

From Here to Eternity: God's Timeline

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Preface

This doctrinal statement used to be on a website called *Chosen People Ministries*.

We believe that Messiah will return to earth to reign from Israel over the millennial kingdom ([Dan 9:27](#); [Matt 24:29-31](#); [Mark 13:24-27](#); [Luke 21:25-27](#); [1 Thess 1:10](#); [2 Thess 2](#); [Rev 20:1-6](#)). When all His enemies are put under his feet, He will hand over the Kingdom to the Father ([1 Cor 15:20-28](#)).

We believe that the final state of those who have trusted in Messiah will be eternal bliss in the presence of God. We believe that the eternal state of those who have not trusted in Messiah will be one of conscious suffering in hell. ([Matt 25:46](#); [John 3:36](#); [2 Thess 1:8-9](#); [2 Pet 3:13](#); [Rev 14:11](#); [20:11-15](#); [21:1-22:6](#))

Where are we right now in God's timeline?

We are in the Church Age which is the period of undisclosed time while the gentile (non-Jewish) believers are growing in numbers. At the time that only the Father knows when we'll be taken away in the Rapture (the original Greek word in the Bible is *raptus* which means taken away) will occur.....

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 NKJV)

This will be the most catastrophic global event in man's history since The Flood. It will send the world into a terrifying panic as most people will not know what happened or what is to occur next. They won't know if there will be more people taken later, if they were alien abductions, or if the people that disappeared were actually from another planet, themselves. The governments of the world will be attempting to calm fears and settle riots, etc. and rushing to put their own spin on it.

The world will see itself (or present itself) as under a global threat and will most probably put itself under United Nations' NATO martial law (military force). The world leaders will believe that now is the time to complete its mission it's already been actively pursuing—that of creating a global government and currency. With all the millions of missing people there will then be billions of dollars of assets that the governments will want to seize and use to 'help ease the economic strains that the nations have been enduring'. The truth will be that those governments will use the assets for whatever they wish. The assets will include entire businesses, properties, planes, and automobiles, along with monies, possessions, and other valuables.

The World Bank probably already has the global currency figured out right now and how to implement it. Their ultimate goal, I'm sure, is to completely digitize the system, thus making it easier to disperse, control, and track. If you can track someone's spending, you can track the

person and his activities. This is something they'll want to do because they will believe that to protect themselves and their system, they'll need to control the people. They will have the ability to freeze and seize your assets when controlled digitally. In the middle of the Tribulation, the mark of the Beast will be stamped on the heads or right hands of those who reject Jesus Christ. These people will, then have the ability/right to buy and sell—to do business.

There will be spouses, dependant parents, and children (that are beyond the age of accountability) to disperse and deal with.

There will be mass destruction from planes crashing into buildings, freeways, and houses, etc. There will be major fires to snuff out in the midst of the panic. There will be train, car, and truck crashes. There will be mass suicide attempts, including with those people who know what has happened and know what is about to transpire over the next seven years and don't want to face it. The suicide attempts are prophesied in the Bible. The emergency services will be overloaded.

What will we be doing during the next seven years of The Great Tribulation?

I'm not totally sure, but it appears we'll be worshipping God. I believe the great multitude mentioned in [Rev. 19:1-3, 6-7](#) in heaven is us. I believe it's the first time a great multitude is described as being in heaven in Revelation. Remember that we will only be in heaven those seven years. Eternity will be spent on the new Earth described in [Rev. 21:1-2](#). God will come and live with us ([Rev. 21:3](#)).

What will be going on during the Great Tribulation?

With the catastrophic nature of the Rapture, I believe this will be the beginning of The Tribulation. Because God's timeline is exact to the very day that events will occur, everyone on Earth must be able to follow it exactly (by divine providence). What other divinely appointed event would set things in motion other than this? None.

At the beginning, the new Roman prince (Rome will become the new capital of the world as commonly called the new Roman Empire) will make a deal with Israel. It will probably involve them staying in a passive state with their neighbors in exchange for remaining a sovereign nation. At the exact middle (to the day) of the 7 years that agreement will be broken and the Antichrist will walk into the holy of holies in the newly rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and proclaim himself to be God to be worshipped. Many of the Jews will know better and flee the country. They will know where to go because of the instructions in [Matt. 21:20-24](#). They will flee to Petra. The city in Jordan that is wrought out of the rock that is in the Indiana Jones movie, *The Last Crusade*. They will remain there until the end of the Tribulation. It has been told that the city has been stocked with Bibles, food, water, and other necessities by Christians in preparation of their coming.

Besides the above events, the Tribulation will be a horrific time of despair, destruction, famine, and fear. No one will be able to trust anyone. Eventually if you don't take the mark of the Beast you will be beheaded. Earthquakes, burning forests, and erupting volcanoes will plague the Earth along with supernatural events in the sky and the Earth. Terror will fill the world. The entire situation will be God's last attempt at swaying men to repent and put their trust in Jesus Christ.

The end of the seven years will be marked by Jesus returning in the air with us who were with Him:

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. (Zechariah 14:4 NKJV)

When He returns, He will destroy the gathered armies of the world in the valley of Armageddon ([Rev. 19:17](#))

He will bound Satan and his minions for a thousand years ([Rev. 20:1-3](#)).

After this point, He will rule the world from Jerusalem. We will rule with Him as priests [, presidents, mayors, councilmen, police chiefs, etc.] throughout the world for a thousand years ([Rev. 20:6](#)). I believe that [Rev. 19:15](#) refers to us as the rod of iron.

At the end of the thousand years, Satan and his helpers will be loosed for a short time to deceive whom he will and then be cast alive into the lake of fire that burns forever ([Rev. 20:3, 7-10](#)).

The White Throne Judgment will, then, occur which will judge all people that haven't been dealt with already ([Rev. 20:11-15](#)).

Then the heavens and Earth will be destroyed and He will create new heavens and a new Earth and *He will come live with us forever* in the new Jerusalem on Earth ([Rev 21-22](#)).

Knowing the end of the story and knowing where we will be during it all is comforting but remember all those that don't yet know Christ and how bleak their potential future is. What are you doing about it? Do you care?

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