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Facts and Misconceptions of the End Times

What Did Yeshua Say?

- **Matthew 24:3-12** (3) As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the talmidim came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? What is the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?" (4) Yeshua answered them, "Be careful that no one leads you astray. (5) For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah,' and will lead many astray. (6) You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you aren't troubled, for all this must happen, but the end is not yet. (7) For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines, plagues, and earthquakes in various places. (8) But all these things are the beginning of birth pains. (9) Then they will deliver you up to oppression, and will kill you. You will be hated by all of the nations for my name's sake. (10) Then many will stumble, and will deliver up one another, and will hate one another. (11) Many false prophets will arise, and will lead many astray. (12) Because iniquity will be multiplied, the love of many will grow cold.

What Did Yeshua Say?

- **Matthew 24:13-24** But he who endures to the end, the same will be saved. (14) This Good News of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. (15) "When, therefore, you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), (16) then let those who are in Yehudah flee to the mountains. (17) Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take out things that are in his house. (18) Let him who is in the field not return back to get his clothes. (19) But woe to those who are with child and to nursing mothers in those days! (20) Pray that your flight will not be in the winter, nor on a Shabbat, (21) for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be. (22) Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened. (23) "Then if any man tells you, 'Behold, here is the Messiah,' or, 'There,' don't believe it

What Did Yeshua Say?

- **Matthew 24:24-31** For there will arise false messiahs, and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. (25) "Behold, I have told you beforehand. (26) If therefore they tell you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' don't go out; 'Behold, he is in the inner chambers,' don't believe it. (27) For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (28) For wherever the carcass is, there is where the vultures gather together. (29) But immediately after the oppression of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; (30) and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky. Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. (31) He will send out his angels with a great sound of a shofar, and they will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

What Did Yeshua Say?

- **Matthew 24:32-39** "Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch has now become tender, and puts forth its leaves, you know that the summer is near. (33) Even so you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. (34) Most certainly I tell you, this generation will not pass away, until all these things are accomplished. (35) Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (36) But no one knows of that day and hour, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only. (37) "As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. (38) For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, (39) and they didn't know until the flood came, and took them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Outline of Yeshua's Discourse:

- No one should lead you astray
- Many will come and say I am Messiah
- Wars and Rumors of wars
- Nation against Nation
- Do not be troubled the end is not yet
- Deliver you to oppression and death
- Hated for Yeshua' sake
- Many will stumble and deliver and hate each other
- False Prophets will lead many astray
- Iniquity multiplied & love grows cold
- He who endure to the end will be saved
- Good News of the Kingdom preached in all the earth then the end will come

Outline of Yeshua's Discourse:

- Abomination of Desolation flee to the Mountains and do not look back
- Worst oppression since the world began
- These days will be shortened for the sake of the elect
- If men say here or there is Messiah do not believe them
- False Messiahs and false prophets with signs and wonders
- His coming will be as lightening in the sky
- Heavens Shaken
- The sign of the Son of man will appear on the clouds with great glory
- Angels sound the great shofar
- All of his chosen gathered in the sky

70 A.D. History

Roman historian, Deo Cassius, reports:

"Though a breach was made in the wall by means of engines, nevertheless the capture of the place did not immediately follow even then. On the contrary, the defenders killed great numbers [of Romans] who tried to crowd through the opening and they also set fire to some of the buildings nearby, hoping thus to check the further progress of the Romans. Nevertheless, the soldiers, because of their superstition, did not immediately rush in but at last, under compulsion from Titus, they made their way inside. Then the Jews defended themselves much more vigorously than before, as if they had discovered a piece of rare good fortune in being able to fight near the Temple and fall in its defense."

A horrific slaughter ensues with the Romans taking the city, literally house-by-house. One of the excavations that gives testimony to the destruction is the famous "Burnt House" which is open to visitors in Old City Jerusalem today. Here the skeletal remains of a woman's arm were found where she died on the doorstep of her house, with a spear still lying nearby.

