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SESSION 1



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WHY IS PROPHECY IMPORTANT FOR TODAY?



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I. Introduction

A. There are troubling trends for the church

1. Each generation is less religious
2. Younger generations are less supportive of Israel

B. This is happening at a time when prophecy has fallen out of favor in the church

1. Is there a correlation between the declining interest in faith and Israel and the lack of prophetic teaching?
 - a. When we look at the purpose and value of prophecy, the answer seems to be, "Yes!"

C. This session: Why Is Prophecy Important for Today?

1. "Jesus' greatest concern for His disciples following His resurrection is that they believe all of the prophecy about Him because it was necessary for them to build His church"

D. Why has prophecy fallen out of favor?

1. Human nature to fall away from God not toward Him
2. Over sensationalism/speculation
3. Too organized – charts and timelines
4. Failure to teach the purpose, value, and application
5. Prophecy conflicts with social justice & self identity
 - a. Younger people are very socially oriented – social media
6. Ignoring how Jesus and His disciples used prophecy

E. Three reasons why prophecy is important for today

II. Reason 1: You Cannot Fully Know Your Jesus Unless You Study All Prophecy

A. Lack of prophetic teaching leads to:

1. Incomplete understanding of Jesus



2. Loss of commitment to literal interpretation
3. Missing the bigger picture of God's redemptive plan for all of creation
4. Failure to know and follow God's will

B. Jesus used prophecy to teach

1. Who He was
2. Why He came
3. What He had to accomplish
4. What He wanted them to do

C. Jesus pointed back to Old Testament prophecy

1. Jesus proclaimed that He came to fulfill the Law and the prophets, Mt. 5:17
2. Jesus quoted Malachi 3:1 to show that John the Baptist prepared His (Messiah's) way, Mt. 11:10
3. Jesus referred to Jonah 1:17 to say He would be in the earth three days, Mt. 12:40
4. Jesus read from Isaiah 61:1-2 to claim He was the Messiah, Lk. 4:16-19

D. One example: Emmaus Encounter – Lk. 24:13-35

1. His disciples were Jesus' priority on resurrection day
 - a. Why?
 - i. They thought it was time for Jesus to restore the Kingdom to Israel
 - ii. But Jesus needed them to build His church
2. Failure to know all prophecy leads to
 - a. Confusion and doubt, vv. 14-15
 - b. Blindness, v. 16
 - i. Physically and spiritually
 - c. Unnecessary disappointment, vv. 17-18
 - i. Walking and looking so sad?
 - d. Partial understanding, vv. 19-24
 - i. Disciples believed Jesus was the Messiah who would redeem Israel, v. 21
 1. A prophet, mighty in word and deed, v. 19
 - e. All of this is dangerous for those who are called to do God's will!
3. "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken," v. 25
 - a. A slow heart to believe all prophecy makes one foolish
 - b. To really know your Jesus well
 - i. It is not enough to believe easy prophecy
 - ii. We must also believe difficult prophecy
 1. Important to balance the goodness of grace with the consequences of sin
 2. Reminder of the coming righteous judgment of God
 3. Creates urgency that all need to be saved



- c. Our value to the Lord grows the more our heart believes all prophecy
- 4. “Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” v. 26
- 5. Prophecy directs us to know God’s will
 - a. Jesus took them to Moses and the Old Testament prophets, v. 27
 - i. Expounded the things concerning Himself
 - 1. It was necessary for Jesus to suffer and rise
 - ii. The disciples’ eyes were opened and they knew Him, vv. 30–31
- 6. To fully know your Jesus, you have to believe all the prophets
 - a. Believing all prophecy keeps us focused on God’s will
 - i. Disciples’ will was to restore the Kingdom to Israel now, Acts 1:6
 - ii. God’s will was to build the church, Mt. 28:19; Lk. 24:36–39; Acts 1:7–8

E. The Eleven, Lk. 24:36–49

- 1. Jesus taught the same message to the other 11 disciples that night, Lk. 24:36–49
 - a. He opened their minds to understand, v. 45
 - i. Using Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms, and the words He had spoken, vv. 44–47
 - 1. He had to suffer and rise from the dead
 - 2. So repentance and forgiveness of sins could be preached
 - b. He gave them their mission assignment
 - i. He commanded them to take the gospel and preach it to all nations, vv. 47–48
 - 1. This is how the whole world came to hear the gospel
 - c. Jesus was not questioning their salvation
 - i. He was simply redirecting their mission
 - 1. To do God’s will and not their own
- 2. Lesson for us today
 - a. Lack of study and belief in all prophecy
 - i. Sets us up to fail in our assignment
 - b. If you want to do God’s will
 - i. You’d better know your Jesus well
 - 1. You can’t unless you study all prophecy

