

To objectives:

1) To encourage you in your Faith
2) To give you a greater love of the Word of God!


Judgment is Coming
• ‘Judgment’ occurs over 300x in the Bible
• Over 100x it points to a ‘specific season of judgment’
• ‘The day of the LORD’ (25x)

The Day of the Lord

- Isaiah speaks of the coming Tribulation
- It's a time of God's wrath and judgment being poured out on a wicked, unbelieving and Christ-rejecting world
- It will be ushered in with 'labour pains'
  - Wars, Rumours of Wars, Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilence
- But, it will commence with the church!

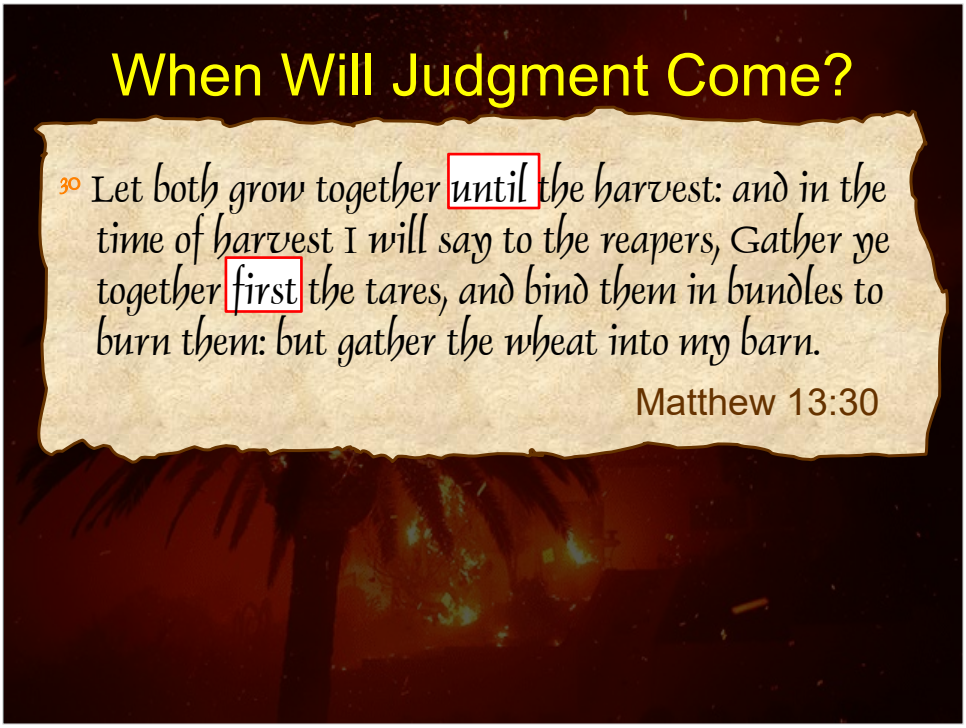
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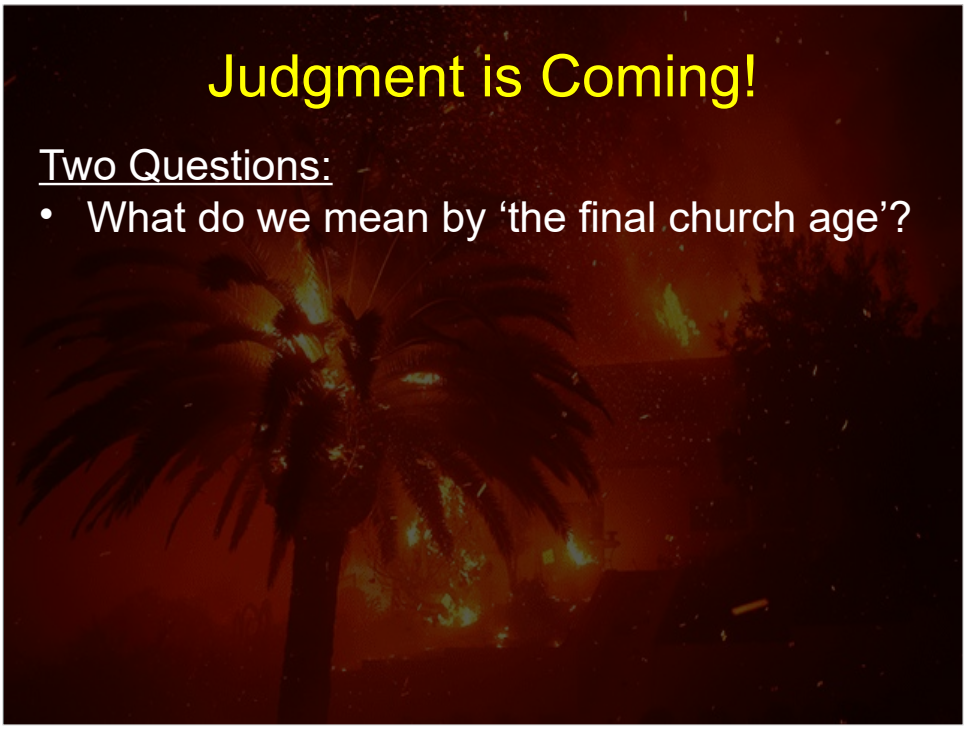
17 For the time *is come that* judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:17

