



Biblical Truth
about ISRAEL
and the MESSIAH

STUDY GUIDE

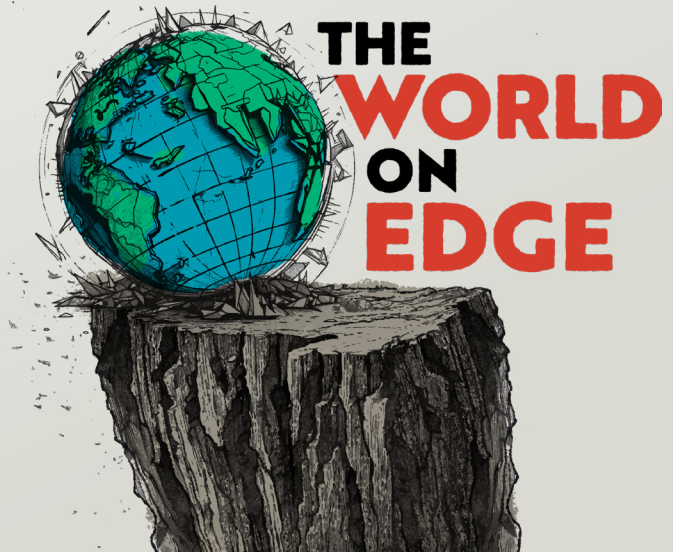


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The Increasing Signs of a Coming One-World Government

I. Why Should We Care?

- A. A coming one-world government is in prophecy (Bible)
- B. Paul said, "Do not despise prophecies," (1 Th. 5:20).
 - 1. "Test all things, hold fast to what is good," (v. 21).
 - 2. "Do not quench the Spirit," (v. 19).
- C. Discern the times to know what to do, (1 Pet. 1:10-11).
 - 1. Sons of Issachar understood the times, (1 Chr. 12:32).
- D. Increasing activity points to a coming one-world government

II. Globalization - What is it?

- A. Dream of those who believe they can end all war, stop worldwide economic inequality, and save the planet from man's destruction by uniting the world in one unified government

III. Globalization Faith

- A. Globalists believe they are saviors who will rescue the world from destruction by imposing their ideas, plans, and programs upon all the people of the world

IV. Globalization Basics

- A. Premise
 - 1. History - tragic tale of conflicts by those seeking to dominate
- B. Solution
 - 1. Bring all nations under a one-world government with centrally controlled economic activity
- C. Obstacle
 - 1. Classic Liberalism - natural rights, limited government, political/religious freedom, freedom of speech, under a just rule of law

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V. Path to Globalization

- A. World Economic Forum (WEF)
 - 1. Founded in 1971 by Claus Schwab
 - 2. Annual WEF Summit in Davos, Switzerland
 - a. "Engages the foremost political, business, cultural and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas." (WEF website)
- B. Strategy – Great Reset of Western Society
 - 1. Transform free people into servants of government by taking away their property rights and liberty
 - a. Belief the world is in a critical need of a Global Reset
- C. Build Back Better
 - 1. Promote anti-liberty programs
 - a. Handcuff free markets with economic regulations
 - b. Concentrate power – hands of a small international coalition
 - c. Use crisis to gain control of the masses
 - i. Global warming, health emergencies, supply chain problems, etc.
 - d. Fear is their torture tool to convince Westerners to willingly surrender their freedom

VI. Globalization Agenda

- A. Destroy the enemies of globalization
 - 1. National sovereignty
 - 2. Freedom of speech
 - 3. Freedom of thought
 - 4. Freedom of movement
 - 5. Free market entrepreneurship
 - 6. Personal wealth
 - 7. Religion that promotes liberty

VII. Transformation Techniques

- A. Control of information – censor dissent, regulate free speech, delete ideas on the Internet, restrict religion
 - 1. Punish those who dare to oppose or speak up
- B. Control hydrocarbon energy, cattle & farm products
 - 1. Clean energy is energy that is controlled
- C. Top-down control of human activity via force/coercion
 - 1. Crush human rights, stifle creativity, mass-produce poverty & servitude, seize individual's assets
- D. Transform free markets into centrally controlled markets
 - 1. Clean energy is energy that is controlled
- E. Transfer of wealth from individuals to the government
 - 1. Promise a future utopia –own nothing/will be happy

