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CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

When studying the Bible, it is important to read passages in light of how God was operating during that time. We must remember that, though His *ways* of doing things continually change, God *never* changes. The purpose of this study is not intended to be detailed, but rather look briefly at how God has, and will continue to, uniquely reach out to man in each time frame. In each segment of time, God works differently to bring mankind to Himself.

Many times one of the greatest mistakes we make in studying God's Word is not understanding the difference between the differing "times" of the Bible. As a result, we find ourselves trying to apply aspects of the Bible to our daily lives that may not be how God is working today. This can lead to confusion and frustration. God is not the author of confusion and understanding how He has and is working in each unique time will make understanding Him and His Word a joy!

As we look at how God reaches to man during each time, from the beginning of creation until eternity, one thing is constant about God...He continually wants a relationship with mankind. He is our creator and loves each the same.

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CHAPTER TWO CREATION TIME

Genesis 1 & 2

“In the beginning” is the time of creation, from the universe to all living things on the earth. Creation Time is the time of perfection in creation and perfection in man’s relationship with God. We see man experiencing a relationship with God that is perfect in every way, free from all sin. He experiences God as his creator, walking with Him in the Garden of Eden. Man was created by God for fellowship with Him and in these passages we see God and man experiencing all that God intended it to be. God is abundantly caring for man and all of his and her needs. This unique perfect relationship ends when man yields to the temptation of sin. We are not sure how long this time lasted, but we know that it abruptly ended with the entrance of sin in man’s life and God’s Covenant of Punishment, found in Genesis 3:14-19.

14 And the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, And dust shall you eat All the days of your life;

15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel. "

16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you shall eat the plants of the field;

*19 By the sweat of your face You shall eat bread, Till you return to the ground,
Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return. "*

**This Covenant of Punishment will remain in effect for the Church
until the End Time and for the rest of mankind until Eternity Time.**

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CHAPTER THREE LAW & OBEDIENCE TIME

Genesis 3 – Malachi

God's relationship with man drastically changed after the entrance of sin in man's life. This begins the Law and Obedience Time. At this time man is completely separated from God. According to recorded history the time frame is as follows:

4004 B.C. – Creation of Man

2348 B.C. – The Flood (*This time varies by different accounts, but is generally held around this time.*)

1921 B.C. – The Covenant of God with Abraham

1765 B.C. – Children of Israel begin to be born.

1491 B.C. – The giving of the Ten Commandments

4-6 B.C – Jesus was born.

33 A.D. – Jesus was crucified and resurrected.

The Old Testament records the history of most of the Law and Obedience Time in the following way:

2369 years of history in the book of Genesis.

1238 years of history in the other 38 books of the Old Testament.

3607 years of history in all of the Old Testament.

In order for us to see how God chose to have a relationship with man, he entered into a covenant with a man named Abram, later called Abraham, and promised him a great nation. Later those descendents came through a man named Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel.

We refer to this group of people as the Children of Israel, later to be called the Jews, and it is to them that God gave the Ten Commandments. He did not choose to work through these people because they were any more special than any others on the earth. God simply needed a group of people to reveal His plan through. Therefore, through the Old Testament we have a record of God's actions, revealing the nature and plan of God. This covenant given to the Children of Israel, which we call the Old Covenant, affects all mankind. It is through the Old Covenant that we see what is required to please God, and how impossible it is to keep the commandments.

In Creation Time we saw God and man in a perfect relationship, fellowshiping with each other one on one. However, because of sin, during the Law and Obedience Time man's fellowship with God is dependant on God reaching out to man, and man finding favor with God based on his obedience. Man no longer experienced a one on one relationship with his creator. No longer did God dwell with man individually, except for a few from time to time. Even in that there was always the realization that God could remove His presence, if you were not pleasing to Him. Sacrifices had to be made through priests for the forgiveness of sins. This was a process that must be repeated yearly, still with no guarantee that God would receive the sacrifice.