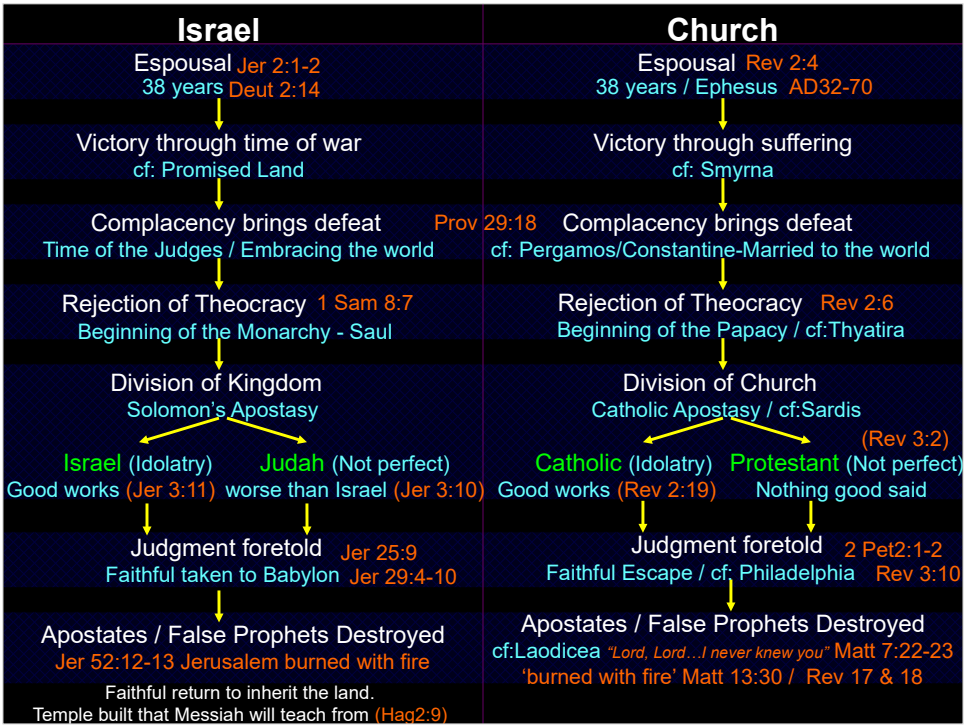
"For the (specific) season of judgment will commence at the house of God"

- Why will it come? Because of apostasy!
- When will it come? In the time of harvest!
  In the final church age!


When Will Judgment Come?
30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.
Matthew 13:30


Judgment is Coming!
Two Questions:
• What do we mean by ‘the final church age’?


The Seven Churches
BLACK SEA
PONTUS
ADRIATIC SEA
Rome
THRACE
Byzantium
BITHYNIA
MACEDONIA
Phillipi
Thessalonica
GALACIA
Puteoli
Pergamum
Thyatira
Sardis
Philadelphia
Laodicea
Ephesus
CAPPADOCIA
GILICIA
Tarsus
SICILY
Rhegium
Corinth
Seleucia
Antioch
SYRIA
Syracus
CYPRESS
CRETE
RHODES
Damascus
MALTA
Fair Havens
Salmone
Lasea
Sidon
Tyre
PHOENECIA
Capernaum
Cauda
Caesarea
Jerusalem
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
Bethlehem
Alexandria
CYRENAICA
SINAI
THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION Rev. 2-3
Memphis
SYRTIS
EGYPT


Israel
Espousal Jer 2:1-2
38 years Deut 2:14
Victory through time of war
cf: Promised Land
Complacency brings defeat
Prov 29:18
Time of the Judges / Embracing the world
Rejection of Theocracy 1 Sam 8:7
Beginning of the Monarchy - Saul
Division of Kingdom
Solomon's Apostasy
Israel (Idolatry)
Good works (Jer 3:11)
Judah (Not perfect)
worse than Israel (Jer 3:10)
Judgment foretold
Jer 25:9
Faithful taken to Babylon Jer 29:4-10
Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
Jer 52:12-13 Jerusalem burned with fire
Faithful return to inherit the land.
Temple built that Messiah will teach from (Hag2:9)
Church
Espousal Rev 2:4
38 years / Ephesus AD32-70
Victory through suffering
cf: Smyrna
Complacency brings defeat
cf: Pergamos/Constantine-Married to the world
Rejection of Theocracy Rev 2:6
Beginning of the Papacy / cf:Thyatira
Division of Church
Catholic Apostasy / cf:Sardis
(Rev 3:2)
Catholic (Idolatry)
Good works (Rev 2:19)
Protestant (Not perfect)
Nothing good said
Judgment foretold
2 Pet2:1-2
Faithful Escape / cf: Philadelphia Rev 3:10
Apostates / False Prophets Destroyed
cf:Laodicea "Lord, Lord…I never knew you" Matt 7:22-23
'burned with fire' Matt 13:30 / Rev 17 & 18

Judgment is Coming!

Two Questions:

- What do we mean by ‘the final church age’?
- What happens to the ‘true Church’ aka ‘the Wheat’ that we are told will be gathered into His ‘barn’

The Judge of all the earth

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also
destroy the righteous with the wicked?
24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city:
wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the
fifty righteous that are therein?
25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay
the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous
should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not
the Judge of all the earth do right?

Genesis 18:23-25

Shelter from the Storm

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon
the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of
life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the
earth shall die.
18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou
shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy
wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

Genesis 6:17-18

Protected Under the Blood

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night,
and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt,
both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I
will execute judgment: I am the Lord.
13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the
houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will
pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to
destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:12-13

Hidden from Trouble

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Psalm 27:5-6

Hidden from Trouble

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and
shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a
little moment, until the indignation be overpast.
21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to
punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:
the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more
cover her slain.

Isaiah 26:20-21

Hidden from Trouble

3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

Zephaniah 2:3

- Who are the meek of the earth?
- Jesus said the meek would inherit the earth! Matt 5:5
- Who is it that inherits the earth?
- The Church! 1 Cor 15:50 / Heb 6:12 / 2 Tim 2:12 / Rev 5:10 & 20:6
- Thus, this promise to be *'hid in the day of the LORD's anger'* is a promise to the Church (Jew & Gentile)

The Church – comprising Jews and Gentiles

The Harpazo

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Harpazo

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with
a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the
trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be
caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet
the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the
Lord.
18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words

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The Harpazo

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot
inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption
inherit incorruption.
51 Behold, I shew 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
trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall
be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:50-55

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53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and
this mortal must put on immortality.
54 So when this corruptible shall have put on
incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on
immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying
that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy
victory?

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The Rapture

- 1 Thes 4:17 – "Caught up"
- Translated from the Greek word '*harpazo'*
  - to snatch away, to lift, transport, pluck, carry away or rapture.
- In the Latin Vulgate translation, *'harpazo'* is actually translated as *'rapturus'*,
  - from which we derive the word 'rapture'
- So, whilst the word 'rapture' is not found in English translations, this doctrine was taught by the early church.