VIII. Globalization Objective

- A. Entice Westerners into surrendering power to a few elites
 - 1. Teaching that free markets inevitably lead to an apocalypse

IX. Globalization & Prophecy - What Does It Have to Do With Prophecy?

- A. Globalization is not just a human endeavor
 - 1. It is part of the spiritual battle between God & Satan, Eph.6:12
- B. Satan's desire is to overthrow heaven
 - 1. To rule over his own kingdom, Isa. 14:12-14
- C. Globalization is necessary for Satan to accomplish his desire

X. Satan's Strategy - Three-fold Globalization Plan to Thwart God's Plan

- A. Establish a one-world government
 - 1. United under one leader doing Satan's will
- B. Create an exclusive one-world religion
 - 1. Replace all other religions with worship of the dark trinity
- C. Control mankind through a one-world economic system

1. Impossible to buy/sell unless one takes the Beast's mark

XI. Satan's Past Attempts

- A. Gen. 6 – All mankind was united in continual evil except Noah
 1. God sent a flood to destroy all flesh
- B. Gen. 11 – Satan united all men in Babel
 1. Tower of Babel – man was united in false worship
 - a. God confused languages & dispersed mankind
 2. Satan has been unable to fully unite man since

XII. The Prophets Speak

- A. Unique time at the end of this age
 1. Seven-year period – Tribulation
 2. Just prior to the end of this sin-cursed age
 - a. Church is taken out – Rapture, 1 Th. 4:16–17; 5:9
 - b. Spirit's ministry of restraining evil ends, 2 Th. 2:6–7
- B. These events clear the way for Satan to establish a kingdom
 1. To take control over the earth & execute his plan
- C. Rise of a future one-world world government
 1. Daniel 2 – Nebuchadnezzar's tall statue dream
 - a. Four Gentile world kingdoms, vv. 36–43
 - i. Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome
 - b. Roman Empire has two phases
 - i. Iron legs (strong) of historical past times
 - ii. Iron/clay feet (weaker) of a future revived Roman Empire
 - aa. 10 toes representing 10 kings/kingdoms
- D. Rise of a one-world leader – Antichrist
 1. Dan. 7 – Daniel's dream of four unique beasts
 - a. Fourth beast – 10 horns are ten future kings/kingdoms, vv. 7, 20
 - i. Revived Roman Empire
 - ii. Another horn arose (Antichrist), vv. 8, 20
 - aa. He will overthrow – 3 horns/kings

- bb. He is intelligent – eyes
- cc. He is arrogant & boastful – pompous words
- iii. He will persecute Israel to secure his future
- E. Rise of a one-world leader – Antichrist
 1. Rev. 13:1 – John saw a beast with seven heads & 10 horns
 - a. Beast – leader of a revived Roman Empire – Antichrist
 - i. From sea of humanity & given powers by Satan, v. 2
 - b. Beast will establish a world-wide government
 - i. After his fatal wound is healed, v. 3
 - ii. Given authority of every tribe, tongue, & nation, v. 7
 2. Rev. 17:3, 9-13 – beast with seven heads & 10 horns
 - a. Seven heads – seven successive kingdoms
 - i. Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the coming Antichrist led kingdom
 - b. Ten horns – ten future kings/kingdoms, v. 12-13
 - i. Hold power for a brief time – “one hour”
 - ii. They give their authority to the beast
 - c. They make war with the Lamb – Jesus Christ
 - i. United one-world government
- F. Creation of an exclusive one-world religion
 1. Rev. 13:8,12 – False Prophet causes all the world to worship the beast (Antichrist)
 - a. All will worship Satan, Antichrist, and False Prophet, v. 4
- G. Control of mankind via a one-world economic system
 1. Rev. 13:16-17 – to buy/sell everyone must take the beast’s mark
 - a. Visible mark on their hand or forehead
 - i. Similar to Dt. 6:8, Israel was told to bind God’s commands as a sign on their hand and forehead
- H. Globalization is also God’s Plan
 1. Rev. 17:17 – a one-world government serves God’s purpose
 - a. To gather the world’s evil leaders for judgment
 - i. God has put it in their hearts
 - aa. To fulfill His purpose
 - bb. To be united – of one mind

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- cc. To give their kingdoms to the beast
 - ii. Until God's prophecies are fulfilled

XIII. How Should We Face a World on Edge?

A. Four Biblical Directives

1. Live in power and love, not in fear of the world, 2 Tim. 1:7
2. Live in the hope of Christ's return, Heb. 10:23-25
3. Live in faith of the promises to come, Heb. 11:13-16
4. Embrace prophecy, don't despise it, 1 Th. 5:20

The Ultimate Deception

Proposition: While Satan has used deceptive methods throughout history, his deception will build to a crescendo in the Tribulation period with the installation of his global government, fake Messiah, false utopian society.

