

Introduction to Prophecy 2017

Outline- Lesson One

Note: Scriptures marked with an asterisk (*) are those to which we will be turning.

- I. Goal of the course (Ephesians 1:15-23)
 - 11. God knowledge of the future (*Isa 46:9-10; *Isa 41:22-23; Amos 3:7)
 - 111. Considerations in interpreting prophetic Scriptures
 - (a) Proper motive (John 8:31-32; James 3:1; Acts 17:11)
 - (b) Analogy of faith (*11 Tim 3:16-1; *11 Tim 2:15; *11 Pet 1:20-21)
 - (c) Interpreting literally (unless otherwise indicated)
 - (d) Grammar and historical setting (1 Cor 10:32)
 - (e) Conditional or unconditional
 - (f) Progressive revelation of prophecy (Deut.29:29)
 - (g) God and time (*11 Pet 3:8-9; *11 Pet 3:3-4)
 - (h) Works on a very precise timetable (Dan 9:24-27; Jn 2:4; 7:8, 30; 8:20; Mat 8:29; Lev 23; Col 2:16-17; Gal 4:4)
- 1V. Understanding the times (1Chron 12:32)
 - (a) Knowing Scripture
 - (b) Knowing the voice of the Holy Spirit (*John 16:13)
 - (c) Knowing current events.

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Outline Lesson Two

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- I. The three groups God sees on the earth today (*1 Cor 10:32)
 - (a) The Jews
 - (b) The Gentiles
 - (c) The Church of God
 - (1) Both Jews and Gentiles “in Christ” (*Gal 3:28; Col 3:11; Eph 2:11-17; Rom 10:12; Gal 6:15; II Cor 5:17)
 - (2) Built by Jesus (Mt 16:18)
 - (3) Empowered on Pentecost (Acts 2)

- II. The Mystery of the Church (*Eph 3:1-7)
 - (a) The Church as composed of Jews and Gentiles (Eph 3:1-7)
 - (b) The Church Age or Dispensation of Grace (Eph 3:1-7; Acts 1:4-6)
 - (c) Revealed to and through Paul (*Eph 3:1-7)

- III. The Mystery of the Rapture
 - (a) Defined (*1Cor 15:51-55; *Heb 2:14-15; *I Thess 4:13-18)
 - (b) Description of Resurrection Bodies (*I Cor 15:35-50; Phil 3:21)
 - (c) Possible mention by Jesus (*John 14:1-3,26.29)

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Outline Lesson Three

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I. What happens when we die?

- (a) Spirit leaves body (I Thess 5:23; Jas 2:26; Lk 8:49-56; Lk 23: 45-46)
- (b) Spirit received into God's presence (Acts 7:59-60; II Cor 5:6-8; Phil 1:21-23)
- (c) Spirit escorted by angels and received with joy in heaven (Lk 16:22; Heb 1:14; Psm 116:15)
- (d) Spirit awaiting resurrection of body (II Cor 5:1-9)

II. Judgments for Believers

- (a) Past: Sin (*1 Pet 2:24) A finished work.
- (b) Present: Self (I Jn 1:9; I Cor 11:31-32; Heb 12:5-11)
- (c) Future: Works at Judgment Seat of Christ (*11 Cor 5:10; *1 Cor 3:9-15)

III. Rewards or crowns (*11 Tim 4:6-8)

- (a) Crowns for believers mentioned in Scripture
 - (1) Crown of Righteousness (II Tim 4:8)
 - (2) Incorruptible Crown (I Cor 9:25)
 - (3) Crown of Rejoicing (I Thess 2:19)
 - (4) Crown of Life (Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10)
 - (5) Crown of Glory (I Pet 5:4)
- (b) Only Acceptable Motive Behind What We Do (*1 Cor 13:1-3)
- (c) Why Crowns? (*Rev 4:1-11;*Rev 5:9-10)

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Outline Lesson Four

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I. The Marriage of the Lamb (*Revelation 19:7-9)

a. Mysteries revealed concerning the church (Deut 29:29)

- (1) The Church composed of both Jews and Gentiles (Eph 3:1-7; Gal 3:28)
- (2) The “Rapture” (I Cor 15:51-54; I Thes 4:13-18)
- (3) The marriage union between Christ and the Church (*Eph 5:29-32; II Cor 11:2; Jn 3:29; Mat 9:15)

b. Jewish wedding customs paralleled with the church as the bride of Christ

- (1) The Contract (*1 Peter 1:18-20; Phil 2:5-8; *Heb 2:14-15; II Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13-14; Heb; 12:2; 11 Cor 5:1-5)
- (2) The Cup (*Mat 26:27-28)
- (3) The Departure (Jn 14:1-3; Rev 21:2, 9-27)
- (4) Stealing the Bride (1 Thes 4:16-17)
- (5) Bridal Chamber (II Cor 5:10; I Cor 3:9-15; 1 Cor 13:12;