The Rapture

- Being physically taking from earth to heaven without dying
- Specific examples of Rapture from Scripture…
  - There are actually 7 in total

1) Enoch
2) Moses
3) Elijah
4) Jesus (ascension)
5) Church (1 Thes 4)
6) Moses & Elijah in the tribulation
7) The Tribulation Saints

Enoch

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat
Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and
daughters:
23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty
and five years:
24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God
took him.

Genesis 5:22-24

Elijah

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.
12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more:

2 Kings 2:11-12

Two Witnesses

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life
from God entered into them, and they stood upon their
feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying
unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to
heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

Revelation 11:11-12

Jesus

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.
10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;
11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:9-11


The Rapture
• Why?
• When?

Reason For The Rapture

- #1 For the saints to receive resurrection bodies fit for eternity
- #2 To fulfil the promise Jesus made in John 14
- #3 To present us (as a Bride) to our heavenly Bridegroom
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Resurrection of the Just

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind:
14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Luke 14:13-14

Resurrection of the Just

28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the
which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto
the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil,
unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28-29

Resurrection of the Just

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Revelation 20:6

- Jesus spoke of two distinct resurrections:
  - The resurrection of the Just / Life
  - The resurrection of the unjust /

Resurrections

- Resurrection of life
  - Resurrection of the just (Luke 14:14)
  - The first resurrection (Rev 20:6)
  - ‘Better resurrection’ (Heb 11:35)
  - Resurrection of the dead (Phil 3:11)
  - Category rather than a single event
- Resurrection of damnation
  - Resurrection of the unjust
  - Single event

Resurrection of Life

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become
the firstfruits of them that slept.
21 For since by man came death, by man came also the
resurrection of the dead.
22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be
made alive.
23 But every man in his own order:
Christ the firstfruits;
afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.
24 Then cometh the end...

1 Cor 15:20-24

Resurrection of Life

- Christ – the Firstfruits
- Those at His coming (Rapture) – 1 Thes 4:16
- …then cometh the end…
- Tribulation martyrs (at 2nd Coming) – Rev 20:4-6

- ALL these are part of the first resurrection

Resurrection of Damnation

- Single event for all unbelievers

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:12-14

Resurrection of Damnation

- Single event for all unbelievers

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:12-14

The Resurrection of the Just

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

- *"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have"*
  – Luke 24:31

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Destination Heaven!

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not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for
you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come
again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am,
there ye may be also.

John 14:2-3

Destination Heaven!

- Where did Jesus go to?
- ‘His Father’s house’
- Heaven
  - Acts 1:11 / Eph 6:9 / Phil 3:20 / 1 Thes 1:10 / 1 Peter 3:22
- Jesus’ promise was to take us back to His Father’s house
- To reward us for our labours

Destination Heaven!

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven,
whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the
gospel;

Colossians 1:5

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where
neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves
do not break through nor steal:
21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be
also.

Matthew 6:20-21

Destination Heaven!

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also
eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,
21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be
conformed to His glorious body, according to the
working by which He is able even to subdue all things
to Himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

Destination Heaven!

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10-15

- We will be 'judged' (rewarded) according to our works
  - Our Sin was 'paid in full' at Calvary

Destination Heaven!

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is
laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold,
silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
13 Every man's work shall be made manifest:
for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed
by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of
what sort it is.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

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14 If any man's work abide which he hath built
thereupon, he shall receive a reward.
15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss:
but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

- We have a choice how we live
- Law of Sowing & Reaping
- We will be rewarded accordingly
- It is not an issue of Salvation