70 A.D. History

The day is the 9th of Av, the very same day on which the First Temple was destroyed. Deo Cassius again:

"The populace was stationed below in the court and the elders on the steps and the priests in the Sanctuary itself. And though they were but a handful fighting against a far superior force, they were not conquered until part of the Temple was set on fire. Then they met their death willingly, some throwing themselves on the swords of the Romans, some slaying one another, others taking their own lives and still others leaping into the flames. And it seemed to everybody and especially to them that so far from being destruction, it was victory and salvation and happiness to them that they perished along with the Temple."

70 A.D. History

Josephus describes the destruction of the Temple:

"While the holy house (The Temple) was on fire, everything was plundered that came to hand, and ten thousand of those that were caught were slain; nor was there a commiseration of any age...but children and old men...and priests, were all slain in the same manner....The flame was also carried a long way, and made an echo, together with the groans of those who were slain...one would have thought the whole city would have been on fire. Nor can one imagine anything greater and more terrible than this noise."

70 A.D. History

- Josephus, a first century historian, tells of the sad state into which the temple fell prior to the arrival of Titus, the Roman general. "And now, when the multitude were gotten together to an assembly, and every one was in indignation at these men's seizing upon the sanctuary, at their rapine and murders but had not yet begun their attacks upon them Agnus stood in the midst of them, and casting his eyes frequently at the temple, and having a flood of tears in his eyes he said, 'Certainly, it had been good for me to die before I had seen the house of God full of so many abominations, or these sacred places that ought not to be trodden upon at random, filled with the feet of these bloodshedding villains'" (*The Wars Of The Jews*, 4:3:10).

Luke's Account of Abomination

- Luke 21:20-24 "But when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is at hand. (21) Then let those who are in Yehudah flee to the mountains. Let those who are in the midst of her depart. Let those who are in the country not enter therein. (22) For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. (23) Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who nurse infants in those days! For there will be great distress in the land, and wrath to this people. (24) They will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations. Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

70 A.D. History

- Here the disciples are warned that when the Roman army was approaching Jerusalem they were to flee for their lives. Yeshua warned His disciples that when the Roman army arrived, those in Judea should flee to the mountains and "let him who is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those with nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

70 A.D. History

- It is amazing how many people today try to apply these words to a future return of our Lord! What possible difference would it make if Yeshua returns on Sabbath? What difference could it make if He comes in winter or summer? However, if you were trying to flee from an invading army it would make a great deal of difference, for the gates of the city would be closed on the Sabbath day and there would be no way for you to escape. Fleeing from an invading army would be a lot easier if you did not have a nursing child to tend to.

70 A.D. History

- Sometimes people underestimate to severity of the attack on Jerusalem. Josephus tells how Roman soldiers "went in numbers into the lanes of the city, with their swords drawn, they slew those whom they overtook, without mercy, and set fire to the houses wither the Jews were fled, and burnt every soul in them, and laid waste a great many of the rest; and when they were come to the houses to plunder them, they found in them entire families of dead men, and the upper rooms full of dead corpses, that is of such as died by the famine; they then stood in horror at this sight, and went out without touching anything. But although they had this commiseration for such as were destroyed in that manner, yet had they not the same for those that were still alive, but they ran every one through whom they met with, and obstructed the very lanes with their dead bodies, and made the whole city run down with blood, to such a degree indeed that the fire of many houses was quenched with these men's blood." (*The Wars Of The Jews*, 6:8:5).
- Over one million Jews died at the destruction of Jerusalem -- another 97,000 were carried away as slaves!

What is a Parable

- It 's an analogy to make it easier to understand
- It is not to make it harder to understand
- There is no deep understanding
- It is like a sermon illustration today (Example)
- Parables make it easier to understand

What Did Yeshua Say in Parables?