I. Disclosure #1: Satan has a plan for history, the world and you (Isaiah 14:13-14)

- A. He wants to _____ God
- B. He wants to openly _____ the whole world
- C. He wants to be _____ by all as god

II. Disclosure #2: Satan's plans are all fueled by deception

- A. Satan's deceptive methods, past and present
 - 1. _____ and deceit (Jn. 8:44; Rev. 12:9; Eph. 6:11ff)
 - 2. Inverting _____ and _____ (Col. 1:12-13; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6)
 - 3. _____ hearts (1 Jn. 2:15-17; Mk. 4)
 - 4. _____ God's words (Gen. 3:1; Mt. 4:1-11)
- B. Satan's deceptive methods will continue in the future
 - 1. 2 Th. 2:10 - wicked deception
 - 2. Rev. 12:9 - deceives the whole world
 - 3. Rev. 20:7 - released and will come out to deceive the nations again

III. Disclosure #3: Satan is persistently straining against the restrainer (2 Thess. 2:1-12)

- A. 2 Th. 2:1-12 gives a basic timeline of future events after the Rapture
 - 1. The Thessalonians were concerned that they were living in the Tribulation period / persecution
 - 2. Paul corrects their misunderstanding
 - a. _____ and gathering together is first before the persecution/Trib. of the Day of the Lord (2:1-2)
 - b. "the rebellion" comes" and Antichrist is _____ (v. 3)

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c. the _____ needs to be removed first (v. 6)

B. "Satan is seizing every opportunity to prepare the world for his _____ and his _____."

IV. Disclosure #4: Satan will offer convincing counterfeits (Daniel 7, 9, 11; Mt. 24; 2 Th. 2; Rev. 13)

A. A counterfeit global governance

B. A counterfeit savior

1. The deceptive nature of the Antichrist will be politically savvy

2. The Antichrist will deceive with false _____,
_____ and _____

3. The Antichrist will deceive people into _____ himself and Satan

C. A counterfeit utopian society

The Rise and Rule of the Antichrist

Introduction – How people have viewed the Antichrist

I. The Term “Antichrist”

- A. Two senses
 - 1. Broad sense – anyone who opposes Christ
 - 2. Narrow sense – an end-time person of Satanic evil
- B. 1 John 2:18 – both senses
- C. 1 John 2:22 – broad sense
- D. 1 John 4:3 – both senses
- E. 2 John 7 – broad sense

II. Antichrist in the Book of Daniel

- A. Daniel 7 – The little horn
 - 1. The four world empires (vv. 1–7)
 - 2. The _____ out of the fourth world empire (v. 8)
 - a. Rise of the little horn
 - b. Arrogance and pride (see also v. 11, 20)
 - 3. Antichrist makes _____ on the saints (v. 21)
 - 4. Makes changes to _____ (v. 25)
 - 5. Prevails over the _____ for 3 ½ years (vv. 21, 25)
 - 6. The _____ judges the little horn (vv. 9–10)
 - 7. The _____ (Messiah) receives the kingdom (vv. 13–14, 18)
 - 8. The _____ possess the kingdom (vv. 18, 22, 27)
 - 9. The Antichrist and his kingdom are utterly _____ (vv. 11, 26)
- B. Daniel 9:26–27 – The Roman prince
 - 1. There is a prince who is _____ (v. 26)
 - 2. Verse 27
 - a. He makes a _____ with Israel at the beginning of the Tribulation
 - b. Half way through the Tribulation, he _____ Jewish