F. Prophecy is important for today because you can’t fully know your Jesus unless you study all prophecy

- 1. Opens our spiritual eyes and guides us to do God’s will for today

III. Reason 2: Prophecy Teaches Us the Basics of the Gospel

A. Moses and the prophets teach us the gospel

- 1. How we became enemies of God



2. God's unfolding plan to redeem creation
3. God's promise to restore His Kingdom
4. Final resolution for all eternity

B. Reveals that the work of redemption goes through one key person, the Messiah

1. Who would be the Savior of the world
2. Pay our debt for sin to redeem us
3. Who must rise to conquer death
4. Deliver us from darkness into light

C. This is the essence of the gospel

1. We are sinners worthy of God's judgment
2. We are unable to save ourselves
3. God's own Son took our place
4. Faith in Christ restores us to God

D. Reveals the two comings of Messiah

1. Suffering Servant
2. Conquering King

E. Prophecy is simply God telling us in advance what He is going to do through His Son, the Messiah

1. Faith is believing that Jesus Christ is the only one who can, who did, and who will yet fulfill all prophecy

F. Apostles used Moses and the prophets to preach the gospel

1. Peter quoted from the prophet Joel and King David when the church began, Acts 2:14-39
2. Peter turned to prophecy to preach the gospel of repentance to a Jewish audience, Acts 3:18-26
3. The apostles, following imprisonment, continued teaching and preaching Jesus was the Messiah, Acts 5:42
4. Stephen indicted the Jewish people for failing to believe in Moses and the prophets, Acts 7:37-52
5. Philip, using the Old Testament, preached Jesus to the Ethiopian eunuch, Acts 8:34-35
6. Paul preached Christ, proving that Jesus was the Messiah, Acts 9:20-22
7. Peter preached from the prophets that whoever believes in Jesus Christ is forgiven, Acts 10:36, 43
8. Paul preached Christ from the Law and the prophets in the Antioch synagogue, Acts 13:13-41
9. Paul reasoned in Thessalonica from the Scriptures that Christ had to suffer and rise again, Acts 17:1-3
10. Paul reasoned in Ephesus' synagogue the things of the Kingdom of God from

Scripture, Acts 19:8

11. Paul was faithful in declaring the whole counsel of God to the Ephesians, Acts 20:27
12. Paul, in his defense before Felix, said he believed all things written in the Law and prophets, Acts 24:15
13. Paul said to Agrippa that he preached only those things Moses and the prophets said, that Messiah would suffer, rise, and proclaim light, Acts 26:22–23
14. Paul asked King Agrippa if he believed the prophets, Acts 26:27
15. Paul, to the Jews in Rome, testified of the Kingdom of God from the Law of Moses and the prophets, Acts 28:23
16. Paul, an apostle of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who was promised before through the prophets, Rom. 1:2
17. Paul taught the righteousness of God was witnessed by the Law and prophets, Rom. 3:21

G. The key tool the apostles used to preach the gospel was prophecy

H. Why is prophecy important for today?

1. You cannot fully know your Jesus and the basics of the gospel
 - a. Unless you study prophecy

IV. Reason 3: Prophecy Validates Jesus

A. Without prophecy

1. No reason to put your faith in Jesus
 - a. Imagine if Jesus came and did all He accomplished in His First Coming
 - b. But we didn't have Moses and the prophets
 - i. No reason to believe in Him
2. We might see Him as a great person in history
 - a. There would be no reason to put our faith in Him

B. God telling us in advance validates Jesus

1. Born in Bethlehem of a virgin
2. Descendant of David
3. Fulfilling the sinless requirement to be our Savior
4. With power to restore God's Kingdom
5. Willing to suffer, die, and rise again for our transgressions

C. Our security for all eternity is rooted in Christ's perfect fulfillment of all prophecy

D. The apostle Paul said, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved," Rom. 10:9–10

1. The way of faith is open to anyone who has a heart to believe!



V. Conclusion

A. Three reasons why prophecy is important for today!

1. You cannot fully know your Jesus unless you study prophecy
2. Prophecy teaches us the basics of the gospel
3. Prophecy validates Jesus

B. It is not too late for the church to return to the study of prophecy

1. Believing in all prophecy would transform the church
 - a. There is much we can learn about teaching prophecy from Jesus and the apostles
2. A return to the study of prophecy would transform the church
 - a. And bring many to saving faith!