I John 3:2)

- (6) Marriage supper (Rev 19:7-9; Jude 24,25; Eph 5: 25-27)

(a) Second Coming of Christ with the Saints (Jude 14-15; Zech 14:5; I Thes 3:13; Rev 19:7-14; Rev 5:9-10; 20:6)

(b) Waiting for Jesus’ return (II Pet 3:3-4, 8-9; Eph 1:12-14; II Tim 4:8; Mat 6:10; Rev 22:20; I Jn 2:28)

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Outline Lesson Five

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(1) The Jews and The Abrahamic Covenant

a. Some of the Promises to Abraham

(1) Numerous offspring comprising many nations (Gen 13:16; 15:3; 17:2,4,6)

(2) A son (Isaac) whom, with his seed, God would establish His everlasting covenant (Gen 17:15-19)

(3) Make of Abraham a great nation (Israel) blessing him and making his name great and making Abraham a blessing (Gen 12:2)

(4) The land of Israel for an everlasting possession through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Gen 13:14-17; 15:18; 17:8; 26:1-3; 28:10-15; 35:10-15; Eze 47:13-23; 48; Joel 3:2)

(5) Those who blessed Abraham and his descendants would be blessed and vice versa to those who cursed Abraham and his descendants (Gen 12:3)

b. The testing of the covenant (Gen 22: 1-19)

(1) Promise of seed through whom whole world would be blessed (Jesus) as a result of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac. (Gen 22:15-18; Gal 3:16)

c. Prophecies of a coming Messiah and glorious Kingdom Age (Is 7:14; 9:6-7; Dan 9:25-26; Zec 9:9; Mic 5:2)

(1) Kingdom Age or "Day of the Lord" would be ushered in by time of great pain and suffering (Joel 2:2-4; Zeph 1:14-15)

(2) Consequences of the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah

a. Fall of Jerusalem prophesied (*Mat 23:37-39; *Mat 24:1-3; *Lk 19:41-44; *Lk 21:20-24)

(1) Temple destroyed

(2) Jews scattered into world (diaspora)

b. Jews took responsibility and consequences for crucifixion
(*Mat 27:24-25)

c. Prophecy of Jews ultimate return to Israel despite their
unfaithfulness (*Eze 36:18-24)

d. Prophecy of reconciliation with God *(Eze 36:25-38)

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Outline Lesson Six

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- I. The Tribulation (Dan 9:27; Mat 24:1-25; Rev 6-19)
 - a. Begins with treaty (Dan 9:27)
 - b. Seven years in duration (Dan 9:27)
 - c. “Abomination of Desolation” occurs at mid-point ushering in “The Great Tribulation” (Dan 9:27)
 - d. Concludes with Second Coming (Rev 19:11-21)

- II. Anti-Christ
 - a. Have been many (I John 2:18)
 - b. False “Prince of Peace” (Rev 6:1-2)
 - (1) Appears like Jesus at second coming (Rev 19:11-16)
 - (2) Followed by war, famine, death (Rev.6:3-8)
 - (3) Possibly where War of Ezekiel 38-39 Occurs
 - c. Empowered by Satan (Rev 13:4; II Thes 2:8-10)
 - d. Will be a liar just like Satan is (John 8:44; II Thes 2:8-10)
 - e. He will come from some form of Revived Roman Empire (Dan 9:26)
 - f. Will be a great orator (Dan 7:8; Rev 13:5)
 - g. In middle of tribulation, he commits the abomination of desolation (*II Thess 2:1-4; Dan 9:27)

- III. The False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-18; Rev 20:10)

IV. The Good Guys

- a. The 144,000 (12,000 from each of 12 tribes) (Rev 7)
- b. The Two Witnesses (Rev 11)
- c. The Angel with the Everlasting Gospel (Rev 14:6-7)

V. The Tribulation as Described by Jesus (*Matt 24:1-25; *Luke 21:25-28)

- a. Time of deception (vs 4-5)
- b. Time of wars and rumors of wars (vs 6)
- c. Time of famines, pestilences and earthquakes. (vs 7)
- d. Jews will be hated (vs 9)
- e. False prophets will arise (vs 11)
- f. Iniquity will abound (vs 12; II Thes 2:7)
- g. Jews who make it through will be saved (vs 13; *Zec 12:10)
- I. Gospel preached worldwide before end (vs 14)
- h. “Abomination of Desolation” marks beginning of the “Great Tribulation” (vs 15-21)
 - (1) Is the sign to flee (vs 16; Rev 12:14)
- i. Days are shortened (vs 22)
- j. Time of many false Christs and false prophets.(vs 24; II Cor 11:13-15)
- k. Signs and disturbances in the heavens (Luke 21:25)
- l. Time of great fear (Luke 21:26)
- m. Look up! (Luke 21:28)

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Outline and Scriptural References

