

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

End Times Bible Study – Pt. 8

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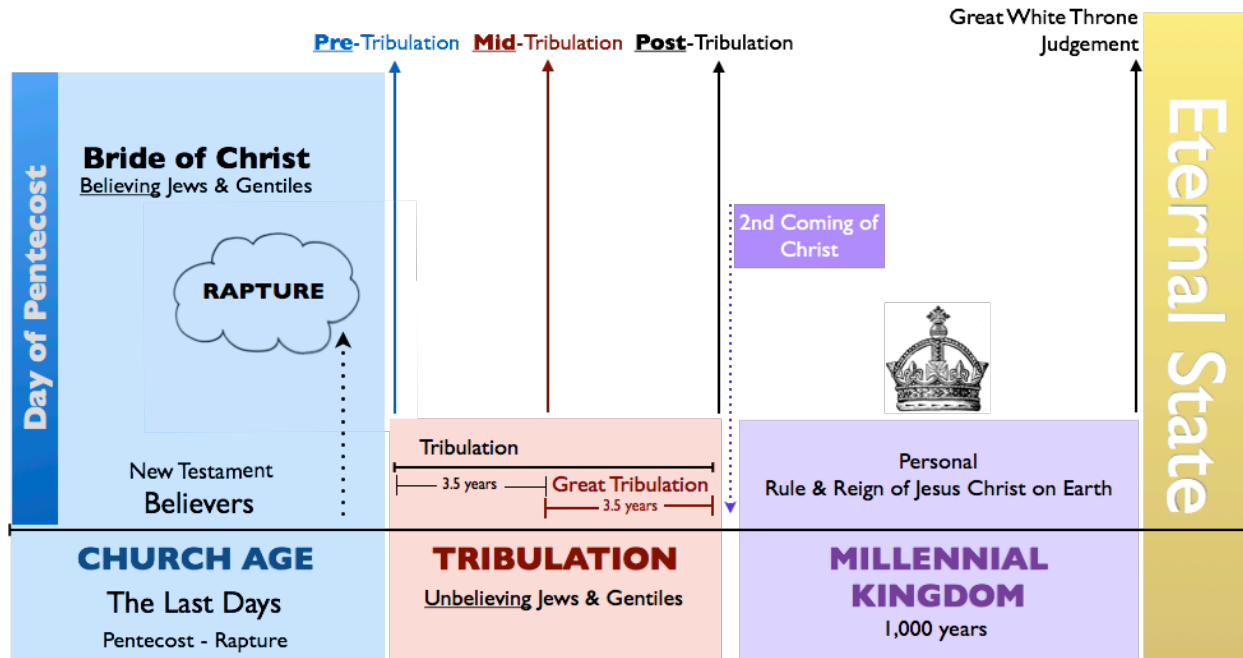
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I. SERIES REVIEW

1. Today, we are _____ in the Last Days!

“The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.”
 1 Pet. 4:7

“Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour.” 1 Jn. 2:18



These **Last Days** are called the Church Age and have been going on now for the last **2,000** years.

2. The **Rapture** of the **Church** is _____ . (1 Thess. 4:13-18; Jn. 14:1-6)

3. The **Tribulation** is _____ of **two** parts. (Matt. 24; Mk. 13; Lk. 21, Dan. 9; Rev. 6-19)

Part 1: The _____.

Part 2: The _____ Tribulation.

4. The **Bema Seat** of Christ is an _____ ceremony for **all** believers. (Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Cor. 5:10-12; 1 Cor. 3:10-15)

NOTE: Remember, the Bema or Judgment Seat of Christ will **NOT** determine **whether** or now we go to **heaven**, that is **secured** once and for all on the day we **prayed** and asked Jesus into our life, instead, the Bema Seat is the **time** of **reward** for what we have done in this life for Christ.

I. SIX EVENTS SURROUNDING JESUS' SECOND COMING

EVENT #1: The _____ Campaign.

The Battle of Armageddon is not a single, one time battle, but a series of battles.

*“The sixth angel **poured** out his **bowl** on the great river **Euphrates**, and its water was **dried** up to **prepare** the way for the kings from the East.¹³ Then I saw **three evil spirits** that **looked like frogs**; they came **out of the mouth** of the **dragon** [Satan], **out of the mouth** of the **beast** [Antichrist] and **out of the mouth** of the **false prophet** [Partner of the Antichrist].¹⁴ They are **spirits of demons** performing **miraculous** signs, and they go out to the **kings of the whole world**, to **gather them for the battle** on **the great day of God Almighty**.”*

*Then they **gathered the kings together** to the **place** that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**.”*

Rev. 16:12-14 & 16

Two different **Greek** words for “battle”—

1. **mache** – refers to a **single** fight—a **one-time** event.
2. **polemos** – refers to a **war** or military **campaign**.

The **Greek** word for “**battle**” in verse 14 = **polemos**.

Armageddon is a Hebrew word that means:

EVENT #2: The **destruction** of _____.

*“I have **commanded my holy ones**; I have **summoned my warrior’s** to carry out **my wrath**—those who **rejoice** in my triumph. Listen, a **noise** on the mountains, like that of a **great** multitude! Listen, an **uproar** among the kingdoms, like nations **massing** together! **The Lord Almighty is mustering an army for war**. They come from **faraway** lands, from the **ends** of the heavens—the Lord and the **weapons** of his **wrath**—to **destroy** the whole country.” Isa. 13:3-5*

EVENT #3: The **fall** of _____.