With the giving of the law, man was able to see his sin and, through time because of continual failure to keep the laws, realize that it was impossible to have a relationship with God by keeping His laws. The Law and Obedience Time ends with the death of Christ on the cross, who was and is the perfect sacrifice that takes away all sin for all mankind.

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CHAPTER FOUR CHRIST TIME

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

The Christ Time on earth is a very short, yet very unique, period of time that shows God’s relationship with man dramatically changing again. Though Christ was born in approximately 4-6 B.C., the time we call the Christ Time deals with the period of His public ministry, around 30-33 A.D. lasting only three years. It is important to understand that during this unique time two time groups are running side by side, the Law and Obedience Time and the Christ Time.

Jesus came to “bridge the gap” between God and man. He was about to become the ultimate sacrifice for all sin. During this time man had the opportunity to see God in the flesh through Jesus Christ. Jesus told people that when they saw Him they saw the Father. While on earth Jesus had power over all evil, power to forgive sins, and power to heal.

When studying the Gospels (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*) it is important to understand the purpose of this time. The words of Jesus, in many ways, made the Law even harder to keep. The purpose was to show that man could never be good enough to keep the law and he needed a savior. The actions and words of Jesus showed that He was the perfect Son of God, given as a sacrifice to fulfill the Law. His power showed those that would follow Him what kind of works they would be doing.

When studying these books, it is easy to get confused, thinking the passages are for the Church Time. Throughout the entire Bible there are truths for our good. But not all of these truths apply to how God is moving in the time frame we are living in. The following is an example:

Matthew 6

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.

10 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

11 'Give us this day our daily bread.

12 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.'

This is the famous Lord's Prayer. Think for a moment. We must remember that Jesus had not yet died on the cross, so the forgiveness of all sin had not taken place. He is speaking to people that are living under the Law and bringing sacrifices to the temple each year for the forgiveness of their sins. John the Baptist was the forerunner for Jesus, calling the people to personally repent of their sins. Jesus is telling them how to individually pray and ask God for forgiveness of sins. This is a departure from what they were accustomed to. Is this how the Church finds forgiveness of sin today? Absolutely not! Once Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected from the grave, all who believe in Him have complete forgiveness of all sin. Because we value the words of Jesus so much, we want to mix these words, spoken during the Christ Time to a people living under the Law, with the words for the Church Time. What is the outcome? We have Believers confused about forgiveness, thinking they must continually ask God for forgiveness, as Jesus said in the above Lord's Prayer. We must remember that Jesus was sent, not only as a sacrifice for all sin, but to prepare the way for the need of a Savior.

Now let's look at some words of Jesus, spoken during the Christ Time, that do apply to our lives today:

John 14

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

16 "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.

Jesus is speaking this beautiful passage to His Disciples, just before He is crucified. It applies to all of His disciples to come! Let's look closer at the truths He reveals:

- 1. Whoever believes in Jesus will do the works He did and even greater works.**
- 2. Pray in the name of Jesus, asking Jesus and He will do it.**
- 3. Jesus wants us to keep His commandments, which are new!** (*John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*)
- 4. Jesus will ask God to send the Holy Spirit to each believer as a Helper and He will be with us forever! No longer will God's Children have to worry about whether His presence will stay with them. The time is coming when God will move inside each Believer.**

The Christ Time is a very unique time. God is moving closer to man in the person of Jesus, and Jesus is preparing the way for the New Covenant that would exist between God and man during the Church Time. This time ends with the ascension of Jesus to heaven.

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CHAPTER FIVE CHURCH TIME

Acts – Revelation 6

During the Church Time having a personal relationship with God is now available to all people through belief in Jesus as the Son of God and Savior. Through this belief in Jesus you become a Christian, or born-again child of God, and you receive an immediate inheritance from God, equal to that of Jesus (Romans 8:16&17). This inheritance includes His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, living inside of you. Now God has established his relationship with His children, born-again into His eternal family, and He is once again living with them through His Spirit. In addition, He has promised never to take His Spirit from the Christian, and to give eternal life, life that can never be taken away.