An Abundant Entrance

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:11

An Abundant Entrance

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

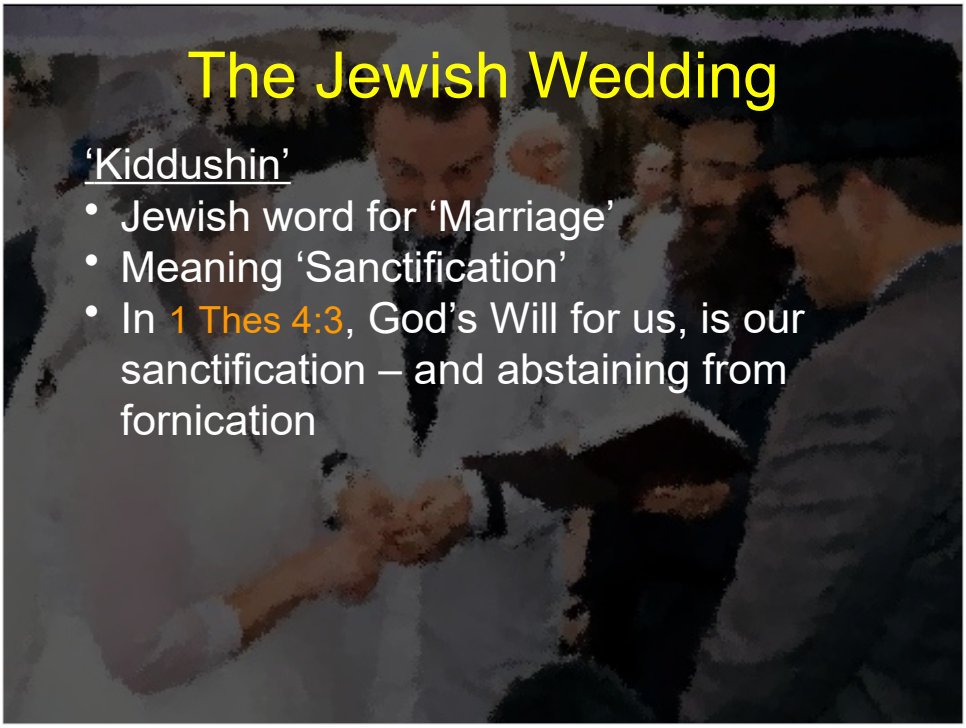
2 John 8

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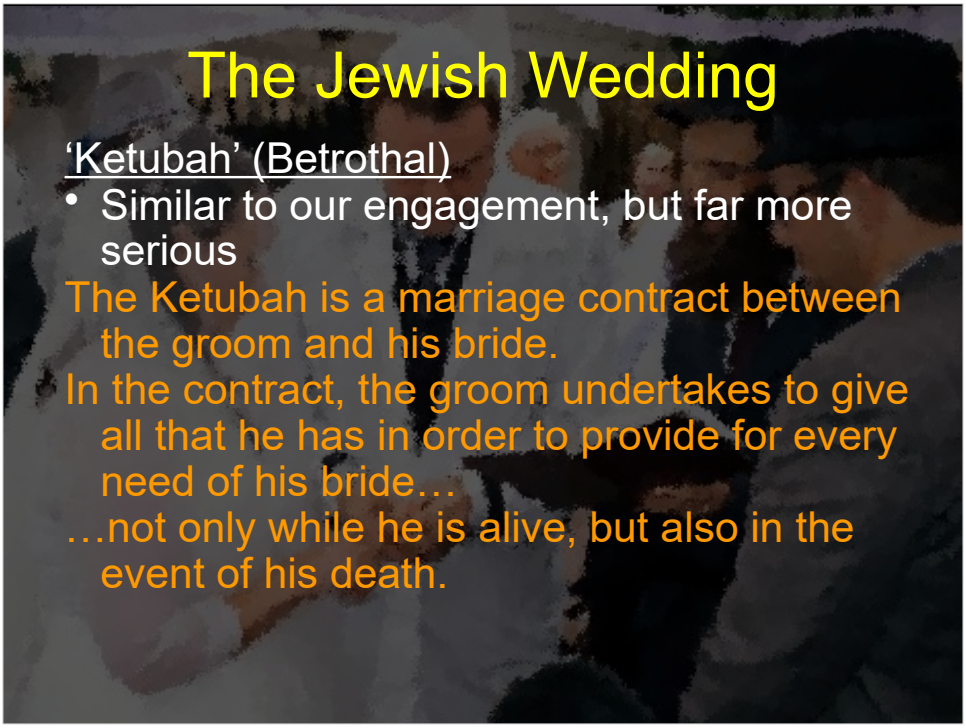
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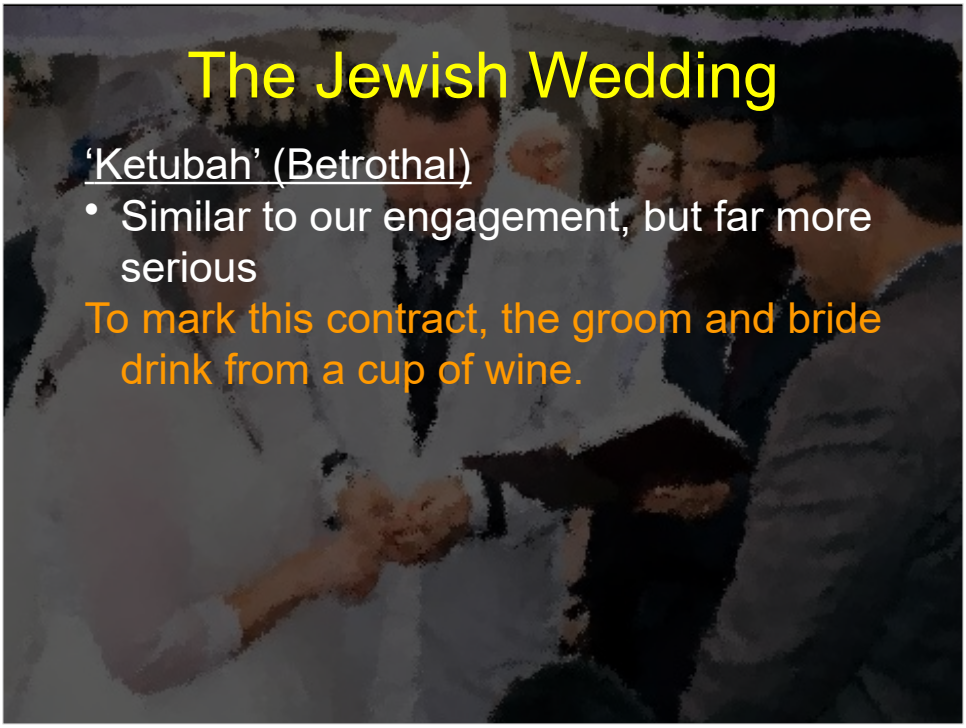


The Jewish Wedding

‘Kiddushin’

- Jewish word for ‘Marriage’
- Meaning ‘Sanctification’
- In 1 Thes 4:3, God’s Will for us, is our sanctification – and abstaining from fornication


The Jewish Wedding
'Ketubah' (Betrothal)
• Similar to our engagement, but far more serious
The Ketubah is a marriage contract between the groom and his bride.
In the contract, the groom undertakes to give all that he has in order to provide for every need of his bride…
…not only while he is alive, but also in the event of his death.