*“A **day** of the Lord is coming when **your** plunder will be **divided** among you. I will **gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it**; the city will be **captured**, the houses **ransacked**, and the women **raped**. Half of the city will go into **exile**, but the rest of the people will not be **taken** from the **city**.” Zech. 14:1-2*

EVENT #4: The **armies** of the Antichrist go after the _____ at Bozrah.

*“So when you see **standing** in the **holy** place ‘the **abomination** that causes **desolation**,’ spoken of through the prophet **Daniel**—let the reader **understand**—then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**.” Matt. 24:15-16*

So, a **remnant** of Jews did exactly that, they **fled**. Look at Micah 2:12:

*“I will **surely** gather all of you, O **Jacob**; I will surely bring **together** the **remnant** of Israel. I will bring them together like **sheep** in a pen, like a **flock** in its pasture; the place will **throng** with people.” Micah 2:12*

After destroying Jerusalem, the Antichrist and the armies of the earth move south to take out this remaining group of Jews at Bozrah.

*“‘I **swear** by myself,’ **declares** the Lord, ‘that **Bozrah** will become a **ruin** and an object of **horror**, of **reproach** and of cursing; and all its towns will be in **ruins** forever.’ I have heard a **message** from the Lord: An **envoy** was sent to the **nations** to say, ‘Assemble **yourselves** to attack it! **Rise** up for battle!’” Jer. 49:13-14*

EVENT #5: The Jewish _____ at Bozrah.

*“Come, let us **return** to the Lord. He has **torn** us to pieces but **he will heal us**; he has **injured** us but **he will bind up our wounds**. After two days he will **revive** us; on the third day **he will restore us**, that we may **live** in his presence. Let us **acknowledge** the Lord; let us **press** on to **acknowledge him**. As surely as the **sun** rises, he will **appear**; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring **rains** that water the earth.” Hosea 6:1-3*

EVENT #6: Jesus _____ at Bozrah.

*“**Who** is this **coming** from Edom, **from Bozrah**, with his garments **stained crimson**? **Who** is this, robed in **splendor**, striding forward in the **greatness** of his strength? *‘It is I, speaking in **righteousness**, mighty to save.’*² **Why** are your garments **red**, like those of one **treading** the winepress?³ I have **trodden** the winepress **alone**; from the **nations** no one was with me. I **trampled** them in **my anger** and trod them down in **my wrath**; their blood **spattered** my garments, and I **stained** all my clothing.*

*⁴For the day of **vengeance** was in my **heart**, and the year of **my redemption** has come. ⁵I **looked**, but there was no one to help, I was **appalled** that no one gave **support**; so **my own arm** worked **salvation** for me, and **my own wrath** sustained me.*

*⁶I **trampled** the nations in **my anger**; in **my wrath** I made them **drunk** and poured their **blood** on the ground.” Isa. 63:1-6*

All CHURCH AGE believers return with Jesus at Bozrah.

*“I saw **heaven** standing open and there **before** me was a **white horse**, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**” (19:11)*

During Jesus **first coming** He rode a humble **donkey** into Jerusalem, but when He returns the **second time**, He will ride down from heaven on a **white** horse.

*“With **justice** he **judges** and makes **war**. His eyes are like blazing **fire**, and on his head are **many crowns**” (19:12)*

During Jesus' first coming, He wore a **crown of thorns** as the **suffering** servant, but when returns the second time, He will wear **many** crowns as the King of Kings.

*"He has a **name** written on him that no one knows but he **himself**." (19:12)*

*"He is **dressed** in a robe dipped in **blood**, and his **name** is the **Word** of God." (19:13)*

*"The **armies of heaven** were **following** him, riding on white horses and dressed in **fine linen, white and clean**." (v.19:14)*

*"For the **wedding** of the **Lamb** has come, and his **bride** has made herself ready. **Fine linen, bright and clean**, was given her to wear."*

Rev. 19:7-8

*"Out of his **mouth** comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations." (19:15)*

"The **sword** was the symbol of Roman **authority** over **life** and **death**, an authority that only the emperor and his governors held. The message here is that Christ **alone** has the **final** authority of life and death."

—Dr. Grant Osborne, *Revelation: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, p. 684-85.

*"He will **rule** them with an **iron** scepter." (19:15)*

*"He **treads** the winepress of the **fury** of the **wrath** of God Almighty. On his **robe** and on his **thigh** he has this **name** written:*

King of Kings and Lord of Lords." (19:15-16)

*"Then I **saw** the **beast** and the **kings of the earth** and their **armies** gathered together to make war against the **riders** on the horse and his army. But the **beast was captured**, and with him the **false prophet** who had performed the **miraculous** signs on his behalf. With these signs he had **deluded** those who had **received** the **mark** of the beast and **worshiped** his **image**. The **two of them were thrown alive** into the **fiery lake** of burning sulfur. The **rest of them** were **killed** with the sword that came out of the **mouth** of the **riders** on the horse, and all the **birds** gorged themselves on their **flesh**." Rev. 19:19-21*

After this battle at **Bozrah**, Jesus moves back toward **Jerusalem** and **stands** on the Mount of Olives in **victory** (Joel 3:12-13; Zech. 14:12-15; Rev. 14:19-20).

II. VICTORY IN CHRIST

As a **Christian**, you are a **Church Age believer** and one day you will **return** with Jesus to **Bozrah**—in other words, you are on the winning team!

*“I pray also that the eyes of your **heart** may be **enlightened** in order that you may know the **hope** to which he has called you, the **riches** of his glorious **inheritance** in the saints, and his **incomparably** great power for us who believe.”*

Ephesians 1:18-19