

## **The End Times and Rapture of the Church – Part 2**

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**The Coming of The Anti Christ**

The mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** <sup>8</sup> And then the **lawless one** will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming: **2 Thess 2:7-8**

**This Scripture refers to the ‘Church’. It is the presence and prayers of the ‘Saints’ that is holding back the powers of darkness. Some people have taught that this is the Holy Spirit that will be taken out of the way during the time of the Great Tribulation. But we know this to be untrue as people will still be saved after the ‘Rapture’ but will be martyred for their faith.**

*And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:* **Rev 7:4**

*So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* **Rev 7:14**

The Bible describes a man coming onto the world scene known as the Anti Christ. Jesus refers to this man as the ‘Abomination who causes Desolation’ (**Matt 24:15**). This man will enter peaceably and will seem to all to be a good man (**Dan 11:24**) but after a while his true motives will be revealed. It says he will confirm a peace treaty with many for one week (7years) but in the middle of the week he will break it and bring an end to sacrifice and offering in the Temple in Jerusalem (**Dan 9:27**). This man will sit in the Temple and claim to be God. He will even set up a statue of himself that will speak and force people to worship it (**Rev 13:15**) – like Nebuchadnezzar (**Dan 3:10**). He will be mortally wounded and healed! (**Rev 13:11**) and his reign will last for forty two months – three and a half years.

**During this second part of the seven year period hell will empty out on the earth;**

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. <sup>2</sup> And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

**Rev 18:2**

<sup>37</sup> *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.* **Matt 24:37**

The Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came unto the daughters of

men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown. **Gen 6:4**

**Nephilim – Hebrew for ‘Fallen Ones’, Fallen Angels, Giants.**

In which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison,<sup>20</sup> that aforetime were disobedient, when the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water: **1 Peter 3:19**

**The Nephilim – Satan’s answer to the Rapture?**



***For then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be.*** **Matt 24: 21**

**So Jesus said ‘The days of the ‘Great Tribulation’ will be like no other! Horrific and Barbaric beyond description. The Church will be raptured then it will really happen. During this time people will be saved, we know that during this period 144.000 Jews will be saved, 12.000 each from the 12 tribes of Israel.**

And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead;<sup>17</sup> and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name.<sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty and six. **Rev 13:16-18**

Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand,<sup>10</sup> he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **Rev 14:9,10**

**Why Babylon? (Modern day Iraq) – explain**

**Site of Garden of Eden – Babel’s Tower – King of Babylon (Isaiah 14:12). Place of ultimate rebellion against God. New world trade centre?**

**Also around this time the two witnesses of Christ shall arise. The anti Christ shall deceive many into believing he is God, but the elect and the Two Witnesses know the truth.**

**Read Revelation 11:3 -19**

**Who are the Two Witnesses?**

Many believe that Elijah and Enoch are the two witnesses as these two men are yet to taste death. The word says it is appointed for men to live and then die. Some have suggested that Moses may also be a witness, but it is unlikely as it means that he would have to die again. Moses died on Mount Nebo just before Israel crossed into Canaan.

**The Return of the King**

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. <sup>13</sup> He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

**Rev 19:11-14**

**Read Rev 19:14-21**

**v20 – The Beast and False Prophet captured thrown into the Lake of Fire (Gehenna)**

## **Satan bound for a thousand years!!**

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the* Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; **Rev 20:1-2**

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, For the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. **Rev 20:4**

**During this time we will live with Christ for a thousand Years. This will conclude 7000 years of man's history, 7 being the perfect number. After the thousand years then judgement will take place (Revelation 21:12-15)**

**In Part 3 we will look more closely at the 'Man of Sin,' Who he is, how is he affecting world events today, how does he line up with scripture and where we are today in the scheme of things! Do not miss this!**