- **Matthew 24:40-51** Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and one will be left; (41) two women grinding at the mill, one will be taken and one will be left. (42) Watch therefore, for you don't know in what hour your Lord comes. (43) But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. (44) Therefore also be ready, for in an hour that you don't expect, the Son of Man will come. (45) "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give them their food in due season? (46) Blessed is that servant whom his lord finds doing so when he comes. (47) Most certainly I tell you that he will set him over all that he has. (48) But if that evil servant should say in his heart, 'My lord is delaying his coming,' (49) and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eat and drink with the drunkards, (50) the lord of that servant will come in a day when he doesn't expect it, and in an hour when he doesn't know it, (51) and will cut him in pieces, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. There is where the weeping and grinding of teeth will be.

What Did Yeshua Say in Parables?

- **Matthew 25:14-23** "For it is like a man, going into another country, who called his own servants, and entrusted his goods to them. (15) To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. (16) Immediately he who received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. (17) In like manner he also who got the two gained another two. (18) But he who received the one went away and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money. (19) "Now after a long time the lord of those servants came, and reconciled accounts with them. (20) He who received the five talents came and brought another five talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents besides them.' (21) "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' (22) "He also who got the two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents besides them.' (23) "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

What Did Yeshua Say in Parables?

- **Matthew 25:1-13** "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went out to meet the bridegroom. (2) Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. (3) Those who were foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them, (4) but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. (5) Now while the bridegroom delayed, they all slumbered and slept. (6) But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold! The bridegroom is coming! Come out to meet him!' (7) Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. (8) The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' (9) But the wise answered, saying, 'What if there isn't enough for us and you? You go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' (10) While they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. (11) Afterward the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' (12) But he answered, 'Most certainly I tell you, I don't know you.' (13) Watch therefore, for you don't know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

What Did Yeshua Say in Parables?

- **Matthew 25:24-30** "He also who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. (25) I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.' (26) "But his lord answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn't sow, and gather where I didn't scatter. (27) You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. (28) Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. (29) For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away. (30) Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Outline of Yeshua's Parables

- The Thief in The Night
- Two men in a field, one taken the other left
- Wise and faithful Servant
- Evil Servant
- The 10 Virgins
- Be ready
- You do not know the time, be ready
- The wise servant is he who is working and feeding the sheep
- Unfaithful to keep watch, they and hypocrites weeping
- 5 Ready, 5 were not

Outline of Yeshua's Parables

- 10 Virgins Bridegroom
Oil is Torah and good works, the door is shut to unfaithful
- The Talents were money in that day.
Invest wisely in and for the King, to him who has and is faithful more will be given
- Hints of the End when the Bridegroom comes be ready, door shut as it was on the ark.
- Unfaithful hid what he was given so it was given to him with 10 and the unfaithful was cast to weeping and gnashing of teeth