Look Up Reflection:

To truly know Jesus, you must understand prophecy. How well would you say you know your Jesus? What can you do to grow in your understanding of prophecy and better understand who Jesus is?



SESSION 2



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WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING?



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WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF CHRIST'S COMING?

I. Introduction: Signs of Jesus' Rapture of the Church vs. Signs of His Second Coming

A.

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH	THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS
No prophecies or signs must happen prior (1 Cor. 15:50–53; 1 Th. 4:16)	Many signs must be fulfilled prior (Mt. 24; Rev. 6–19)
It is imminent (1 Cor. 1:7; Jas. 5:8)	It is not imminent; occurs after other prophetic events (Mt. 24; Rev. 6–19)
Christ does not return to Earth, but meets us “in the air” (1 Th. 4:16–17)	Christ returns to Earth, feet on the ground (Zech. 14:4; Mt. 15:31)
His appearance is not visible to people on Earth (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Th. 4:16–17)	His appearance is dramatically visible to the whole world (Mt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7)
Christ comes for His church (Jn. 14:1–2; 1 Th. 4:16–17)	Christ comes with His church (Rev. 19:14)
It is a message of comfort and hope (1 Th. 4:18; Ti. 2:13)	It is a message of judgment (Rev. 19:11; Zech. 14:3)
Christ takes believers to heaven (Jn. 14:2–3; 1 Th. 4:17)	Believers get to remain on the earth (Mt. 15:34)
Unbelievers remain on the earth (1 Th. 4:17)	Unbelievers are removed from the earth in judgment (Mt. 24:36–51; 25:41–46)

B. Why study the signs of Jesus' return if they are not signs for us in the Church Age?

1. Since Jesus gives signs of His Second Coming, indicators for when He'll return physically to Earth, we can take heart in His goodness and sovereignty in our world today, especially when it feels like it's spinning out of control.



C. Jesus' chronological periods in Matthew 24 prior to His return

1. A period of "tribulation" He calls "the beginning of birth pains" (vv. 4-14)
2. A period of "great tribulation" following the Abomination of Desolation (vv. 15-26)
3. A period of signs prior to the "coming of the Son of Man" (vv. 27-31)

II. Signs of His Coming in the First Half of the Tribulation Period (Mt. 24:4-14)**A. The significance of Jesus' descriptive terms**

1. Jesus calls these events "tribulation" (v. 9)
2. Jesus calls these events "the beginning of birth pains" (v. 8)

B. The tribulation that signals He's coming**C. The signs in Matthew 24 compared with the opening of the seals of Revelation 6**

1. Tribulation coinciding with the rise of the Antichrist (2 Th. 2)
2. Tribulation coinciding with the rise of the false prophet (Rev. 13)
3. Tribulation coinciding with the wrath of God poured out (Rev. 6:17)

III. Signs of His Coming in the Second Half of the Tribulation Period (24:15-26)**A. The Abomination of Desolation (Dan. 9:24-27; Rev. 13)****B. Three and one-half years of Jewish persecution (Jer. 30:6-7; Rev. 12)****C. The "Great Tribulation" (Rev. 6-18)****IV. Signs of His Coming Immediately Prior to His Arrival (24:27-31)****A. Cosmic disturbances (v. 29)****B. The powers of the heavens will be shaken (v. 29)****C. The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven (v. 30)****D. All the tribes of Earth will mourn (v. 30)****V. Lessons for Christians Today**

Look Up Reflection:

No matter what circumstance you face—or the world faces—it's not out of God's control. Studying the signs reminds us that this is all part of God's plan. How does this truth impact your life today? Is there a circumstance where you need to find comfort in this truth?



SESSION 3



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WHY MUST THINGS GET WORSE BEFORE THEY GET BETTER?