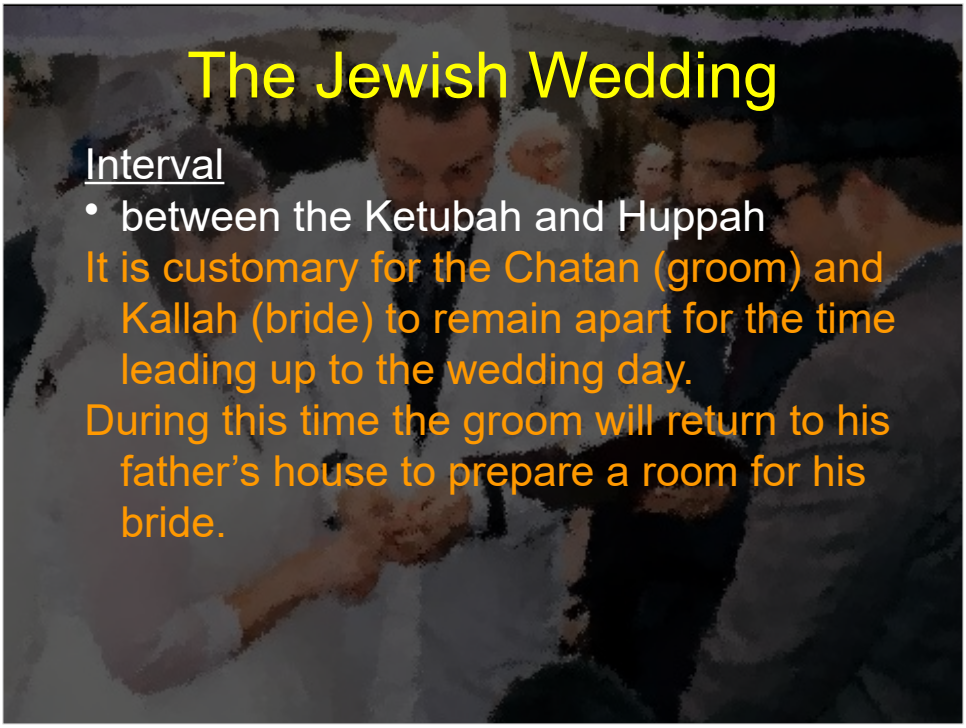

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To mark this contract, the groom and bride drink from a cup of wine.

The Jewish Wedding

‘Ketubah’ (Betrothal)

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Matthew 26:27-29



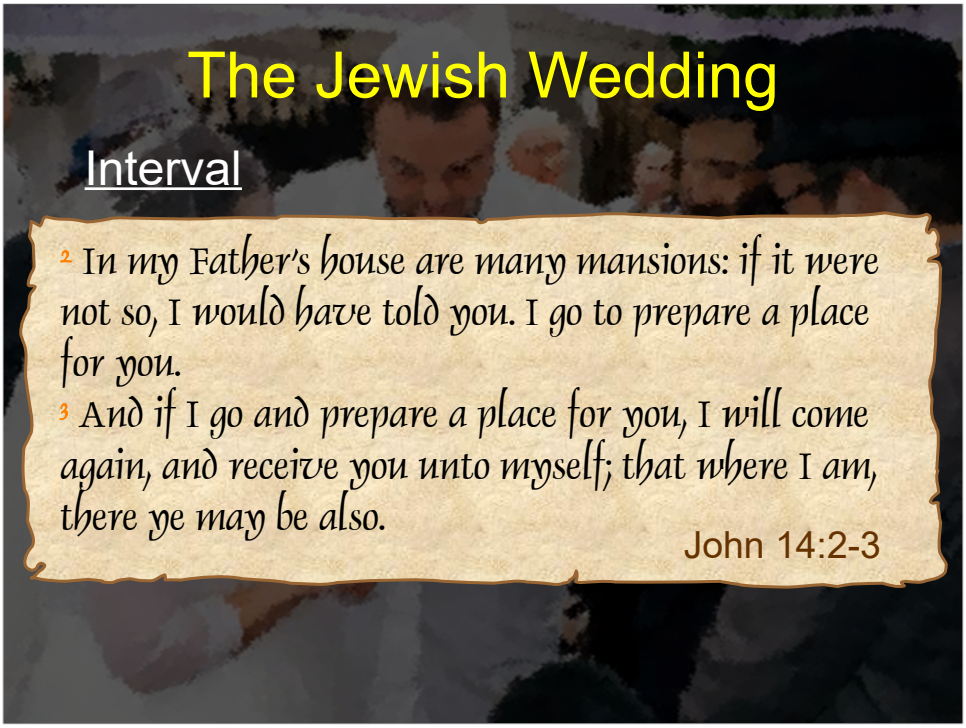
The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- between the Ketubah and Huppah

It is customary for the Chatan (groom) and Kallah (bride) to remain apart for the time leading up to the wedding day.

During this time the groom will return to his father's house to prepare a room for his bride.


The Jewish Wedding
Interval
2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
John 14:2-3

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

- Cleansing of the bride

Meanwhile, the bride will go to the ‘Mikveh’ (bath) to cleanse herself spiritually and enter marriage in a state of complete purity – ‘without spot or blemish'.

One part of the ritual includes removing all man-made things (such as jewellery and nail polish etc) and then being fully immersed in water.

She is supervised and assisted during the ritual to ensure it is done correctly.

The Jewish Wedding

Interval

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also
loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the
washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious
church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;
but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:25-32

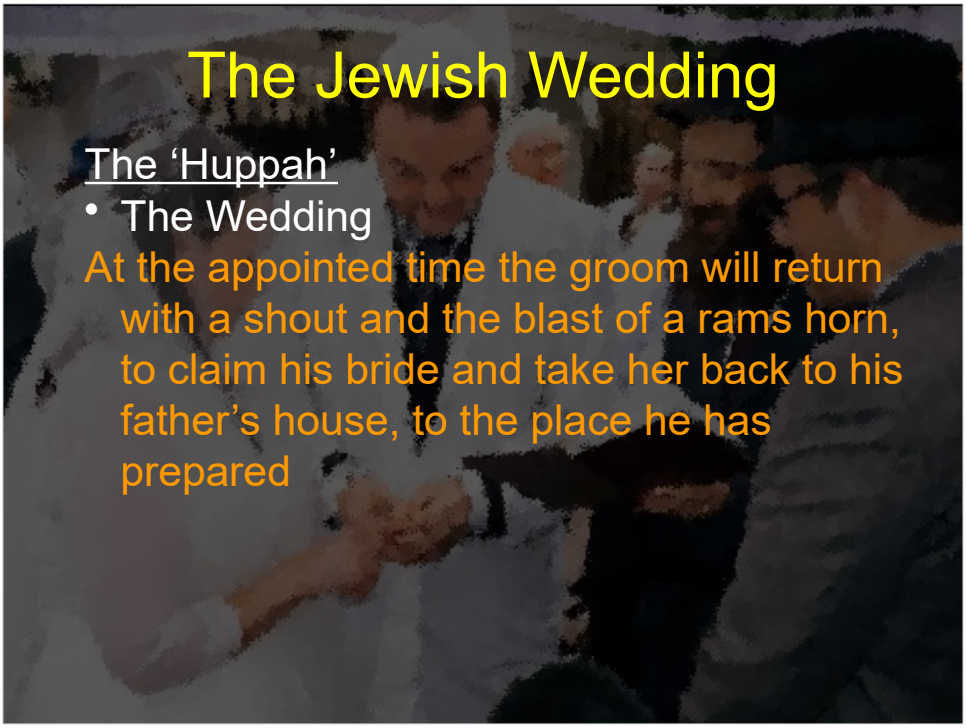
The Jewish Wedding

Interval

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and
mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two
shall be one flesh.
32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning
Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:25-32