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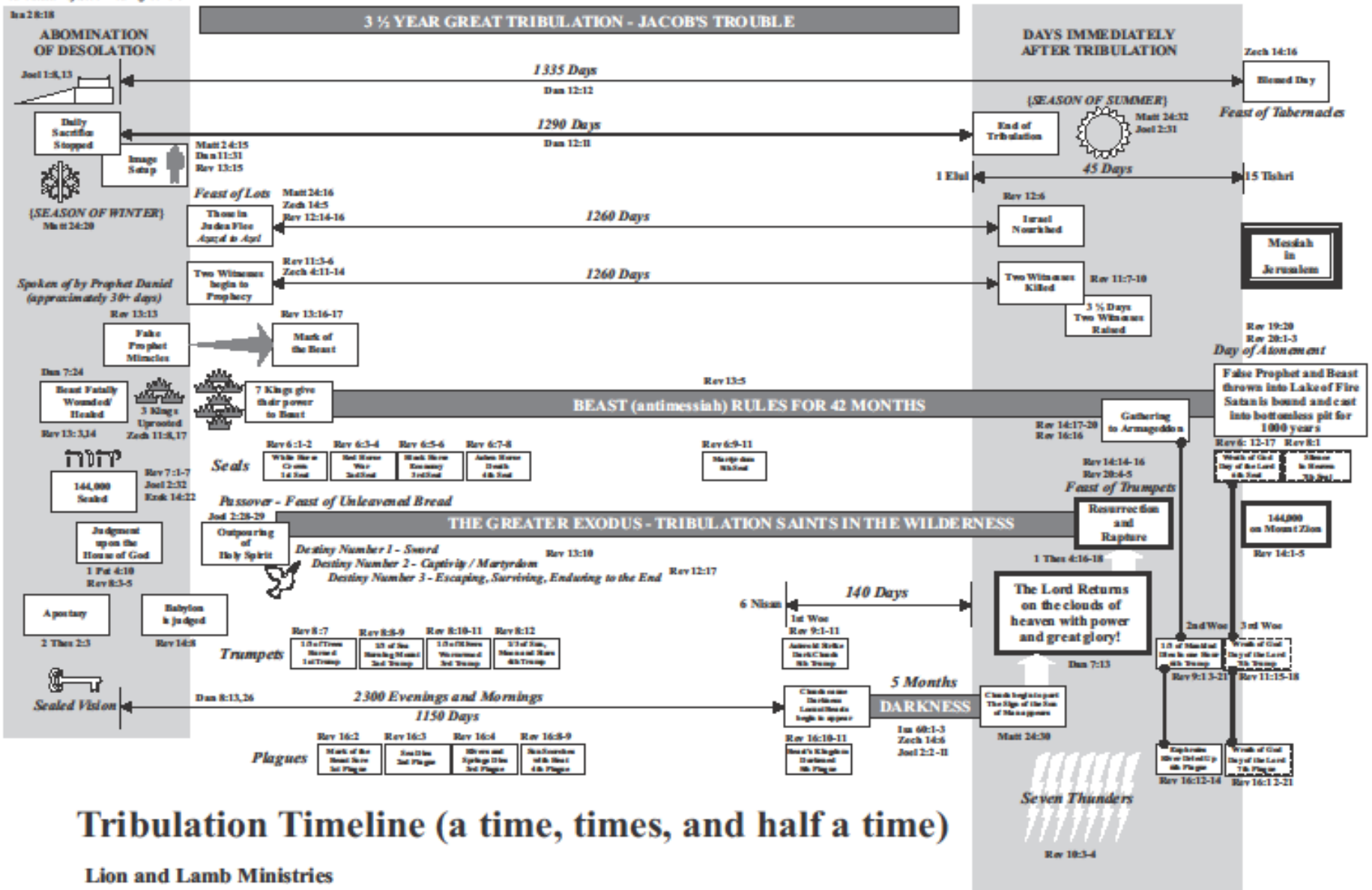
- **Matthew 25:31-39** "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. (32) Before him all the nations will be gathered, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (33) He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. (34) Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; (35) for I was hungry, and you gave me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; (36) naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' (37) "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you a drink? (38) When did we see you as a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? (39) When did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?'

What Did Yeshua Say?

- **Matthew 25:40-46** "The King will answer them, 'Most certainly I tell you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (41) Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; (42) for I was hungry, and you didn't give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; (43) I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' (44) "Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?' (45) "Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most certainly I tell you, inasmuch as you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.' (46) These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Outline of Yeshua's Discourse:

- Son of Man will come with His angels
- He will sit on His throne
- He will separate the sheep from the goats
- The one's on His right inherit the Kingdom
- The one's on the left will inherit eternal punishment
- The one's on the right ask how did we feed you?
- The one's on the left never ask.
- The one's on the right were ready with torah and good deeds
- The one's on the left were unfaithful



Tribulation Timeline (a time, times, and half a time)

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Pre-Trib Rapture.. What it is

PRE-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE

The rapture in this view will occur before the 70th week.



The "Rapture" will happen before the "Tribulation" period

The Church Age



7 Seals

7 Trumpets



7 Vials



THE TRIBULATION

7 YEARS (The 70th week of Daniel)

This view embraces
God's wrath to be 7 years

Gods Wrath

3 1/2 YEARS

The Anti-Christ
Signs Covenant

3 1/2 YEARS

The Abomination
of Desolation

Mid-Trib Rapture...What it is

MID-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE

The rapture in this view will occur in the middle of the 70th week.