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I. The Second Coming

- a. As described by Jesus (*Mat 24:26-30; Rev 12:14)
 - (1) Comes from the East (Mat 24:27)
 - (2) During Battle of Armageddon (Mat 24:28; Rev 19:17-21)
 - (3) All goes dark (Mat 24: 29)
 - (4) All see (Mat 24: 30; Zech 12:10; Rev 1:7)

- b. As described by in Acts (*Acts 1:9-12)
 - (1) Visible, literal touch down on Mt of Olives

- c. Earthquake occurs (*Zech 14:1-5)

- d. Comes with saints to execute judgment (*Zech 14:5; Jude 14,15; 1 Thessalonians 3:13)
 - (1) At Rapture comes for saints (I Thess 4:13-18; Jn 14:1-3)

II. Second Coming Description from Book of Revelation (*Rev 19:11-21)

- a. Clothed in vesture dipped in blood (Rev 19:13: Isa 63:1-4)

- b. Name called the Word of God (Rev 19: 13: Jn 1:1;10-11)

- c. Armies of heaven follow Him (Rev 19:14; Jude 14-15)
 - (1) Wearing fine linen, clean and white (Rev 19:14: Rev 19:7-8)

- d. Sharp sword goes out of His mouth (Rev 19:15; Heb 4:12; II Thes 2:8)
 - (1) We have same weapon (Eph 6:17)
- e. Comes in glory (Rev 19:16)
 - (1) First time lowly on donkey (Mat 21:1-11; Zech 9:9)
- f. Battle of Armageddon (Rev 19:17-19)
 - (1) Brings lasting peace (Isa 2:4)
- g. Destruction of Anti-Christ, False Prophet and their armies (Rev 19:20-21)

III. The Judgments

- a. Church at Judgment Seat of Christ (Lesson 3) (11 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15)
- b. Jews and Gentiles who live through the Tribulation
 - (1) Jews (*Zechariah 13:8-9; Mat. 24:13; Zech 12:10)
 - (2) Gentiles or Nations (*Jude 14-15 *Matt 25:31-46)
- c. Those martyred during Tribulation (*Rev 20:4)
- d. Unbelieving Dead of All Ages at Great White Throne (Rev 20:11-15)

IV. The Binding of Satan (Rev 20:1-3)

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Outline Lesson 8

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- I. The Glorious Kingdom or Millennium (*Rev 20:1-3)
 - (a) 1,000 yrs duration (Rev 20:1-7)
 - (b) No mystery, much written about in Old Testament
 - (c) Satan bound from his operations (Rev 20:2)
 - (d) Jesus will reign on earth (Zec 14:9)
 - (e) Center of government will be Jerusalem (Isa 2:3-4)
 - (f) Time of peace on the earth (Isa 2:4)
 - (g) Man brought back into harmony with the animals and the animals are restored to their original state (*Isa 11:6-9)
 - (h) Earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord (Isa 11:9; Hab 2:14)
 - (i) One language will be restored (Zeph 3:9)
 - (j) Longevity will be restored to those in natural bodies (Isa 65:20)
 - (k) Both those in resurrected bodies and natural bodies will inhabit the earth (I Thes 4:13-18; Rev 20:4-6; Mat 25:31-34; Zech 13:8-9; Mat 24:13)
- II. The Last Rebellion (*Rev 20:7-9; Isa 24:6; Rev 20:8)
- III. The Destruction of Satan (*Rev 20:10)
- IV. The Great White Throne Judgment (*Rev 20:11-15)
 - (a) People will be judged for their deeds according to the books that will be opened (*Rev 20:12)
 - (1) Book of life one of the books (Rev 20:12; 3:5; 22:19)

- (b) Death and hell are destroyed forever (*Rev 20:14; *I Cor 15:24-26)
 - (1) Comforts those of us who have lost loved ones (11 Cor 5:1-9; 1 Cor 15:35-58)

V. The Glorious Eternal State (*Rev 21:1-22:7)

- (a) Will be a physical manifestation of spiritual truth (Num 23:19)
- (b) Will be a new heaven and a new earth (*Rev. 21:1)
- (c) Will be no more death, sorrow, crying, or pain (*Rev. 21:4)
- (d) The New Jerusalem (*Rev. 21:2; 9-27)
 - (1) The bride, the lamb's wife (*Rev. 21:9)
 - (2) The city (*Rev. 21:10)
 - (3) The nations will walk in the light of it (Rev. 21:24)
- (e) The restoration of the privilege of eating from the tree of life (Rev. 22:2)
- (f) No more curse (Rev 22:3)

VI. The End of the Story (*Rev. 22:17-21)

- a. Final Invitation (*Rev. 22:17)
- b. Final Warning (*Rev. 22:18-19)
- c. Final Promise and Prayer (*Rev.22:20)
- d. Final Blessing (*Rev 22:21)