

1) End Times Wars

a) Gog / Magog War Prophecy

Ezekiel Chpt 38 & 39

- Gog will be the leader of a great army that attacks Israel, which is living in *peace* at the time, being restored from around the world having being persecuted (1948) Ezek 38:8, 11
- In this battle, the armies come primarily **from the north** and involve only a few nations of the earth Ezek 38:6, 15; Ezek 39:2
- The battle is used by God to bring Israel back to Himself Ezek 39:21-29
- God intervenes and protects Israel (*similar to times past – Amorites - Josh 10:11*)
 - God's fury is unleashed on the enemy Ezek 38:18
 - Earthquakes Ezek 38:20
 - Friendly fire, they turn on each other Ezek 38:21
 - Hail stones, floods, fire & brimstone Ezek 38:22
- God destroyed the invasion on the mountains of Israel Ezek 39:3-5
 - Takes **seven years** to dispose of enemy's weapons Ezek 39:9–10
 - Spend over **seven months** burying the dead Ezek 39:12–16
- There is *no mention of satan* in the context of Ezek Chpt 38-39
- **When** does this war happen? Open to much debate...
 - Before the tribulation begins – Need 7yrs to burning weapons
 - During the first part of the seven-year tribulation - Israel is at peace when the attack begins

b) Armageddon Prophecy

- The antichrist pulls in multiple Kings & Nations, and they will attempt to annihilate God's people Zech 12:2, Dan 11:41-42
- The Battle of Armageddon **STARTS** when the Antichrist invades Israel. Dan 11:40-45
- The final battle **ENDS** at **Christ's Second Coming** as the conquering Christ Rev 19:11-20, Zech 14:3

c) End of Millennium War Prophecy

- Satan was bound and cast into the bottomless pit chained for 1,000 years Rev 20:7-9
- Millennium - perfect peace until satan is released and build an army and rebellion. Rev 20:7
- The use of *Gog and Magog* shows a 'spirit' of rebellion against God (*Ezek 38-39*) Rev 20:7-8
- The battle involves **all nations**, from all directions, not just from the north. Rev 20:7-9
- The result of this battle is that **all invading armies** around Jerusalem are destroyed with fire from heaven, and Satan will find his final place in the **Lake of Fire** Rev 20:10
- **Satan as the primary character** in the battle at the end of the millennium Rev 20:7

2) Four Judgement Days

a) 1st Judgment: The Judgment of Faith at death

- When we die, we face an instant judgment that is called the '**Judgment of Faith**'. Heb 9:27
- The outcome of this judgment determines if we go to '*heaven*' or '*hell*'.
- This initial judgement depends on our **faith** not on our **works**.
- *If we have accepted Christ's atoning death for us, then God sees Jesus' sacrifice and not our sin. We stand before Him righteous (in right standing – as if it never happened)*
- **Paul said** – “to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord” 2 Cor 5:8
- **If we have not accepted Jesus, then we face a tormented, and Eternal separation from God**