- Our helper is the Holy Spirit
- *'He shall be with you and in you'* (John 14:17)



The Jewish Wedding

The ‘Huppah’

- The Wedding

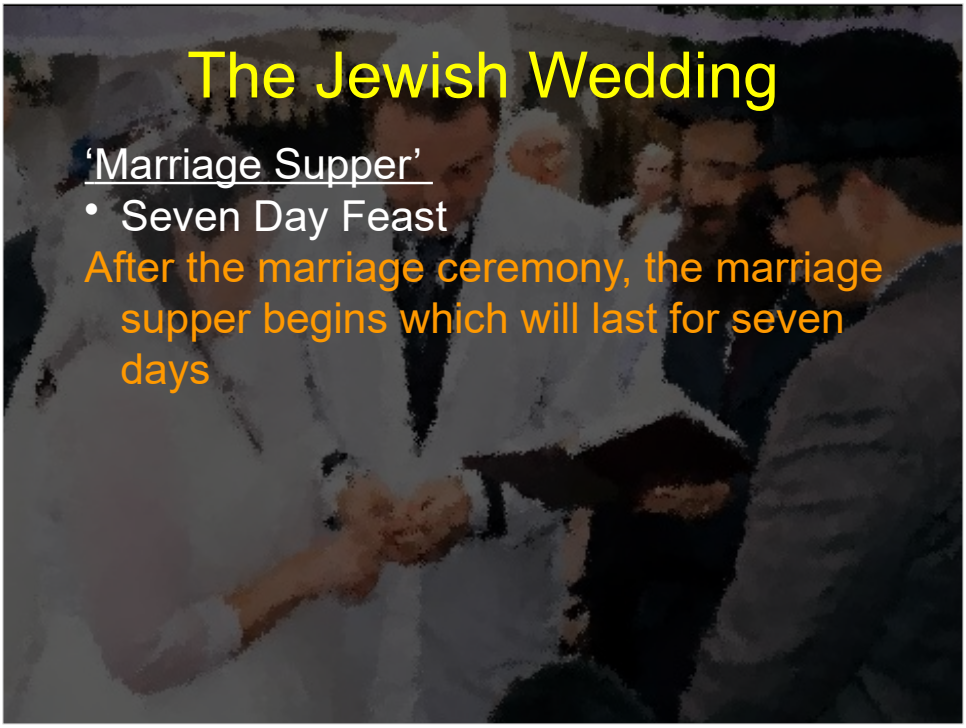
At the appointed time the groom will return with a shout and the blast of a rams horn, to claim his bride and take her back to his father’s house, to the place he has prepared

The Jewish Wedding

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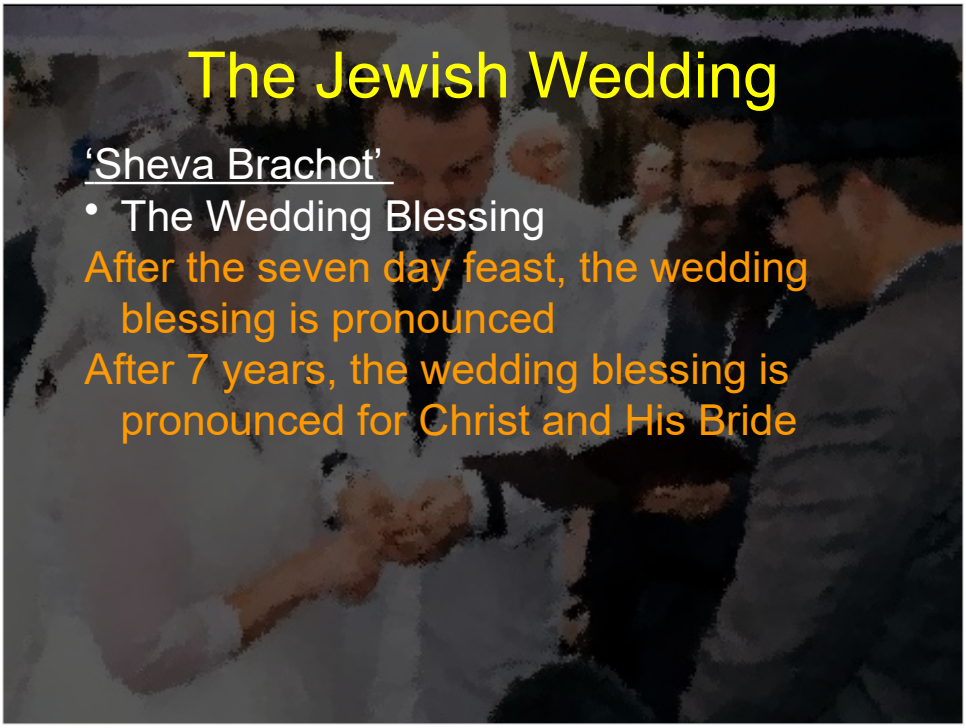


The Jewish Wedding

‘Marriage Supper’

- Seven Day Feast

After the marriage ceremony, the marriage supper begins which will last for seven days



The Jewish Wedding

‘Sheva Brachot’

- The Wedding Blessing

After the seven day feast, the wedding blessing is pronounced

After 7 years, the wedding blessing is pronounced for Christ and His Bride

The Jewish Wedding

'Sheva Brachot'

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

‘Sheva Brachot’

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.
9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:6-9

The Jewish Wedding

Incredible Model

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 22:2

- God is the Father
- Jesus is the heavenly Bridegroom
- The Church is His Bride

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- #2 To fulfil the promise Jesus made in John 14
- #3 To present us (as a Bride) to our heavenly Bridegroom
- #4 To deliver us from the Wrath to come

The Day of Wrath

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:36

- 'These things':
- All nations in distress
- Global turmoil
- 'The day of the Lord' 'Tribulation'

The Day of Wrath

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on
the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet,
the hope of salvation.
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to
obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

- Note: Wrath is not persecution
- The 'Wrath' is 'The day of the Lord' v2

The Day of Wrath

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall
come as a destruction from the Almighty.
7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's
heart shall melt:
8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take
hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that
travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their
faces shall be as flames.

