



Life Changing Words From God Week #2 'Maranatha'

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The 'so what' first.

- By the time this class is over you will have an overview of the end time events.
- The temptation for Christians when studying the end times is to look forward to Christ's return perhaps a little too anxiously.
- We, those who have been saved have a glorious 'out' of what is coming on the earth.
- As we study tonight, let us be mindful that many of the people we know will be left behind to suffer perhaps like no other generation has ever suffered.
- May God grant us tender hearts towards others that do not know Jesus and make every effort to win them to Christ.

Vocabulary

- *Maranatha*; the Lord is coming
- *Millenium*; a 1,000 year period and in our context the 1,000 year reign of Christ on the earth.
- *Pre-millennial*; prior to the start of the millenium.
- *Tribulation*; a hard circumstance and in our context the 7 year period known as ‘the great tribulation’ to come upon the earth.
- *Pre-tribulation*; prior to the great tribulation also known as Daniel’s seventieth week.

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24-27

- **Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. 25 "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. 26 "And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. 27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate." NKJV**

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- **The purposes of the seventy weeks –**
 - **To finish the transgression,**
 - **To make an end of sins,**
 - **To make reconciliation for iniquity,**
 - **To bring in everlasting righteousness,**
 - **To seal up vision and prophecy,**
 - **And to anoint the Most Holy.**

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- **The Countdown;**

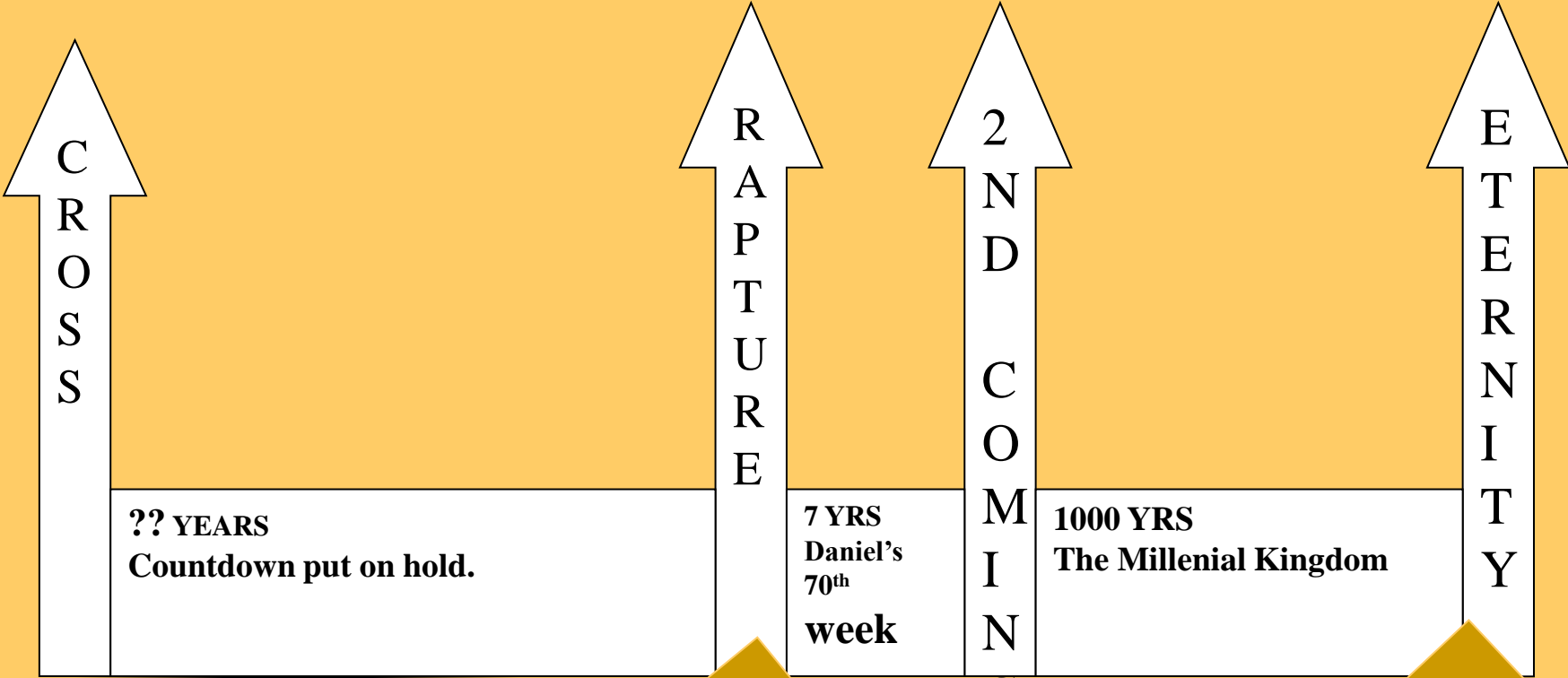
- In Nehemiah chapter 2 we find the only Biblical decree to go and rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Scholars believe that this was around the year 444 B.C.
- The seventy weeks we now understand from history to be (70) weeks of years or exactly 490 years.
- Daniel 9:25-26 tell us also that after 69 weeks (or 483 years) Messiah would be 'cut off'.
- These years are understood to be Jewish 'sabbatical' years each measuring 360 days each.
 - 173,880 days divided by 360 = 483 sabbatical years
 - March of 444 B.C. (The command to rebuild in Nehemiah 2)
 - March or April of 32 A.D. (when Jesus died)
 - The elapsed time in days that we can count is very close to 173,880

Daniel's Seventy Weeks

Daniel 9:24

- The scriptures tell us that after 69 weeks Messiah would be cut-off and we are also told that when week #70 begins that the city would be destroyed and that great trouble would come upon Israel.
- However, what was not clear then, was that between weeks #69 and #70 that the countdown would be put on hold.
- That holding period is the space of time that we live in. It's a parenthesis called the 'Church Age'.