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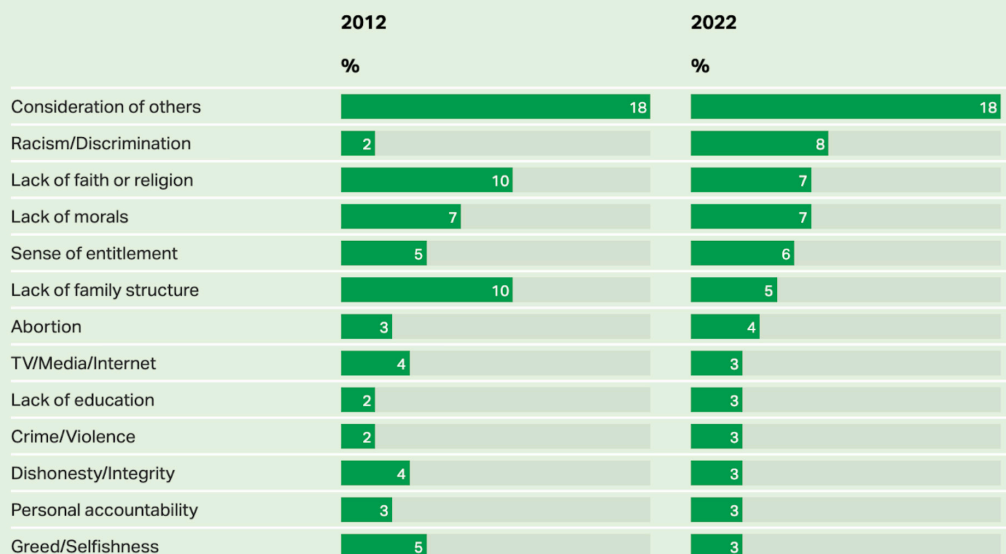
I. Are Things Getting Better or Worse?

- A. Global life expectancy has more than doubled in the past century, rising to an all-time high of 72.
- B. More wealth has been created in the last four decades than in all of previous human history.
- C. A record-high 50% of Americans rate the overall state of moral values in the U.S. as “poor,” and another 37% say it is “only fair.”
- D. Although negative views of the nation’s moral values have been the norm throughout Gallup’s 20-year trend, the current poor rating is the highest on record by one percentage point.

E.

Americans' Views of the Top Problem With State of Moral Values, 2012 vs. 2022

In your view, what is the most important problem with the state of moral values in the country today?



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II. Birth Pains

- A. Mt. 24:6-8
- B. 2 Tim. 3:1-5

III. Gospel in the Midst of Birth Pains

- A. Acts 17:16-32
- B. Paul's spirit was greatly upset because he saw a city full of idols
- C. Therefore, although God has overlooked such times of ignorance, He now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness, by a Man whom He designated, having provided proof to everyone by raising Him from the dead (Acts 17:30-31)

IV. God's Wrath

- A. Zeph. 1:2-3
- B. God of Justice
- C. Dt. 32:4 "He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are just. He is a reliable God who is never unjust, He is fair and upright."
- D. Ps. 11:7 "Certainly the LORD is just.... The upright will experience His favor."
- E. Ps. 146:6-8 "The One who made heaven and earth ... vindicates the oppressed and ... loves the godly."
- F. Ps. 10:14-18 "You... hold him accountable for his wicked deeds, which he thought you would not discover. The LORD rules forever."
- G. Isa. 5:16 "The LORD of Heaven's Armies will be exalted when He punishes, the holy God's authority will be recognized when He judges."

V. Tribulation Period

- A. Alternative names of the Tribulation in the Bible
- B. "The great and terrible day of the LORD" (Mal. 4:5)
- C. "Distress" (Dt. 4:30)
- D. "Time of trouble for the descendants of Jacob" (Jer. 30:7)
- E. "The day of vengeance" (Isa. 53:4)
- F. "The day of the LORD's wrath" (Zeph. 1:18)

VI. Why Must Things Get Worse?

- A. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)
 - 1. "Fall short" - To lack, to come short, deficit
 - a. We lack the glory of God
 - b. Not only have all people sinned, but even believers presently lack the completion of the glory of God, which is an eschatological gift (Cranfield 1975: 204-5; D. Moo 1991: 227)



2. “Glory of God”

- a. Adam lost his glory because he and Eve wanted to be like God instead of delighting in God our Creator.
 - i. Adam blamed Eve: “You have deprived me of the glory of [Rom. p. 195] God”
 - ii. Third Baruch 4.16 says Adam “was stripped of the glory of God” and became “distant from the glory of God” because of his sin (cf. Gen. Rab. 12.6 on Gen. 2:4)
 - 1. Glory here refers to what Adam possessed at his creation and lost at his fall (cf. also 1QS 4.22–23; CD 3.19–20; 4QpPs 3.1–2 [on Ps. 37:19–20])
 - 2. In CD 3.20 Adam’s loss of glory is connected with the loss of eternal life
- b. God glory also is a way of talking about God’s

B. According to Paul, God’s glory will be restored fully when redemption is completed for those who believe in Christ (cf. Rom. 5:2; 8:30)