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sacrifice and offering

- c. He sets up the _____ of desolation
 - d. The Antichrist and his kingdom are utterly _____
- C. Daniel 11:36-45 - The Willful King
1. Antichrist magnifies himself as God (v. 36)
 2. Antichrist has no regard for _____ worship (v. 37)
 3. Antichrist has no regard for _____ (v. 37)
 4. He will honor _____ and _____ (v. 38)
 5. He will fight the king of the _____ and the king of the _____ prior to the midpoint of the Tribulation (vv. 39-40)
 6. He will _____ many (vv. 41-43)
 7. Northern and eastern _____ irritate (v. 42)
 8. He makes his headquarters in _____ (v. 45)
 9. The Antichrist will be _____ (v. 45)
- D. Matthew 24 & Revelation 6
1. Matthew 24
 - a. v. 15 - abomination of _____
 - b. vv.23-24- _____ and false prophets
 2. Revelation 6
 - a. _____ seal judgment (v. 2)
- E. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4
1. Antichrist = man of _____ (lawlessness) - v. 3
 2. Antichrist = son of _____ - v. 3
 3. Antichrist _____ God and _____ himself - v. 4
 4. Antichrist sets himself up in the Jewish Temple as _____ - v. 4
 5. Antichrist will be _____ (2 Th. 2:8)
- F. Revelation 13
1. Antichrist = _____ out of the sea (v. 1)
 2. Descriptions show dependence upon Daniel 7 (vv. 1-2) - connections to the fourth world empire
 3. A mortal wound is _____ (v. 3) - is this death and resurrection? (see vv. 14-15)
 4. The _____ (Satan) is worshiped (v. 4)
 5. Antichrist _____ and speaks _____ against God

- and His people (vv. 5-6)
6. He has _____ for 3 ½ years and overcomes the saints (vv. 5, 7)
 7. All the _____ shall worship him (v. 8)
 8. Beast from the _____ = _____ (v. 11; compare 16:13)
 9. The beast out of the earth points people to _____ the Antichrist (vv. 12-15)
 10. The _____ of the Beast and the number _____ (vv. 16-18)
- G. Revelation 19:11-21 & chapter 20
1. _____ (Rev. 19:11-16)
 2. Destruction of the _____ and the False Prophet (Rev. 19:19-20)
 3. Destruction of _____ (Rev. 20:7-10)
 4. Note: When Christ returns He comes to judge the "unholy trinity"

III. Conclusion – Who Wins?

- A. Satan's necessity
- B. God's victory

<p style="text-align: center;">The Antichrist 1 John 2:18-22</p>				
<p>Designation & Passage</p>	<p>Exalts Himself as God</p>	<p>Relationship to Jewish Temple & Law</p>	<p>Deception</p>	<p>His Destruction</p>
<p>Little Horn <i>Dan. 7:7-12</i></p>	<p>A mouth uttering great boasts (v. 8); Boastful words (vv. 11, 20)</p>	<p>Will intend to make alterations in times and law (v. 25)</p>		<p>The Beast was slain and given to the burning fire (vv. 11, 26)</p>
<p>Prince Who Is to Come <i>Dan. 9:24-27</i></p>		<p>He will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering (v. 27)</p>	<p>Breaks his treaty with Israel (v. 27)</p>	<p>A complete destruction ... is poured out on the one who makes desolate</p>
<p>Willful King <i>Dan. 11:36-45</i></p>	<p>He will exalt & magnify himself above every god, and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods (v. 36)</p>	<p>He will pitch his tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and he beautiful holy mountain (v. 45)</p>		<p>He will come to his end and no one will help him (v. 45)</p>
<p>Beast <i>Rev. 13</i></p>	<p>There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies (v. 5)</p>	<p>Compare Rev. 11 & 12</p>	<p>Deception through the False Prophet: he deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs (v. 14; cp. Rev. 20:20)</p>	<p>These two (Beast and False Prophet) were thrown alive into the lake of fire (Rev.19:20)</p>
<p>Man of Lawlessness, Son of Destruction <i>2 Th. 2:3-8</i></p>	<p>Who opposes & exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship; displaying himself to be God (v. 4)</p>	<p>He takes his seat in the Temple of God (v. 4)</p>	<p>With all power and signs & false wonders, and with all deception (v. 9-10)</p>	<p>The Lord will slay...and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming (v. 8)</p>

The Strong Delusion of the Masses

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6). The grace of God is manifest in Jesus' words, He would provide a way for sinners to approach Him, find truth, and attain eternal life through His Son. To thwart God's plan of redemption, Satan's goal is to construct a system constructed on a lie that leads to death. It's a strong delusion that blinds the masses from hearing and seeing the way, the truth, and the life.

