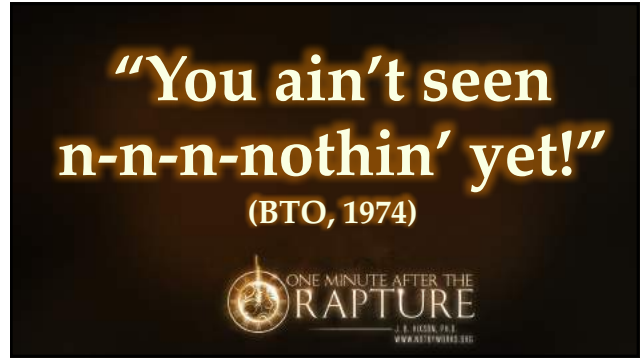
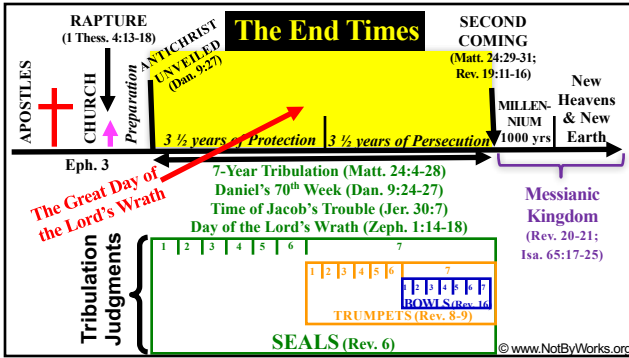
For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and **the government will be upon His shoulder.** ... Of the increase of **His government and peace there will be no end...**  
(Isaiah 9:6-7)

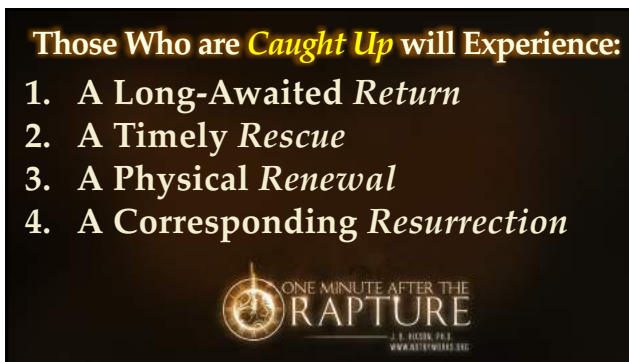
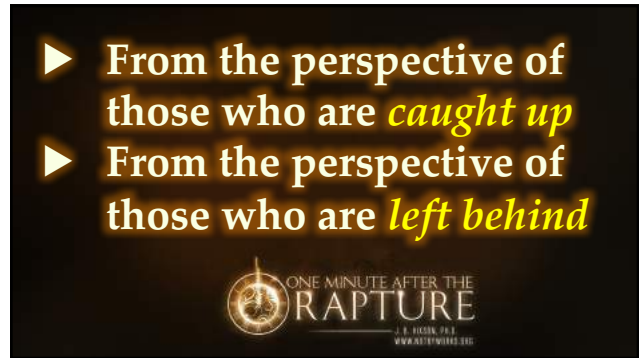
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What will **your**  
perspective be?