The following books from the New Testament are about the New Covenant that God has with His born-again children:

Acts – Written by Luke the physician as history of the early church.

Romans – Written by the Apostle Paul to Christians in Rome

1 & 2 Corinthians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth.

Galatians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the churches in Galatia.

Ephesians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus.

Philippians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Philippi.

Colossians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Colossi.

1 & 2 Thessalonians – Written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Thessalonica.

1 & 2 Timothy – Written by the Apostle Paul to the young preacher Timothy.

Titus – Written by the Apostle Paul to Titus, a beloved friend and helper.

Hebrews – Writer is uncertain, though many believe it has the characteristics of the Apostle Paul. It is written to Hebrew Christians.

James – Written by James, the brother of Jesus, to Jewish Christians outside the Holy Land.

1 & 2 Peter – Written by the Apostle Peter, to the all Christians, Jew and Gentile, scattered across Asia Minor.

1 John – Written by the Apostle John to Christians everywhere.

2 John – Written by the Apostle John to the elect lady and her children, possibly a Christian lady living in Ephesus.

3 John – Written by the Apostle John to Gaius, a consistent Christian.

Jude – Written by Jude, possibly the brother of Jesus, as a warning to the church.

Revelation – Written by the Apostle John to Christians everywhere.

The Church Time begins in the book of Acts with the promised Holy Spirit coming to live in every Christian. The book of Acts is primarily a historical look at how the church began. Let's take a moment and look a little closer at this book.

If you read this book for the purpose of laying a doctrinal foundation for the church, you may find yourself in confusion. Though there are many truths that help to clarify the purpose and power of the church, it primarily shows the beginnings of the church and its church leaders, such as Peter, John, Stephen, and Paul. For the church, it is the biggest transition book in the Bible! It shows God moving in power through Believers on earth and gives all Believers a glimpse of how God wants the world to see His work on earth. Yet, we also see a group of Believers moving into God's plan, but at times, not quite getting it right! Does that mean that the Word is in error, because the early church was not getting everything right? Absolutely not! The book of Acts is simply a record of the "acts" of the early church, and should be read

accordingly. Here are some examples of different areas of ongoing change and growth for the new church:

1. **The Entrance of the Holy Spirit** – There are seven different events recorded in Acts of when the Holy Spirit entered Believers on the earth, and each of these had different results. Trying to make these events doctrine for the church will lead to confusion, because none are the same. These events are simply a historical record, and each shows the diversity of God’s plan and power.
2. **Church Leadership** – We see the process of an evolving leadership in the early church that includes Apostles (the beginning Apostles and then more added), deacons, Elders, the forming of other churches through Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy, Evangelists, Teachers, and Prophets. Passages are given about problems arising in the church, and how leadership worked together, for the first time, to solve problems that were unique to their time. Methods were continually changing, showing us that you must listen to the Spirit, and walk by faith daily in God’s unique, ever-changing, consistent plan!
3. **Baptism** – Baptism is a great example of the early church going through a process of trying to understand the correct way, yet we never see it fulfilled in this book. If we applied the historical account of the book of Acts as doctrine to baptism, we would really be in a mess in the church. Why? Because during the time of Jesus and the early church there were different kinds of ceremonial washings and baptisms, some of which were; the Baptism of John and the Baptism of Jesus. (Acts 19: 1-6) Each of these represented where you were in your belief relationship with God, and identified that belief to others. The Baptism of John was a testimony you believed, and were involved in, personal repentance, and the Baptism of Jesus said you believed that Jesus was the Son of God. Yet in Matthew 28: 19 Jesus tells His disciples how to baptize:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
So why don’t we see this in the book of Acts? Because they were walking by faith day by day, as God guided them in this new life, learning as they went. Eventually the church did get it right and today we baptize the way Jesus said in Matthew 28.