C. What has been lost through Adam is being restored in Christ

D. Adam lost his glory because he and Eve wanted to be like God instead of delighting in God’s lordship

E. The fundamental sin of both Gentiles and Jews is idolatry (Rom. 1:18–25)

VII. Objects of Wrath/Objects of Mercy

A. But what if God, willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make known His power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath prepared for destruction? What if He is willing to make known the wealth of His glory on the objects of mercy that He has prepared beforehand for glory—even us, whom He has called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? (Rom. 9:22–24)

B. 2 Peter 3:9

C. What About Us?

D. 1 Th. 1:9–10

E. “The great tribulation” (Mt. 24:21; Rev. 7:14)

F. “The day of wrath” (Rom. 2:5)

G. “The day of the Lord” (1 Th. 5:2)



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Look Up Reflection:

As Christians, we have been delivered from the wrath to come, but we have still been called to persevere through the worst of this present age, before it gets better. As the culture continually tries to distract us, God calls us to live, even today, lives that are pleasing to Him. In what ways can you live a life that is pleasing to God today?



SESSION 4



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WHERE IS THE UNITED STATES IN THE END-TIMES?



SESSION 4 • STEVE HERZIG

WHERE IS THE UNITED STATES IN THE END-TIMES?

I. Introduction

A. Frequency of Americans reading their Bibles

1. 2021—50% read three to four times a year
2. 2022—dropped 11 points 39%
3. 31% don't read at all

B. Pew Research Center—four in 10 U.S. adults believe humanity is living in end-times

C. *Time* magazine reported on a prayer breakfast Feb. 15, 1954

1. Chief Justice Earl Warren was the keynote speaker. He argued that America's foundation, her roots, sprang from the Bible; and at its heart, its core was a Christian foundation.

II. Monuments Tell a Story About the Bible and America

A. The Jefferson Memorial

B. The Lincoln Memorial

C. The Library of Congress

III. Monumental Reliance on the Word

A. Three branches of American government: Isaiah 33:22

B. Liberty Bell: Leviticus 25:10

C. Founding Fathers

IV. Monumental Attraction to Freedom

A. America the *Goldene Medina* (Golden Land)

B. My father—part of “the greatest generation”—sacrifice for freedom

V. Monumental Shock About Future America

A. America not in Scriptures

B. Not all agree

C. Verses people point to for America

1. Isaiah 18:1-2



2. Ezekiel 38:13
3. Daniel 7:4
4. Revelation 12:4
5. Revelation 17—18

D. America's greatness

E. Only nation founded on biblical principles

VI. Monumental Fall

A. Alexander Tytler: "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to apathy; from apathy to dependence; from dependence back into bondage."

B. Terror attack

C. Economic collapse

D. Moral collapse

1. Romans 1:18–28
2. Isaiah 5:20
3. Psalm 9:17

E. Rapture of the Church

VII. Monumental Call

A. What should the church be doing?

1. Pray
 - a. Charles Colson
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:1–2
 - c. Pastor David Jeremiah
2. Support Missions
3. Support Israel

B. Conclusion



Look Up Reflection:

The time of casual Christianity is over. We need to be communicating the truth because America's future is not long. What can you be doing in your life to help others come to know Christ as their personal Savior?



SESSION 5



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WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM BEGIN?



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WHEN WILL THE KINGDOM BEGIN?

- I. Introduction: Future Utopian Hopes
- II. Some Key Questions
 - A. What do we mean by the word _____?
 - B. Where does Kingdom teaching _____ in the Bible?
 - C. What is God's plan to bring about _____?
 - D. When does this _____ Kingdom restoration begin?
- III. How Does God "Rule" in the Bible?
 - A. God's _____ rule over all things
 - B. Christ's _____ over the church
 - C. Coming _____ earthly Kingdom
- IV. Where Does "Kingdom Teaching" Begin? (Gen. 1:26–28)
- V. The Fall and Curse (Gen. 3)
 - A. Spiritual & physical _____ enter the world
 - B. Satan _____ man's rule over the earth
 - 1. _____ of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2)
 - 2. _____ of this world (Jn. 12:31; 14:30; 16:11)
 - 3. The _____ of this age (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - C. _____ are still made in God's image (Gen. 9:6; 1 Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9)
- VI. God's Plan to Restore Man's Rule
 - A. First _____ (Gen. 3:15)
 - B. God raises up _____ among the nations (Gen. 12); kings of Israel and Judah (1 Samuel—2 Kings)
 - C. _____ of Messiah Jesus as the Second Adam (Rom. 5:12–14)
 - D. God establishes the _____ (Acts 2)
 - E. Seven-year tribulation period (Rev. 6–19)