The "Rapture" will happen exactly in the middle of the tribulation.



THE TRIBULATION

7 YEARS (The 70th week of Daniel)

This view embraces
God's wrath to be 7 years

The Church
Age

Gods Wrath

THE RAPTURE

3 1/2 YEARS

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POST-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE

The rapture in this view will occur after the 70th week of Daniel.

The "Rapture" will happen after the tribulation period has ended.



7 Seals



7 Trumpets



7 Vials

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Post Millennial Rapture

- Israel – Both Judah and Ephraim united as One Israel caught-up as He returns at the end of the 1,000 Year Period.
- Dead in Yeshua will rise first, then we will be caught up with Him
- As His foot touches the ground the earth will be burned & destroyed
- Judgment of all and a New Heavens and New Earth

Facts - The 1000 Year Kingdom

- ***Genesis 2:1-3*** The heavens and the earth were finished, and all their vast array. (2) On the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. (3) God blessed the seventh day, and made it holy, because he rested in it from all his work which he had created and made.

Facts The 1000 Year Kingdom

- **2 Peter 3:8** But don't forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- These **two** scriptures give us **two** facts that YHWH rested on the seventh day and that one day is like 1000 years
- So just as YHWH in creation worked six days and rested on the seventh, so man shall toil on the earth for six days and shall have rest on the seventh.

Revelations 19:11-16

¹¹ I saw the heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called Faithful and True. In righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has names written and a name written which no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a garment sprinkled with blood. His name is called "The Word of God." ¹⁴ The armies which are in heaven followed him on white horses, clothed in white, pure, fine linen. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth proceeds a sharp, double-edged sword, that with it he should strike the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. ^{*n15.1} He treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ He has on his garment and on his thigh a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

Revelations 19:17-21

¹⁷ I saw an angel standing in the sun. He cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the sky, "Come! Be gathered together to the great supper of God, ^{*n17.1} ¹⁸ that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, and small and great." ¹⁹ I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰ The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. ²¹ The rest were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came forth out of his mouth. All the birds were filled with their flesh.

Learnings from Revelations 19

- In a vision Yeshua, the King of Kings appears with the hosts of heaven in white linen sprinkled with blood
- He strikes all nations with a double-edged sword (the Torah, the Truth, the Word of YHWH)
- He rules the nations with a rod of iron
- He destroys the Beast and False Prophet and the armies with them
- Birds eat of their dead flesh

Revelation 20

- Revelation 20:1 -5 I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (2) He seized the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil and Hasatan, who deceives the whole inhabited earth, and bound him for a thousand years, (3) and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years were finished. After this, he must be freed for a short time. (4) I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Yeshua, and for the word of God, and such as didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Messiah for the thousand years. (5) The rest of the dead didn't live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Revelation 20

- (6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, but they will be Kohanim of God and of Messiah, and will reign with him one thousand years. (7) And after the thousand years, Hasatan will be released from his prison, (8) and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. (9) They went up over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the camp of the holy ones, and the beloved city. Fire came down out of heaven from God, and devoured them. (10) The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet are also. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20

- (11) I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. (12) I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. (13) The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and She'ol gave up the dead who were in them. They were judged, each one according to his works. (14) Death and She'ol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. (15) If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21

- Revelation 21:1-7 I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. (2) I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready like a bride adorned for her husband. (3) I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. (4) He will wipe away from them every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more. The first things have passed away." (5) He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true." (6) He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alef and the Tav, the Beginning and the End. I will give freely to him who is thirsty from the spring of the water of life. (7) He who overcomes, I will give him these things. I will be his God, and he will be my son.

