Tri-County Bible Prophecy Revival Revelation of Jesus Series

Study #2: One of The Bible's Greatest Prophecies

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Review Questions

What is the meaning of Revelation? To reveal

Who is the centered of all Bible prophecy? The Revelation of Jesus Christ

What is Bible prophecy? Prediction. History in advanced.

What does the name Jesus mean? Lord is our Salvation

What does the name Christ mean? Anointed one - Messiah

What is the meaning Bible? Little books

How many books are in the Bible? 66 (39 OT and 27 NT)

As we learned in our previous study, in the Bible there are over 125 prophecies about the first coming of Jesus Christ from the place of His birth, to the time of His anointing and ministry on earth that was prophesied in the Old Testament that was accurately fulfilled in the New Testament. We were able to look at some examples of these in our previous study.

What was the purpose of the first coming of Jesus Christ?

Zechariah 9:9

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Matthew 1:21-23

- 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
- 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
- 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Jesus came to save from sin NOT in sin. He came to give us the greatest gift to humanity, salvation.

Sin is painful and causes suffering, misery, and death. We all need to be rescued from SIN. Sin is our main problem in life.

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

What is sin?

1 John 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

The Law of God = Ten Commandments

Romans 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

Ten Commandments – Exodus 20:1 – 17 (Read for homework)

What is the penalty for sin, breaking God's law?

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus paid the penalty of sin with His blood.

1 John 4:9-10

- 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
- 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Isaiah 53:5

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 John 3:5

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

Christ has made abundant provision for our salvation. - Salvation happiness, peace, joy, love, and life

What is one of the Bible's greatest prophecies that will soon be fulfilled?

John 14:1-3

- 1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 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.

Matthew 16:27

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Hebrews 9:28

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

<u>Did you know that Jesus himself repeats this declaration of His second coming seven times in Revelation? (The words are in red)</u>

(1) Revelation 2:25

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till **I come**.

(2) Revelation 3:3

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come** on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

(3) Revelation 3:11

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

(4) Revelation 16:15

15 Behold, **I come** as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

(5) Revelation 22:7

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

(6) Revelation 22:12

12 And, behold, **I come quickly**; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

(7) Revelation 22:20

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Why is Jesus coming again?

Revelation 22:12

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Isaiah 62:11

11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

John 3:36

36 He that believeth on the Son hath **everlasting life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

- 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.
- 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Isaiah 25:8-9

- 8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.
- 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

After the coming Jesus, He will not only reward His faithful with everlasting life as promised, but He will make all things new!

Revelation 21:1 - 5

- 1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.
- 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
- 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Jesus will fulfill His promises to make all things NEW! - verse 5

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are **true and faithful**.

How will Jesus come the second time? Will it be a secret "rapture"?

Acts 1:9-11

- 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.

In Acts 1:11, the Greek the word "manner" mean "mode" or "style". It is clear that as the disciples watched Jesus go higher and higher in the sky in a cloud and then disappear, they were given a promise from two angels that Jesus Christ will return to this earth the same "mode" or "style" as He was lifted up to heaven in a cloud. It is clear in the Bible that Jesus is coming back to this earth from the clouds of the sky.

Revelation 1:7

7 Behold, **he cometh with clouds**; and **every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Mark 13:26

26 And then shall they see the **Son of man coming in the clouds** with great power and glory.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

- 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.

The coming of Christ will be a glorious and loud event that everyone who is living on the planet at that time will see! Jesus will descend from Heavens in the clouds. Notice that his feet will not touch the earth at the second coming of Christ. We will meet Him in the air. Also, there is nothing secret about the second of Jesus Christ. There will NOT be a "secret rapture." Jesus is personally and literally coming back again!

Matthew 24:27

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Mark 13:23-27

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

- 24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,
- 25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.
- 26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.
- 27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Revelation 6:12-17

- 12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;
- 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.
- 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
- 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains:
- 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

What warning does Jesus give us about those who say that His coming will be a secret?

Matthew 24:23-26

- 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.
- 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.
- 25 Behold, I have told you before.
- 26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

The second coming of Jesus Christ will only be a surprise like a "thief" for those who are NOT ready.

Matthew 24:43-44

- 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
- 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Misapplied Text for secret rapture theory: 'Left Behind'

Matthew 24:37-42 (Let's investigate)

- 37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,
- 39 And knew not until the flood came, and **took them all** away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
- 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Notice: Verse 39 – Noah's flood is compared to the second coming of Jesus. Those who were lost by the flood says that it "took them all away." With that comparison, the coming of the Lord will be the same and the context of verse 40 and 41 is clearly understood. The ones who are "taken" are those who are sweep away like the flood and lost. Those who are "left" are those saved and will meet the Lord in the air at His second coming.

What will happened to the wicked living at the second coming of Jesus Christ?

2 Thessalonians 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the **Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming**:

Like the flood the wicked living will be sweep away by the mouth of the Lord and the brightness of his second coming.

Only the faithful people of God will be able to stand will Jesus comes!

Luke 21:36

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.

1 John 2:28

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

What will the righteous say at the coming of the Jesus Christ?

Isaiah 25:9

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

So do you want to be "taken" or "left"?

How can you be ready STAND when Jesus comes again?

In Christ, through His blood - 1) Free from sin; 2) declared righteous (justified); 3) Live a holy life (sanctified)

Free from sin & justified

1 John 1:7, 9

- 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 3:9

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 5:9

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

How can you live a holy, sanctified, life in preparation for the second coming of Jesus Christ?

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Ephesians 5:26

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Luke 9:23

23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Those who are justified and live a holy sanctified life through Christ have left the sinful things they once did in the past.

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The justified and sanctified by FAITH!

Romans 1:17

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Will the be any sin in Heaven?

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

- 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
- 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Revelation 21:7-8

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 22:14-15

- 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.
- 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

How should you live knowing that Jesus is coming again soon, "the blessed hope?"

Titus 2:11-14

- 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.

Appeal

Now is the time! Are you revived and reformed? Are you ready for the second coming of Jesus Christ?

What happens after death? Does a person go straight to heaven after death or are they burning in hell through eternity? To be continued...