Isaiah13:6-11

The Day of Wrath

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with
wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he
shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof
shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in
his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to
shine.

Isaiah13:6-11

The Day of Wrath

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the
wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy
of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness
of the terrible.
12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even
a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall
remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of
hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah13:6-11

The Day of Wrath

- It is the specific time of God's judgment on this wicked, unbelieving and Christ-rejecting world
- God cannot and will not subject the blood-bought church to this time of wrath.
- Consistent with God's dealings with His people throughout scripture, the Church will be removed BEFORE the Tribulation begins

The Days of Noah

26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Luke 17:26

The Days of Noah

- 3 Groups of people
- Those who perished in the flood
  - The wicked
- Those who were preserved through
  - The ones God has 'sealed' (144,000)
- Those who were removed prior
  - Enoch – who was raptured
- Enoch, just one person?
- So is the Body of Christ!

Our Response

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

Our Response

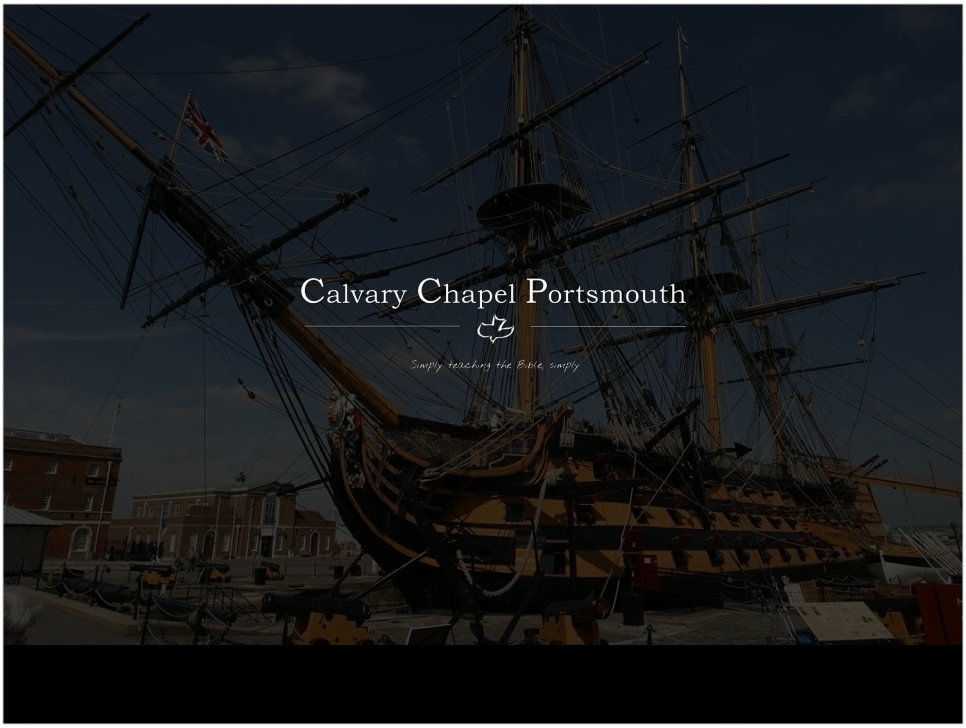
11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time
to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer
than when we believed.
12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us
therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put
on the armour of light.

Romans 13:11-12

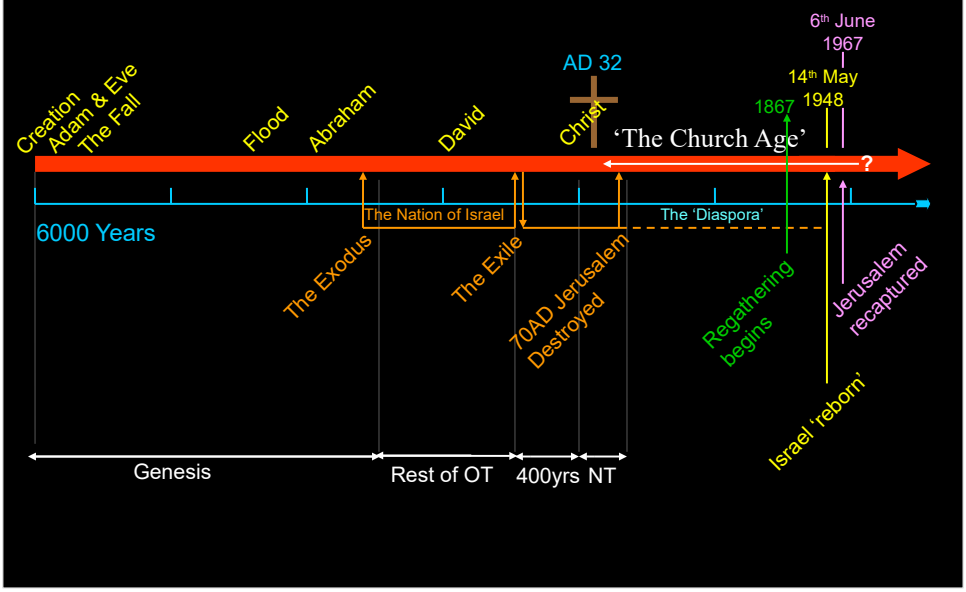
Our Response

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath
appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly
lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in
this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious
appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus
Christ;
14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us
from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar
people, zealous of good works.