b) 2nd Judgment: The Sheep & Goats Judgment

- During the **Olivet Discourse**, Jesus continues with the **Parable** of the **10 Virgins** Matt 25:1-13
 - *5 virgins were wise and had oil in their lamps and extra oil too, foolish did not have enough oil*
 - Oil represents – doing and serving, letting your light shine, oil makes the KoG work
 - Christ will return at an unknown hour and that His people must be ready – **Rapture → Wedding**
 - “Keep watch” means preparing for whatever contingency arises in our lives, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus at all times, being busy with KoG - while we await His return
- Jesus continues **Olivet Discourse** with a Parable of **5, 2 & 1 Talents** Matt 25:14-29
 - The Master give talents (money, time) according to their ability – Jesus is fair
 - The 5 and 2 talent people used their talents to MULTIPLY KoG
 - Once again, the expectation of our Lord and Savior is that we are to be busy with the KoG work
- Jesus gives a **Prophecy** about His return - *Sheep & Goats* Matt 25:31-46
- God’s people will love God and love others. *Good works* will result from our relationship to the Lord. Followers of Christ will treat others with kindness, serving them as if they were serving Christ Himself.
 - The good works mentioned in the parable are not the cause of salvation but the effect of salvation. 2 Cor 3:18, Col 2:6-7, Gal 5:22
 - The Bible clearly and repeatedly teaches that salvation is by faith through the **grace of God and not by our good works** Jhn 1:12, Acts 15:11, Rom 3:22-24, Eph 2:8-10
 - “*Faith without actions is dead*” – even demons believe – show me your faith Jms 2:17-23
- The **goats** symbolize unbelievers, they go to **hades** Matt 25:46
- The **sheep** symbolize believers, and will go into the **millennial KoG** Matt 25:34
- Only true believers alive at the end of the tribulation will be allowed to enter the millennial kingdom. Unbelievers will not be allowed to enter the millennial kingdom.
- Jesus gives a Parable about **Wheat & Tares** – and give the explanation! Matt 13:38-43
 - Angels go and reap the harvest (Second Coming)
 - *Devil planed tares – wickedness & sin – all that offend into Hades*
 - *Righteous wheat – saints – will shine like the sun in the KoG*

c) 3rd Judgment: The Great White Throne Judgment

Rev 20:5, 11-15

- The Great White Throne Judgment takes place at the end of human history
- Jesus Christ will be the judge as the Son of God John 5:22
- Mankind will be judged by a perfect God Matt 5:48; 1 John 1:5
 - **First**, God will be perfectly just and fair Acts 10:34; Gal 3:28
 - **Second**, God cannot be deceived Gal 6:7
 - **Third**, God cannot be swayed by any prejudices, excuses or lies Luke 14:16-24
- **Who?** The **Great White Throne Judgment** is for those without Christ 2 Thess 1:8-9
 - Their punishment is two fold:
 - Everlasting destruction in the lake of Fire Rev 20:15
 - Shut out from the Presence of the Lord, from His Glory, from His Presence 2 Thess 1:9
- *We must choose where we will be by accepting or rejecting the sacrifice of Christ on our behalf, and we must make that choice before our physical lives on this earth come to an end.*
After death, there is no longer a choice, and our fate is to stand before the throne of God, where everything will be open and naked before Him

d) Heaven and Earth dissolve before the Lord, New Heaven & New Earth **Rev 20:11, Rev 21:1-2**

- Could it be that this is the time that the *heaven and earth* will be dissolved at the time when the Great White Throne Judgment takes place being replaced with a *New Heaven & New Earth*?
- But they were wholly dissolved, the very elements melting with fervent heat. 2 Peter 3:7-10
- *Possible nuclear disaster?* Zech 14:12
- God will create a New Heaven and a New Earth - Renew Is 65:17, Rev 21:1
- The new Jerusalem will descend to the new earth and will be our eternal home Rev 21:2
- Hades & death are thrown into the Lake of Fire for all eternity Rev 20:15

e) 4th Judgment: "Judgment seat of Christ"- *Bēma* Seat of Christ

- We all stand as Christians before the judgement seat / throne Rom 14:10-12, 2 Cor 5:10
- This is not a Judgment for *sin*, but of *righteousness* 2 Cor 5:10
 - *"Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him"* Rom 5:9
 - *"For He made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* 2 Cor 5:21
 - *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..."* Rom 8:1
 - *"Whoever hears my word and believes has eternal life and will not be judged"* Jhn 5:24
- The judgement seat of Christ is called: Grk '*bēma*'
 - A raised platform on which the judges sat to view the games, officiate and give rewards to the victors was called a '*bēma*' seat 1 Cor 9:24-27
 - The *Bēma* was never reprimand or punishment, likewise the *Bēma* seat of Christ will be of praise and reward for what we have done and what stands after tested by fire.
 - The Judgment Seat of Christ occurs after the rapture
 - All Christians are judged - All Christians are judged individually