These are some examples of why we do not need to apply the historical account of the Book of Acts to doctrine in the church. However, we are richly blessed to see God's plan for the church through its rich beginnings. God wants His children to move in His power and this is what we see in Acts!

The remaining books, especially Romans through Jude, are the New Covenant from God, and should be the focal books for the Believer that truly wants to grow in God's plan for their life.

It has taken over 6,000 years for God to once again have a personal one on one relationship with man. Yet that relationship is dependant on each person receiving the sacrifice of Jesus Christ through belief in their hearts of who He is and what He came to earth to do. God loves all mankind and is making available to each person an eternal, personal relationship with Him. By accepting that relationship each person becomes a part of God's family, the Church of Jesus Christ here on the earth.

While on earth, Jesus gave us warnings about the end of the church age. Listed below we see those passages that tell us about Signs of the End of the Church Age.

Signs of the End of the Church Age

Matthew 24, Luke 21, Revelation 6

The First Seal - The White Horse - War

Revelation 6

¹ *Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."*

² *I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.*

Wars & Rumors of Wars

Matthew 24:6 *"And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.*

Nation Against Nation & Kingdom Against Kingdom

Matthew 24:7a *"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,*

The Second Seal – The Red Horse – Lawlessness

Revelation 6

³ *When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come."*

⁴ *And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.*

Christians Stumble & Turn Against Each Other

Matthew 24:10a *"And at that time many will fall away (stumble) and will deliver up one another and hate one another.*

Lawlessness Will Increase & Love Grows Cold

Matthew 24:12 *"And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.*

The Third Seal – The Black Horse – Poverty

Revelation 6

⁵ *When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.*

⁶ *And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."*

Lawlessness Will Increase & Love Grows Cold

Matthew 24:12 *"And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.*

The Fourth Seal – The Ashen Horse – Death

Revelation 6

⁷ *When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come."*

⁸ *I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

Famines

Matthew 24:7b *...and in various places there will be famines*

Plagues

Luke 21:11b *and in various places plagues*

The Fifth Seal – Martyrs

Revelation 6

⁹ *When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;*

¹⁰ *and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"*

¹¹ *And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.*

Persecution of Christians

Matthew 24:9 *"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.*

The Sixth Seal – Destruction

Revelation 6

¹² *I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;*

¹³ *and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.*

¹⁴ *The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

¹⁵ *Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;*

¹⁶ *and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;*

¹⁷ *for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

Earthquakes

Matthew 24:7c *...and earthquakes.*

Matthew 24:8 *"But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.*

Terrors & Miracles

Luke 21:11b *and there will be terrors and great signs (Attesting Miracles) from heaven.*

The Rapture of the Church

Matthew 24: 40 & 42; Luke 21: 28; 1 Corinthians 15; 51 & 52;
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, and Revelation 7

There are differing beliefs about when the Church Time will end, but this study takes the viewpoint that the Church Time will end with the fulfillment of the Signs of the End and the Rapture, or catching up into heaven, of the church. At the Rapture all of God's children will receive a glorified body, like the glorified body of Jesus, starting first with the bodies of those that are dead. They will be raised from the grave and reunited with their spirits in heaven, then; those that are alive on the earth will be taken to heaven with the Lord Jesus. This will be a glorious event!

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CHAPTER SIX

END TIME

Revelation 8 – 19 plus some Old and New Testament Prophetic passages

The Wrath of God

Revelation 8-11 & 14-19 (9 chapters)

The Wrath of Satan

Revelation 12 & 13 (2 chapters)

In the book of Revelation, chapters 8 – 19, give us a record of the End Time or what many call, The Great Tribulation. This event will last 7 years and we learn this from Daniel, chapter 9.

24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place.

25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Verse 24 - Seventy weeks is literally seventy sevens. Weeks stand for years, so this reference is 70 groups of 7 years, or 490 years.

Verse 25 - The seventy weeks begin in Nehemiah 2:5 with King Artaxerxes Longimanus allowing the restoration of Jerusalem in 445 B. C. In the first 7 weeks (49 years) the public square and moat were rebuilt.