As Jesus said, "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Mt. 7:13-14).

I. Delusion that is limited (2 Thessalonians 2:3-6)

II. Delusion let loose (2 Thessalonians 2:7-9)

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III. Delusion controlled (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

The False Global Religion

I. I. Global Transformation Overview

A. The Bible Tells Us

1. Satan's ultimate desire
 - a. To be like the Most High God, Isa. 14:12-15
 - b. Be a god & rule over his own kingdom, Ez. 28:2, 14-15
 - i. Where all his subjects will worship him
 - c. Secure his future by derailing God's Plan for the Ages
 - i. Permanently avoid God's judgment

B. Satan's 'Like God' Plan to Unite the World

1. One-world government
2. One-world ruler
3. One-world economy
4. One-world religion
 - a. Means by which Satan will control the masses
 - i. Economic control goes through a religious identification mark with Antichrist

C. Bible Also Tells Us

1. Once God removes the restraint on Satan's evil, 2 Th. 2:3
 - a. Way is open for Satan to execute his plan
2. Satan will align the world into an alliance of 10 kingdoms
 - a. Revived form of the Roman Empire, Dan. 2, 7; Rev. 13, 17
3. Satan will bring Antichrist onto the scene, 2 Th. 2
 - a. A world leader in the alliance, Dan. 7; Rev. 13, 17
 - i. He is Satan's man to do Satan's will
4. Satan will also raise up a False Prophet onto a global platform, Rev. 13
 - a. A unique religious leader
 - i. Satan's man to establish a new false global religion
5. Timeline - all occurs during the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation
 - a. While God is unleashing His seal judgments, Rev. 6
 - i. Antichrist, war, famine/inflation, death, martyrdom, earthquakes/cosmic signs

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II. Turning Point

- A. Midpoint of the Seven-Year Tribulation
 - 1. From Tribulation to Great Tribulation

III. Six Global Transforming Events

- A. Satan loses his battle in heaven, Rev. 12:7-12
 - 1. He & his demons are cast out forever
 - 2. Satan is enraged, knowing he has a short time left
 - 3. He begins annihilating Israel to secure his future, vv. 13-17
- B. Satan moves to eliminate Israel, Rev. 12:6-16
 - 1. Satan wants to keep Messiah from coming, Rev. 12:1-5
 - 2. Isaiah said Messiah would sit on David's throne, Isa. 9:7
- C. Antichrist is fatally wounded and resurrected, Rev. 13:3; 17:8
 - 1. World is amazed – will follow him & his authority
- D. Antichrist supplants 3 world leaders, Dan. 7:8, 20; Rev. 17:12-13
 - 1. Kings give their authority to Antichrist – end of nationalism
 - 2. Satan now has a son of Adam ruling the world to do his will, 1 Cor. 15:45
- E. Antichrist moves his headquarters to Jerusalem, Dan. 11:45
 - 1. He will set his throne in the rebuilt Temple, 2 Th. 2:4
 - a. Sitting as God in the Temple (dwelling place) of God
- F. False Prophet will establish a false global religion, Rev. 13; 17
 - 1. Worship of Satan, Antichrist, and the False Prophet

IV. IV. The False Global Religion

- A. False – counterfeit the real Trinity & turn everyone away from God
 - 1. Satan, the Dragon, forgery of God the Father
 - 2. Antichrist, the first beast, forgery of the Messiah
 - 3. False Prophet, the second beast, forgery of the Holy Spirit
 - 4. Called by many names
 - a. Unholy Trinity, Dark Trinity, False Trinity, Counterfeit Trinity
 - b. But, they are not like God – not three in one

- B. Global – unified worldwide religion
 - 1. All nations and people will worship the false trinity
- C. Religion – exclusive religion of the world
 - 1. All other religions will be ended, Rev. 17:15–16