Learning's from Revelation 20-21:7

- HaSatan is bound for 1,000 Years
- No more deceiving the Nations for 1,000 yrs
- Those righteous who were beheaded sit on thrones of judgment and reign with Messiah for 1,000 years (heaven or earth?)
- These righteous are blessed to take part in this First Resurrection (where are we resurrected to?)
- Satan released after 1,000 years and deceives the nations

Learning's from Revelation 20-21:7

- Gog and Magog numbered as the sand of the sea come to fight against Jerusalem at the end of the 1,000 years
- Fire from Heaven devours these forces
- Satan is thrown into Lake of Fire where the Beast and False Prophet are already
- Second Resurrection, the dead are judged from great white throne (in heaven?)
- Anyone whose name is not written in the book of life is thrown into the Lake of Fire

Learning's from Revelation 20-21:7

- New Heaven and new earth
- New Jerusalem from Heaven
- Then God dwells with his people
(Tabernacles)
- God will be with them as himself
(Tabernacles)
- No more tears, no more death
- First things have passed away
- He makes everything new

Learning's from Revelation 20-21:7

- Tell John to write these words down
- “I am the Alef and Tav, the beginning and the End
- Anyone who is thirsty I will give drink from the water of life
- He who overcomes I will give him these things, and I will be his God and he will be my son

A Closer look at Revelations 20:4-6

- ***Revelation 20:4-6*** I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Yeshua, and for the word of God, and such as didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Messiah for the thousand years. (5) The rest of the dead didn't live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, but they will be Kohanim of God and of Messiah, and will reign with him one thousand years.

Possibly a Misconception

- Most Pre-Millennial teachers use this verse to say that this proves that Messiah will come back before the 1000 year rest. But does this verse really say that Messiah will come back or is this an assumption?
- Let's look at this verse by verse to see what it actually says.....

Possibly a Misconception

- **Verse 4:** I saw thrones (Where are these thrones and where is this vision taking place?), and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls (Souls- the word in Greek means "spirits"?) of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Yeshua, and for the word of God, and such as didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived (Because they were resurrected), and reigned with Messiah for the thousand years.
- Also, we can tell from this verse that the beast comes before the 1000 years.

Possibly a Misconception

- ***Revelation 20:5*** The rest of the dead didn't live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- **Where do the dead live? In Heaven?**
- The only ones who live here in Rev. 20 are the beheaded ones, who judge on thrones.

Possibly a Misconception

- ***Revelation 20:6*** Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power, **(Because they were already resurrected)** but they will be Kohanim of God and of Messiah, and will reign with him one thousand years.
- These souls have already been judged as worthy and will not die in the second death in the Lake of Fire.
- These souls will reign with Messiah for 1000 years.
- **Does it say anywhere that He will return to earth to reign here?**

Possibly a Misconception

- On the surface it might seem like this verse is conclusive that Messiah has to come back and reign because His saints have to reign so they must be on earth.
- The Day of the Lord or the Day of YHWH is the way scripture refers to His second coming, so what does Peter say....

2 Peter 3: 3-8

- 2 Peter 3:3-8 knowing this first, that in the last days mockers will come, walking after their own lusts, (4) and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (5) For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth formed out of water and amid water, by the word of God; (6) by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. (7) But the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. (8) But don't forget this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Fact – From 2 Peter 3:9-13

- **2 Peter 3:9-13** The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is patient with us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. (11) Therefore since all these things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, (12) looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? (13) But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Fact – From 2 Peter 3:9-13

- So we see that when He returns the heavens will pass away and the earth will be burned up and we look then for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- Sounds like he cannot come back before the 1000 years does it?

Matthew 28:18-20

- 18 And Yeshua came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Set-apart Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world (עוֹלָם)." Amein.
- Why would Yeshua tell us he will be with us until the end of the world if he would be with us physically before the end of the world?

Twelve Tribes Ruling

- When Satan is bound in the Pit, all twelve tribes of Israel will be reunited, and together they will reign over the kingdoms of the earth in a way they have not reigned since the days of Kings David and Solomon. However, notice that Yeshua cannot be physically present during that time, because Scripture tells us that the saints will rule and reign *in Yeshua's stead*, with His rod of iron. This is seen by the interplay of Psalms 2:7-9, where Yeshua is given power over the nations, and Revelation 2:26-27, where Israel is given this power.