Verse 26 – After the next 62 weeks (434 years) the Messiah will be crucified and Jerusalem will be destroyed. Since these events happened in 33 A. D. and 70 A. D., it is obvious that there is an undetermined amount of time between the first 69 weeks (483 years) and the last week (7 years).

Verse 27 – The last week (7 years) is the End Time, or Great Tribulation. Here we learn that, at the beginning of this time, the prince (Anti-Christ) will make a covenant with the people and then break it 3 1/2 years later. He will bring abomination and desolation.

The events of the seven years begin in Revelation, chapter 8 with the breaking of the Seventh Seal and silence in heaven for 30 minutes. This prepared for the sounding of the Seven Trumpets that would begin the End Time. During the Great Tribulation we see God pouring out His wrath through three woes as follows:

The First Woe - Revelation 8 & 9:11

Event One... The First Trumpet, Hail & Fire mixed with Blood.

1/3 of the earth, trees, and grass are burned.

Event Two... The Second Trumpet, A Mountain of Fire.

1/3 of the sea is blood, 1/3 of sea life dies. 1/3 of ships destroyed.

Event Three... The Third Trumpet, A Star called Wormwood

1/3 of fresh water turns bitter and many people die.

Event Four... The Fourth Trumpet, The Sun, Moon & Stars Darkened.

1/3 of the day and night do not shine.

Event Five... The Fifth Trumpet, Locust on the Earth.

The sun and the air will be darkened by the smoke from the pit or abyss. The locust will be allowed to torment all people that do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. Their sting will cause torment for five months, and those that are stung will want to die, but will not.

The Second Woe – Revelation 9:13 – 11:14

Event Six... The Four Angels & the Army of 200 Million

1. One third of mankind killed by plagues of fire, smoke, and brimstone. There is approximately 6 billion in earth population. If we are in the last days, the Fourth Seal, The Ashen Horse of Death will kill 1/4 of the earth, 1 billion and 250 million through famine, pestilence, and wild beasts. Population of the earth remaining is 4 billion and 750 million. This Sixth Event will kill 1 billion and 580 million, leaving a population of 3 billion, 170 million.

2. The rest of mankind did not repent.

Event Seven... The Two Witnesses

God's Wrath through them:

1. They give God's prophetic message.

2. They will kill anyone that tries to harm them with fire that comes out of their mouths.

3. They shut up rain from falling for 3 1/2 years, while they prophecy.

4. They turn the water to blood.

5. They bring every plague to the earth, as often as they choose.

The result:

1. The beast comes out of the abyss and kills them.

2. Their dead bodies lie in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 1/2 days, while those on the earth rejoice.

3. God brings them back to life, and all are fearful.

4. *They are taken to heaven with their enemies watching.*
5. *One tenth of Jerusalem falls and 7,000 people are killed in a great earthquake.*
6. *All the rest in Jerusalem were terrified and gave God glory.*

The Third Woe – Revelation 15 & 16

Event Eight... The First bowl

Loathsome and malignant sores on those with the mark of the Beast.

Event Nine... The Second Bowl

The sea turns to the blood of a dead man and everything in it dies.

Event Ten... The Third Bowl

All rivers and springs are turned to blood.

Event Eleven... The Fourth Bowl

Men and women scorched by the sun.

Event Twelve... The Fifth Bowl

The kingdom of the Beast, or Anti-Christ, is darkened and they are in great pain.

Event Thirteen... The Sixth Bowl

The River Euphrates is dried up.

Event Fourteen... The Sixth Bowl

The last bowl is poured out and several events take place: 1) Lightning, thunder and a great earthquake like none that has ever been on the earth. 2) As a result of the earthquake Babylon is split in three parts. Another result of the earthquake is that every island and mountain has been completely destroyed. 3) The final event in the last bowl is hailstones that weigh 100 pounds.