V. V. The False Trinity

- A. The Dragon, Satan
 - 1. The deceiver of the whole world, Rev. 12:9
 - a. Leads the world to follow him & worship the false trinity
 - b. Empowers Antichrist and the False Prophet
 - i. They use Satan's powers, 2 Th. 2:9; Rev. 13:14
 - aa. To convince the world they are God
 - bb. To deceive the world into believing in his lies
 - cc. To resurrect Antichrist from a fatal wound, Rev. 3:3
 - 2. The deceiver of the whole world, Rev. 12:9
 - a. Satan establishes the false worldwide religion, Rev. 13:4, 12
 - b. Satan is striving to be like the Most High God
- B. The First Beast, Antichrist
 - 1. A man who arises from the sea of humanity, Rev. 13:1
 - a. Title, beast, emphasizes his brutal, vicious & cruel nature
 - 2. Satan bestows upon him supernatural power to deceive the world, 2 Th. 2:3, 9–10; Rev. 13:2
 - a. Perform miraculous works & words like Christ, 2 Th. 2:9–10
 - i. Given his power, throne, & great authority, Rev. 13:2
 - b. The world will believe the beast is the true Messiah
 - 3. After his resurrection from a fatal wound, Rev. 3:3
 - a. He opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, showing that He is God, 2 Th. 2:4
 - i. He will blaspheme God, God's name, God's dwelling place, and those dwelling in heaven, Rev. 13:6
 - b. World will worship the beast as God, Rev. 13:4, 8
 - i. Those who dwell on the earth will marvel, Rev. 17:8
 - ii. He will sit on his throne in the Temple of God, 2 Th. 2:4

- aa. Showing himself that he is God
- 4. He puts an end to all other apostate religions, Rev. 17:15-16, 2 Th. 2:4
 - a. Without regard for any other god, Dan. 11:36-37
 - b. He will not tolerate any other religion
 - i. Only the worship of the false trinity is permitted
 - c. This puts Tribulation Saints at odds with the Antichrist
 - i. He will seek to kill all who oppose him
- C. The Second Beast, False Prophet
 1. A man who arises from the earth, Rev. 13:11
 - a. He is from Earth, not the realm of heaven
 - b. Wild beast's nature, lamb's appearance, & dragon's voice
 2. Called the False Prophet, Rev. 16:13; 19:20; 20:10
 - a. Identifies him as the leader of the false global religion
 - b. Endowed with supernatural powers, Rev. 13:11-15
 3. He performs miracles & calls hail/fire from heaven
 - a. Miracles similar to the two witnesses, Rev. 11
 - i. Like the magicians of Egypt who counterfeited Moses' miracles, Ex. 7:11-13, 22; 8:7
 - b. Likely that Satan uses him to resurrect Antichrist
 4. Helps catapult Antichrist to unmatched power & success
 - a. Satanic John the Baptist – preparing Antichrist's way
 - b. Leading the world in the worship of the Antichrist
 5. He erects an image of Antichrist in the Temple, Rev. 13:14-15
 - a. He gives the image breath & life, v. 15
 - b. He demands all the world worship the image
 - i. Killing all who refuse
 - ii. Similar to Nebuchadnessar's image, Dan. 3
 - c. Abomination of desolation, Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11, Mt. 24:15
 6. Will require all to take the mark of the Beast, Rev. 13:17
 - a. Required to buy and sell – economically control man
 7. God's sad warning – anyone taking the mark, worshiping the Beast or his image will experience God's wrath
 - a. Forever cast into the lake of fire, v. 14:9-11
 - i. Reminds us of Daniel's friends in the furnace, Dan. 3

VI. VI. The End of the False Religion

- A. Coming False Religion Will Be the Greatest Attempt in History to Replace God
 - 1. Satan, working through men, will deceive the world
 - a. They will believe the lie that Satan is God
- B. All part of God's Plan for the Ages
 - 1. False trinity will have a short run – 42 months, Rev. 13:5
 - a. Christ will defeat it at His return, 2 Th. 2:8; Rev. 19:17-21
- C. If You Are a Believer, You Need Not Fear What Is Coming
 - 1. You will not experience the false global religion
 - 2. The future is in the good hands of the Lord
- D. We Should Be Sounding the Alarm
 - 1. Pointing people to Christ, our Savior!

The World vs. Israel

Introduction: Antisemitism on the rise

Proposition: Since the world has repeatedly shown its hatred for God's people throughout the past, and because Jewish persecution will culminate in Satan's most fierce attempt to destroy God's people in the future, Christians must seek to intentionally love and bless God's people today.