Psalms 2:8-12

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(8) Ask of me, and I will give the nations for your inheritance, the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

(9) You shall break them with a rod of iron.

You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

(10) Now therefore be wise, you kings.

Be instructed, you judges of the earth.

(11) Serve Yahweh with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

(12) Give sincere homage to the Son^[3], lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 2:12

(12) Give sincere homage to the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath will soon be kindled. Blessed are all those who take refuge in him.

So Yeshua's wrath is not yet kindled during the time when he is reigning with a rod of iron.

Revelation 2:25-28

- Nevertheless, hold firmly that which you have, until I come. (26) He who overcomes, and he who keeps my works to the end, to him I will give authority over the nations. (27) He will rule them with a rod of iron, shattering them like clay pots; as I also have received of my Father: (28) and I will give him the morning star.
- Yeshua gives His faithful authority over the nations and lets them rule

Pre-Millennial Return Incompatible

- Pre-Millennial Return Theory is logically incompatible with numerous prophecies. For just one example, most versions of a pre-millennial return tell us that the saints will be brought back to the Land of Israel by supernatural means (i.e., in a cloud, or in a 'Rapture,' or a 'catching away' of some kind). This idea is contrary to the prophecy over the return of the Lost Ten Tribes given in Isaiah 66:20-21, which tells us that the tribes (i.e., the believers) will return back to the Land of Israel by natural means (and not supernatural ones).

Pre-Millennial Return Incompatible

- The problem is this: If Yeshua reigns *supreme* during the thousand years, then logically, no one else can reign during that same time frame (or by definition, Yeshua would not be reigning 'supreme'.) However, the inspired prophecies tell us that a number of other people (who are clearly not Yeshua) will be reigning during that same time frame.
- What we end up with is a logical dilemma: either Yeshua cannot be physically reigning supreme (i.e., He cannot be physically present during the Millennium), or else the prophecies which tell us that *other* people will be reigning during the Millennium are wrong (which is a logical impossibility). Therefore, Pre-Millennial Return Theory loses, by default.

2 Witnesses from Prophecy

- **1. Isaiah 66:20-21** They shall bring all your brothers out of all the nations for an offering to Yahweh, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says Yahweh, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of Yahweh. (21) Of them also will I take for priests and for Levites," says Yahweh.
- **This does not sound like heavenly rapture but earthly work.**
- **Jeremiah 3:18** In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheritance to your fathers.
- **Both houses shall come out of the land of the north to Israel. They shall walk together in an earthly way. No clouds here!**

The Stone of Israel

- Genesis 49:22-24 "Josef is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine by a spring. His branches run over the wall. (23) The archers have sorely grieved him, shot at him, and persecute him: (24) But his bow remained strong. The arms of his hands were made strong, by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya`akov, (from there is the shepherd, the stone of Yisra'el),
- If this text refers to Yeshua how can he be from the tribe of Joseph when he is from the tribe of Judah?
- If Yeshua returns at the start of the Millennium, to rule and reign supreme over the earth with a rod of iron, would He not have to share at least *some* of His power and glory with a man who earns the title, 'The Shepherd, the Stone of Israel?'

The Stone of Israel

- What should we do in cases where we find a passage in prophecy that does not fit with Pre-Millennial Return Theory? Should we ignore that passage because it does not fit with our theory? Or should we abandon the theory instead?
- What should we do with passages such as Hosea 1:1-11, which speaks of a national leader for combined twelve-tribe Israel, which cannot logically be Yeshua? Do we ignore that passage also?
- Hosea 1:10-11 Yet the number of the children of Yisra'el will be as the sand of the sea, which can't be measured nor numbered; and it will come to pass that, in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'sons of the living God.' (11) The children of Yehudah and the children of Yisra'el will be gathered together, and they will appoint themselves one head, and will go up from the land; for great will be the day of Yizre'el.
- Seems like these two houses become one house and appoint for themselves one leader.