1) Wearing gold crowns

- As you can see, they are seated on thrones, dressed in white robes, *wearing crowns*
 - Paul calls these crown 'imperishable crowns' 1 Cor 9:25
 - *Crown of Life* James 1:12, Rev 2:10
 - *Crown of Righteousness* 2 Tim 4:8
 - *Crown of Glory* 1 Pet 5:4
- *Wearing a Victors crown*, Grk '*Stephanos*' victors crown Rev 2:10, Rev 3:11
- *Jesus wore a Kingly crown 'Diadema'* Kingly crown Rev 19:12

2) Rewards

- Part of our reward is that we shall never die '*spiritually*' John 8:51, John 11:25-26
- When we leave this body we go to be with the Lord 2 Cor 5:6-8, Phil 1:23
- We will be raised from the dead with new resurrected bodies Rom 8:23, Phil 3:21
- We will have a new heaven and earth Rev 21:1
- We will have a special home, the New Jerusalem Rev 21:2 – Rev 22:5

3) New Heaven, New Earth

a) Attributes of New Heaven

- Heaven is described as a **Country** Heb 11:16
- Heaven is a **City** Heb 11:10

b) What is the New Jerusalem like?

- The city is real – not spiritual. Scripture record its dimensions
It has gates, mansions, streets and inhabitants (namely us)
- There is no temple in the city because the Lord God Almighty is the Temple Rev 21:22
- The city is filled with the glory of God and his Presence
This will cause the city to glow with an internal light like 'jasper stone', clear as crystal Rev 21:11
- The presence of God internally lights the whole city Rev 21:25
- There is no night in heaven Rev 21:23, Rev 22:5, Is 60:19
- All germs and decomposition will be eliminated Rev 21:27
- We will have access to the '*pure river of water of life*', clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb Rev 22:1-2
- God will live with us Lev 26:11-12, Ezek 37:27, Rev 21:3, 2 Cor 6:16

c) What will life be like in the New Earth/Heaven

- Describe what earth is like now, God promises a New Earth, all the good we have now, but even better! God's plan has always been: **Reconcile, Redeem, Restore, Recover, Return, Renew, Regenerate & Resurrect.** Matt 19:27-28, Acts 3:21
- God called it the **New Earth.** Rev 21:1-2, 2 Pet 3:10-13, Is 65:17-19, Is 66:22
- New earth will have seasons & rain, snow Ezek 34:26-27, Job 37:3-6, Jer 5:24
- The tree of life will stand near the river and will bear twelve fruits, one in each month.
- There will be no tears, pain or death. Rev 21:3-4
- We will retain our interests, our personalities. Mal 4:5
- We will have emotions (good ones). Does God have emotions?
- We will still be learning. We are not all knowing.
 - In heaven, our senses and intellect will be heightened. Testimonies say that when you ask a question, the answer come straight away. Is 65:24
 - Notice how the tribulation saints were in the presence of God and there were asking questions (not all knowing) Rev 6:9-10
- The best thing about heaven is the presence of our Lord and Saviour. We will be face to face with the Lamb of God who loved us and sacrificed Himself so that we can enjoy His presence in heaven for eternity. 1 John 3:2
- No sadness – wipe away every tear, no death or pain Rev 21:4
- *Scripture indicates that he will blot out our memories of the old, possible people missing from the New Heaven.* Is 65:17
Isaiah 65:17
For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- In Heaven we will be able to rest and desire rest Rev 14:13, Heb 4:10-11
- We will have work (not a stressful requiring rest)
 - We will serve the Lord – this is a reward not a punishment Rev 7:14-15, Rev 22:3
 - We will rule & reign with him over the nations 2 Tim 2:12, Rev 20:6
 - Remember the parable of the talents? Those who were faithful were given more responsibility... Matt 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27