The World vs. Israel: Why End-Times Persecution Matters Today

I. **The history of Jewish persecution is of Satanic origin**

A. A brief survey of major attempts to destroy the Jewish people

1. Haman the Amalekite (d. approx. 473 BC)
2. Emperor Hadrian (AD 118-138)
3. History of Pogroms & Expulsions in Europe (diagram) (AD 1100-1600)
4. The Holocaust (AD 1939-1945)
5. Today

B. Why has this cycle repeated throughout history?

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II. Jewish persecution will be the zenith of Satan's plans

A. The worst Jewish persecution is yet to come will be in the 2nd half of the Trib

B. A brief harmonization of relevant texts (Rev. 12; Mt. 24; Dan. 9)

1. Revelation 12:1-6

2. Revelation 12:13-17

III. Why it matters to us today

The Transforming Battle of Armageddon

- I. "Armageddon" usually means "the end of the world"

- II. **Where does the term Armageddon come from in the Bible?**
 - A. Revelation 16:13-16 – only occurrence

 - B. The word Armageddon literally means "the mountain of _____"

 - C. It is a real place – note the picture of the ruins at Megiddo

- III. **Megiddo in the Bible**
 - A. In the Old Testament, the term *Megiddo* appears _____

 - B. In some passages, Megiddo appears to be a _____ with multiple villages and a king over the region (Joshua 12:21; 17:11; Judges 1:27, 5:19; 1 Chr. 7:29)

 - C. In some passages, Megiddo refers to an _____ – perhaps the major village in the region (1 Kings 4:12; 9:15; 2 Kings 9:27; 23:29-30)

 - D. In two passages, the Bible refers to the plain or valley of Megiddo (2 Chr. 35:22; Zech. 12:11)

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E. Valley of Megiddo = Valley of Jezreel

IV. Battles in This Valley in History

A. _____ between 2350 BC and AD 1973?

B. Earliest recorded battle in world between Egypt and Syria in

C. Egypt against Judea in _____ (King Josiah wounded in the battle and dies later in Jerusalem - 2 Chron. 35:20-27)

D. Napoleon against the Ottomans (_____)

E. British against the Ottomans (_____)

F. Napoleon called the valley of Jezreel "the most natural battleground of the whole earth"

V. Comparisons to other battles in the Bible

A. Gog & Magog (Ezekiel 38 & 39)

B. Battle with the King of the North and King of the South (Daniel 11)

C. Gog & Magog (Revelation 20)

VI. Exposition of Revelation 16:13-16

To get started we must understand where we are in the scheme of the book of Revelation – Armageddon is in the 6th bowl judgment near the end of the Tribulation period right before Jesus returns

- A. The battle of Armageddon is _____ by Satan, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet (vv. 13-14)

- B. The kings of the whole world are _____ into gathering for the special end-time battle – great day of God Almighty (v. 14)

- C. Christ is coming _____ to end and win the great battle (v. 15)

- D. The battle _____ near the Mount of Megiddo (v. 16)

Note: This is a campaign that ends near Jerusalem (Zech. 14; Rev. 19) which is 56 miles from Megiddo.

VII. So What?

- A. The biblical presentation of Armageddon is _____ & _____ . We can exercise a reasonable _____ in God's promise for the future.
- B. The world may be on edge, but we can have _____ since we know where everything is headed (remember the gospel of Jesus Christ)
- C. Armageddon involves the nation of _____
1. Israel has a _____
 2. The end-times events happen when Israel is in the _____
 3. Israel is in the land _____
 4. Let's rejoice in the prospect of _____

The world is not going to be destroyed by an asteroid!

The Joy of God's Everlasting Rule

The Christian's hope is grounded in a global transformation, not the transformation brought about through Satan's corruption, but the renewal Christ promised through resurrection. As the apostle Paul explained, "creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." (Romans 8:21). Therefore, we have hope. We wait for with patience, but still cry, "Come, Lord Jesus"!

I. The Son of Man (Daniel 7:13-14)

II. The Servant (Mark 10:45)

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III. The Judge (Matthew 25:31-46)

IV. IV. The King (Matthew 19:28)

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