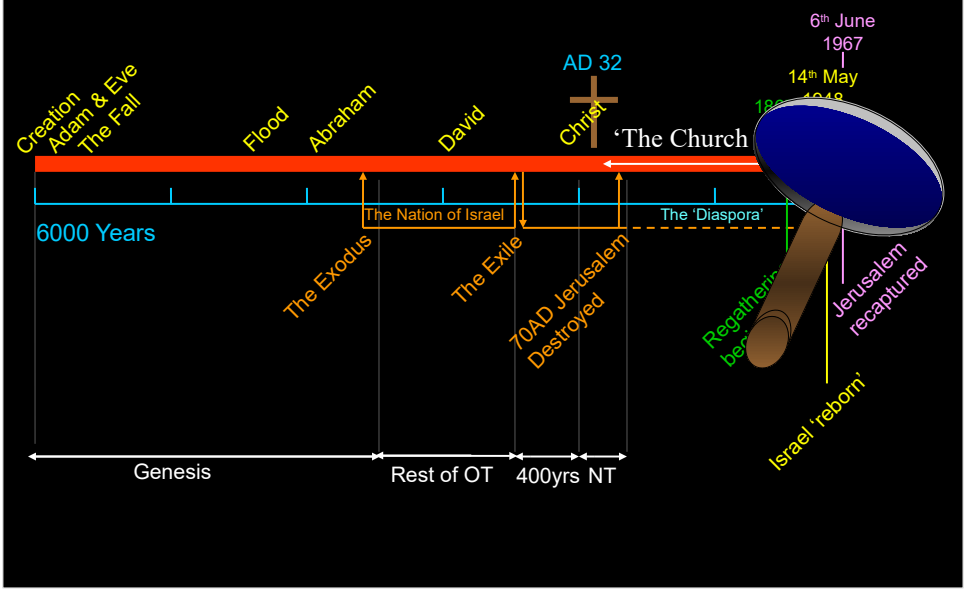
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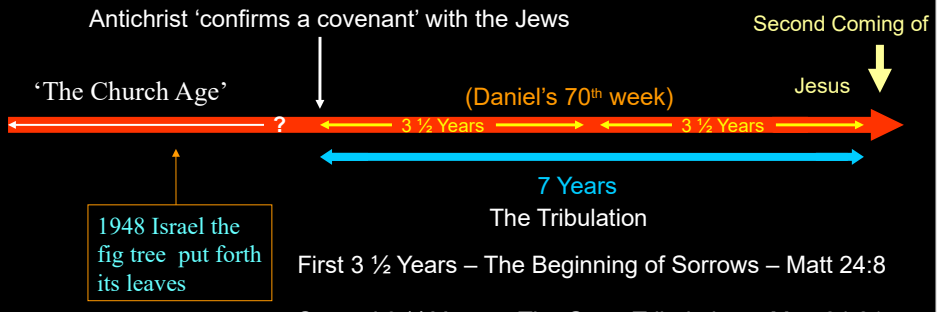
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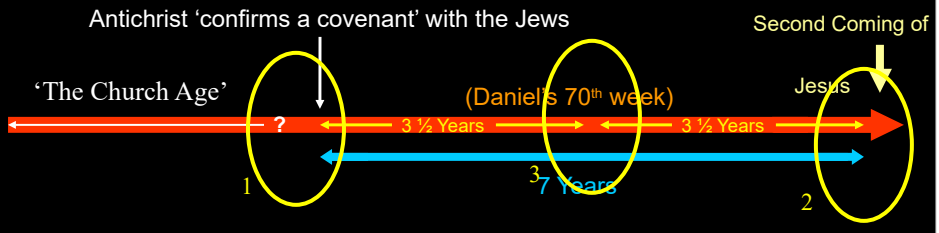
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First 3 ½ Years – The Beginning of Sorrows – Matt 24:8

Second 3 ½ Years – The Great Tribulation – Matt 24:21

The Timing of the Rapture



Option 1: Before the Tribulation (Pre Tribulation)

Option 2: After the Tribulation (Post Tribulation)
(a phase of the Second Coming)

Option 3: In the middle of the Tribulation (Mid Trib)

Mid Trib. ('Pre Wrath') Problems

- It denies the doctrine of imminence
  - that Christ could return at any time
- But it agrees that the Church must be raptured before God's wrath…
- But ignores the fact that the whole tribulation period is a time of wrath (Rev 6)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- At the 2nd Coming Jesus puts His feet on the earth and stays to establish His kingdom (Rev 19 / Matt 24/5)

- At the Rapture He meets the Church in the air and takes her back to heaven (John 14 / 1 Thes 1)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- At the 2nd Coming Jesus comes with His saints (Rev 19 / Jude)
- At the Rapture Jesus comes for His saints (John 14 / 1 Thes 4)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- At the 2nd Coming Jesus comes to intercede on behalf of Israel at the battle of Armageddon (Hos 5:15/Zech 14)
- At the Rapture Jesus comes to take the Church back to Heaven
  (John 14 / 1 Thes 4)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- At the 2nd Coming every eye will see Him (Rev 19 / Matt 24)
- At the Rapture only the resurrected believers see Him (Acts 1 / 1 Thes 4)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- At the 2nd Coming Jesus will judge the nations (Matt 25)
- At the Rapture Jesus will judge (reward) the Church (1 Cor 3 / Ps 50)
- The Judgement seat of Christ takes place in heaven and we are rewarded with crowns that Jesus wears at His Second Coming. (2 Cor 5 / Rev 19)

Post Trib. (2nd Coming) Problems

- The book of Revelation clearly shows the Church in heaven before the throne before the Tribulation begins (Rev 4/5)
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb takes place in Heaven before the 2nd Coming (Eph 5 / Rev 19)

The Biggest Problem?

- Was the death of Christ sufficient to pay for all our sin?
- ‘Tetelastai’ – ‘Paid in full’ (John 19:30)
- Then Jesus took the wrath of God upon Himself for us (Isaiah 53:10 / 2 Cor 5:21)
- If the Church remains for a moment of God’s wrath, it is a denial of the completed work of Christ



To objectives:

1) To encourage you in your Faith
2) To give you a greater love of the Word of God!