F. _____ of Messiah Jesus to launch the restoration (Rev. 19:11-16)

G. God's coming Kingdom

1. _____ Kingdom (Isa. 11; Ezekiel 40—48; Rev. 20)
2. The _____ Jesus rules as King of the entire world (Zech. 14:9)
3. New heavens and new earth (Rev. 21—22)

VII. When Will the Messianic Kingdom Begin? (Dan. 7)

A. Four empires (Dan. 7:1-7)—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome

B. The little horn appears (Dan. 7:8)

1. "Horn" refers to a _____ or ruler
2. "Little" refers to a _____ initially
3. The little horn _____ in power
4. The little horn is _____
5. Notice the _____ texts (Dan. 9:24-27; 11:36; 2 Th. 2:3-10; Rev. 13; 17; 19)

C. Ancient of Days (Dan. 7:9-10)

1. God sits in _____

D. God _____ the little horn (Dan. 7:11)

E. The Son of Man receives the Kingdom (Dan. 7:13-14)

1. Son of Man = _____
2. Ancient of Days gives the Kingdom to the Son of Man
3. When? At the time the "little horn" is _____
4. This fits Revelation 19—20
 - a. Rev. 19:11-21
 - i. _____ Coming of Jesus Christ
 - ii. Destruction of His _____ including the Antichrist
 - b. Rev. 20:1-6
 - i. The Millennial reign of Christ
 - ii. Binding of Satan
 - iii. Saints rule with Christ

VIII. Who Gets Into God's Coming Earthly Utopia?



Look Up Reflection:

An earthly utopia awaits us if we bow to the King, Jesus Christ, today. Are you certain you have submitted your life to Jesus? Are there others in your life who need to know the Good News? If so, how can you lovingly reach them with the Good News?



SESSION 6



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WHY MUST THERE BE A MILLENNIAL KINGDOM?



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I. Introduction

- A. Did you know that most of Earth's ultimate population has yet to be born?
- B. Zech. 8:4-5; Rev. 20:8

II. God Must Fulfill His Word Literally

- A. Gen. 17:6; Ex. 19:6; Mt. 3:3; 4:17; 6:10
- B. We believe in consistent biblical literalism
- C. "Premillennialists take *both* history and prophecy literally" (Dr. Alva J. McClain, *The Greatness of the Kingdom*, p. 141)

III. God Must Have Victory Within History

- A. "The theme of a future, earthly kingdom begins on the Bible's very first page. One day God the Father will restore what was lost in Eden." (Dr. Andy Woods, *The Coming Kingdom*, p. 9)
- B. Gen. 1:28
- C. "Why is an earthly kingdom necessary? . . . Because He must be triumphant in the same arena where He was seemingly defeated" (Dr. Charles C. Ryrie, *Basic Theology*, pp. 595-596)
- D. "God will fulfill His purpose for history—glorifying Himself by demonstrating that He alone is the sovereign God of this universe" (Dr. Renald Showers, "Why Future Events?")
- E. Mt. 19:28; Rom. 5:14-21; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; 45-49

IV. God Must Redeem His Creation

- A. Isa. 11, 35, 60; Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 8:18-23

V. God Must Raise and Judge All—In Distinct Groups

- A. "Unbelievers are going to be raised from the dead and stand before God at a judgment—but it takes place at the end of the Kingdom" (Dr. Myron J. Houghton, "A Baptist Perspective on Reformed Theology")
- B. Dan. 12:2; 1 Cor. 15:20-28; Rev. 20:11-15



VI. God Must Fulfill His Promises to Israel

- A. God must fulfill His promises to Israel**
- B. Gen. 12:1-3; Dt. 30:1-10; 2 Sam. 7:8-16 (Gen. 15:5; 22:17); Jer. 31:31-34**
- C. Jer. 31:35-37; 33:19-22**
- D. Isa. 4:3; Rom. 11:26; Phil. 1:6**
- E. God still has a future for Israel! He will fulfill every promise He's ever made—and every prophecy He's ever given—regarding His Chosen People!**
- F. As He has been with them in their biblical past, so He is with them in the strategic present—and He will be with them in the prophetic future**
- G. Gen. 17:8**



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Look Up Reflection:

What God promises, God will fulfill. His faithfulness to Israel in the past, present, and prophetic future, should bring us great hope today. How does knowing that God's Word is unchanging, reliable, and true make a difference in the way you live your life today?