FROM THE CROSS TO ETERNITY



BEMA
1st Cor
3:110-15

GREAT
WHITE
THRONE
REV 20

The Signs of His Coming

- Matt 24:3-14 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. NKJV

The Signs of His Coming

- Two questions; 1) When will these things be?
And 2) What are the signs of His coming?
 - Many would come claiming to be the Christ.
 - Wars and rumors of wars
 - Famines and earthquakes
 - Persecution of Christians
 - Lawlessness
 - Cold Heartedness
 - The gospel will be preached worldwide

When is He Coming?

- Matt 24:36-44 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

When is He Coming?

- No one knows just when Jesus will come again, but we do have some insights into the world when He does return.
 - As soon as someone tells you that they know when Jesus is coming you can mark that person as either a liar looking to make money, or as one who is delusional.
 - Like the days of Noah where people were going about their lives with no thought of the coming judgment.
 - Two men a field; one is taken, the other is left. Two women working together and suddenly one is gone. This information foreshadows what we now know to be the ‘rapture’.

The Rapture?

- The scriptures do not contain the word rapture. The word rapture comes from the Latin ‘rapto’ which means to ‘catch away’.
- So why do we say ‘rapture’ when the scriptures never mention the word?
 - I could describe grass, bases, bats, balls, players, umpires, dugouts, etc, or I could just say ‘baseball game’ and you get the picture immediately.
 - The same is true of rapture. It gives us a method to communicate numerous details about the hope of the church with just one word.

The Rapture?

- 1 Thess 4:13-18 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words. NKJV

The Rapture?

- There were false teachers telling believers that unless you are alive when Jesus returns that you will miss the rapture.
- Not so. The spirits and souls of those who have died in Christ will return with Jesus when He comes. (2 Cor 5:8)
- The order of events:
 - There will be a shout and a trumpet.
 - The ‘dead in Christ’ will be raised and will be given new bodies to join with their spirits and souls.
 - Those believers alive at the time will have their bodies changed and caught away.

The Rapture?

- 1 Cor 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed — 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 5 NKJV
- What is being disclosed was new information ‘behold I show you a mystery’.
- There will be a generation of believers who will go to heaven without ever having a physical death.
- It is a rapid translation indicated by the phrase ‘in the twinkling of an eye’.

The Day We Live In

- 2 Tim 3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! NKJV
- 2 Peter 3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." NKJV

The End Times Chronology

- **THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH (1 THES 4:13-18) (1 COR 15:51-53)**
- **THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (ONLY BELIEVERS, 1 COR 3:11-15)**
- **THE TRIBULATION PERIOD OF 7 YEARS (DAN 9, MATH24)**
- **THE GLORIOUS APPEARANCE OF CHRIST**
- **SATAN BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS (REV 20:1-2)**
- **THE MILLENIAL (1,000 YEARS) KINGDOM.**
- **SATAN'S FINAL UPRISING (REV 20:7-10)**
- **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT (ONLY UNBELIEVERS, REV 20)**
- **EARTH DESTROYED (2 PET 3:10)**
- **THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH (REV 21:1)**

The Great Tribulation Chronology

- **FORMATION OF THE WORLD CHURCH - REV 17**
- **THE APPEARANCE OF ANTI-CHRIST - REV 13**
- **THE REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE - REV 13**
- **ANTI-CHRIST'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL - DAN 9**
- **THE 'SEAL' JUDGMENTS - REV 6**
- **MASS RETURN OF JEWS TO PALESTINE - EZEK 37**
- **CONVERSION AND CALL OF THE 144,000 JEWS - REV 6**
- **REBUILDING OF THE JEWISH TEMPLE - DAN 9**
- **THE MINISTRY OF THE TWO WITNESSES - REV 11**
- **RUSSIA INVADES PALESTINE - EZEK 38-39**
- **THE SLAYING OF THE TWO WITNESSES - REV 11**
- **THE SLAYING OF THE 144,000 - REV 14**
- **SATAN CAST OUT OF HEAVEN - REV 12**
- **ANTICHRIST DESTROYS THE WORLD CHURCH - REV 17**
- **ANTICHRIST DEMANDS WORSHIP - MATH 24**
- **WORLDWIDE PERSECUTION OF ISRAEL BY ANTICHRIST - MATH 24**
- **THE TRUMPET JUDGEMENTS - REV 8 - 11**
- **THREE SPECIAL ANGELIC MESSAGES - REV 14**
- **THE BOWL JUDGEMENTS - REV 16**
- **THE DESTRUCTION OF BABYLON - REV 18**
- **ARMAGEDDON - REV 16**

Questions