God and Satan are in a war with each other, with man as the object. As we see the Wrath of God poured out on the earth, and millions of people killed, God still continues to extend His hand of mercy to any that will believe in His Son, Jesus. In Revelation 12 & 13 we have a record of the Wrath of Satan on the earth.

Then, in Revelation 19, we have the final events of the End Time:

- 1. The Four Hallelujahs, Verses 1-6**
- 2. The Marriage of the Lamb, Verses 7-10**
- 3. The Second Coming of Jesus, Verses 11-16**
- 4. The Final War, or The Battle of Armageddon, Verses 17-21**

Finally the end of God's Wrath has come, with only one more event to finish this time, The Final War. Before this event though, there

is a marriage, the marriage of Jesus with His bride, the Church. We take our rightful place, now carrying His name, and as His bride, we ride with Him to the Final War. Yet, we never raise our hands to kill! Jesus, with one sweep of the sword that comes from His mouth, destroys all of the Kings and their armies that come down the dry Euphrates River. The birds of the air, that have been summoned by the Angel, eat the flesh of all those who will be killed that day.

The events of the End Time will last for 7 years and will conclude with the Battle of Armageddon.

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CHAPTER SEVEN MILLENNIUM TIME

Revelation 20

This is called the Millennium Time because it is the one thousand year reign of Jesus Christ on earth. Satan and his forces will be locked up during this time. At the end, Satan will be loosed for a short season, and then thrown into the Lake of Fire forever, along with Death and Hades. This time will end with Jesus Christ at the Great White Throne Judgment of all lost mankind.

Millennium Events

- 1. Satan locked up in the Abyss. Revelation 20:1-3**
- 2. Believers that died during the Great Tribulation, are raised from the dead. Revelation 20:4-6**
- 3. Christ will reign for 1,000 years. Those on earth with Him will be (Revelation 20:4b & 6b):**
 - Believers, those that came with Him at the Second Coming, and all those that were born again and raised from the dead in the First Resurrection.**
 - Lost mankind that was not killed during the Battle of Armageddon.**
- 4. Satan is released, at the end of the 1,000 years. (Revelation 20:7)**
- 5. Satan will bring together an army, made up of lost mankind from all nations. (Revelation 20:8)**
- 6. Satan's army is destroyed. (Revelation 20:9)**
- 7. Satan is thrown into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:10)**
- 8. The Great White Throne Judgment of Lost Mankind, or the dead. (Revelation 20:11-13)**
- 9. Death & Hades are thrown into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:14)**
- 10. All of lost mankind is thrown into the Lake of Fire. (Revelation 20:15)**

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CHAPTER EIGHT ETERNITY TIME

Revelation 21 & 22

This time begins with the creation of a new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem. These two chapters reveal the beauty of these new creations.

These last two chapters also give the Christian some tremendous promises! During times of discouragement, these become a source of strength and allow us to see the bigger picture of God's eternal plan for all of His born again children! If you have been born again, you are a Child of God and will experience all of these promises!

- 1. God will be with us.**
- 2. God is making all things new.**
- 3. We will be His people.**
- 4. God will wipe away every tear.**
- 5. No more death.**
- 6. No more mourning.**
- 7. No more crying.**
- 8. No more pain.**
- 9. Free water from the spring of the water of life.**
- 10. The Overcomer, or Child of God, will inherit all things!**
- 11. We will be the sons of God!**
- 12. There will be no more curse (the curse of sin)!**
- 13. We will serve the Lord God!**

14. We will see His face!

15. We will have His name on our foreheads!

16. We will reign forever and ever!

17. Jesus will come quickly!

18. Jesus comes with rewards for the Children of God!

19. We have the right to the Tree of Life!

20. We may enter the Holy City, Jerusalem!

We will no longer live with the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters. Outside, in the Lake of Fire, are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.

All of God's children will spend forever with Him in a new heaven, a new earth, and a New Jerusalem. This is Eternity Time! It will never end!