The Stone of Israel

- **(Hosea) 6:2 2 After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up**
- Messiah, who was born on-or-about 4 BCE, and whose ministry lasted from approximately 26 to 29 CE. Two thousand years after His birth (i.e., 1996), the House of Ephraim began to re-assemble; and it seems likely that there will also be special events approximately two thousand years after His ministry and His resurrection (circa 2026-2029 CE). This is perfectly in keeping with the Hebraic conception of a Messiah: one who vanquishes Israel's enemies, and then brings the lost and scattered of Israel back to the eternal Covenant (the Torah). Yeshua is doing all of these things for His people (His Body), leading them by His Spirit.

Another Witness from Prophecy

- Zechariah 14:3-4 Then YHWH will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.
- And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley. Half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
- Zechariah also agrees that when Yeshua comes back he will destroy Israel's enemies and the Mount of Olives shall split in two.

More Witnesses from Prophecy

- Jeremiah 30:6-9
- 6 Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?
- 7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Ya'akov's (Jacob's) trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.
- 8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'
- Says YHWH of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds. Foreigners shall no more enslave them,
- 9 But they shall serve YHWH their Elohim, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.
- After Jacob's trouble YHWH will break the yoke off Israel and they shall serve YHWH their Elohim and David their king whom I will raise up for them.
- Who is David their king whom YHWH will raise up?
- First, while Jeremiah was used to give this prophecy before the time of Yeshua's ministry, it speaks of a time that is still in the future. The king being mentioned here *will* be 'raised up' (future tense) whereas Yeshua has *already* been raised up (past tense).
- Second, while "David their king" will be *raised up*, the Book of Acts tells us that when Yeshua returns, He will *come down* from the heavens (in a cloud).

More Witnesses from Prophecy

Jeremiah) 30:18-21 18 "Thus says YHWH:

'Behold, I will bring back the captivity of Ya'akov's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places. The city shall be built upon its own mound, and the palace shall remain according to its own plan.

19 Then out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of those who make merry; I will multiply them, and they shall not diminish; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.

20 Their children also shall be as before, and their congregation shall be established before Me; and I will punish all who oppress them.

21 Their leader shall come from among them, and their governor shall come from their midst. Then I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me; for who is this who pledged his heart to approach Me?' says YHWH.

Zechariah 3

¹ He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. ² Yahweh said to Satan, "Yahweh rebuke you, Satan! Yes, Yahweh who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Isn't this a burning stick plucked out of the fire?"

³ Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. ⁴ He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, "Take the filthy garments off of him." To him he said, "Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with rich clothing."

⁵ I said, "Let them set a clean turban on his head."

So they set a clean turban on his head, and clothed him; and the angel of Yahweh was standing by. ⁶ The angel of Yahweh protested to Joshua, saying, ⁷ "Thus says Yahweh of Armies: 'If you will walk in my ways, and if you will follow my instructions, then you also shall judge my house, and shall also keep my courts, and I will give you a place of access among these who stand by. ⁸ Hear now, Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you; for they are men who are a sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant, the Branch. ⁹ For, behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; on one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave its engraving,' says Yahweh of Armies, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰ In that day,' says Yahweh of Armies, 'you will invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.'"

Branches

In Zechariah 3:6-8 we read of a future human High Priest named Yehoshua ben Yehotzadak. Zechariah tells Yehoshua ben Yehotzadak that there will be another man (besides him) whose name will be, 'The Branch.'

We read about a 'Branch' in Isaiah 11:1, who is Yeshua:

Yeshayahu (Isaiah) 11:1

***1 There shall come forth a Rod (David) from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch (נצר) shall grow out of his roots.***

However, this 'Branch' who is Yeshua is the Hebrew word 'Natsar' (נצר). This is different than the word which will be used in Zechariah, which is the word 'Tsemach' (צמח). Notice also that Zechariah tells us that Yehoshua ben Yehotzadak and the 'Branch' are two entirely different people:

Zechariah 3:8

***8 "Hear, O Yehoshua, the High Priest,
You and your companions who sit before you
(For they are a Wondrous Sign!)***

For behold! I am bringing forth My (other) servant, The Branch (צמח)."