

# 1. A CHRONOLOGY OF END-TIME EVENTS

The following paper builds on these assumptions:

1. God has a future earthly plan for Israel.
2. Jesus is not yet ruling the world as the Messiah. The beginning of his reign is recorded in Rev 11:17 & 19:6 (both aorist verbs)
3. The kingdom of God has not yet begun.
3. The resurrection and rapture will occur when Jesus returns to Earth at the end of the tribulation
4. The saints are heirs of the kingdom and will rule the earth with Christ.
5. The new heavens and new earth prophesied by Isaiah and awaited by godly first-century Jews is an earthly kingdom, the Messianic reign which follows Jesus' return.
5. Revelation finishes chronologically at judgment day (20:15). Ch. 21:1 is a one verse description of the millennium, and 21:2 – 22:2 describes New Jerusalem, a heavenly city which descends at Jesus' return and is the home of God, Jesus, saints, and angels during the millennium.

## **1. Preliminary Signs**

### **1. The return of Israel to their land**

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I'll take Israel out of the nations where they have gone. I'll gather them from all around and bring them to their land (Ezek 37:21).

### **2. Israel born in one day**

Who has ever heard of this? Who has seen such a thing? Will a country be born in one day? Can a race be brought forth in a moment? For when labor pains came upon Zion, she gave birth to her children immediately (Isa 66:8).

### **3. Israel's prosperity promised**

I'll increase the number of people who live among you (Israel's hills), even the whole house of Israel. They will settle in their towns and rebuild the ruins. ... I'll make you prosper more than before (Ezek 36:10-11).

### **4. World evangelization is almost accomplished**

This good news about the king God has appointed will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come (Mt 24:14).

### **5. The Church will be persecuted**

Then you'll be handed over to be persecuted and killed and all nations will hate you because of me. ... Lawlessness will increase and the love of many will grow cold (Mt 24:9, 12).

## **11. The Rise of Babylon (3 1/2 years)**

### **6. The final world empire will arise**

A fourth kingdom will arise that is as strong as iron, since iron breaks and smashes everything. And as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all other kingdoms. Just as you saw the feet and the toes were part baked clay and part iron, so

this kingdom will not remain stable. ... After that, as I was looking in my night vision, I saw a fourth beast, terrifying, frightening, and very powerful. It had large iron teeth with which it crushed and devoured its victims and it trampled underfoot what remained. It was different to the previous beasts and it had ten horns (Dan 2:40-41, 7:7).

## 7. **Three of the world leaders uprooted by the Antichrist**

While thinking about those horns, I saw another small horn arise among them and three of them were uprooted before it. I noticed that the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully (Dan 7:8).

## 8. **Daniel's seventieth week**

The king who will come will make a covenant with many for one week (seven years), but in the middle of the seven years, he'll put an end to sacrifice and offering (in the Jewish temple) (Dan 9:27).

## 9. **A third Jewish temple to be built before Jesus' return**

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, saying, go and measure God's temple and the altar and count those worshiping there. Don't measure the outside court of the temple, leave that out, for it has been given to the nations who will trample the holy city for 42 months (Rev 11:1-2).

## 10. **The Antichrist will cause astounding devastation as he subdues the world**

The end will come like a flood. War and destruction will continue to the end as God has decreed. ... Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the Earth so that people kill each other (Dan 9:26b, Rev 6:4).

## 11. **A quarter of the world's landmass is ravaged**

Then I saw a pale horse, its rider's name was Death and Hades followed him. They were given authority over a quarter of the

Earth to kill them by war, famine, plague, and wild animals (Rev 6:8).

## **12. A third of the environment will be destroyed**

A third of the Earth was burnt and a third of the trees and all the green grass was burnt. ... A third of the living creatures in the sea died and a third of the ships were wrecked. ... A third of the waters were turned bitter and many people who drank that water died. ... A third of the day was without light and a third of the night (Rev 8:7-12).

# **111. The Abomination that Causes Desolation**

## **13. Satan is ejected from heaven**

Then war broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his demons fought back. But they weren't strong enough and lost their place in the heavenly realm. The great dragon was driven out, that ancient serpent called the devil or Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was banished to the Earth together with his demons (Rev 7:9).

## **14. The Abomination that Causes Desolation**

The king will do as he pleases. He'll exalt and magnify himself above all gods and speak blasphemies against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what God has determined must occur (Dan 11:36).

When you see the abomination that causes desolation which Daniel spoke about standing in the holy place, let the reader understand (Mt 24:15).

He'll oppose everything that is called God or is worshiped and exalt himself above them all, and he'll take his seat in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God (2 Thess 2:4).

It ordered them to set up an image of the first beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. Then the second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image could speak and cause those who refused to worship it to be killed (Rev 13:14-15).

## **1V. The Antichrist's Reign of Terror (3 ½ years)**

15. **The Antichrist devours the whole world** The fourth beast will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole Earth, trampling it down and crushing it (Dan 7:23).

He was given authority over every tribe, people, language, and nation (Rev 13:7b).

16. **Antichrist blasphemes God and oppresses the saints**

He blasphemes God and oppresses God's people who are delivered into his hands for 3 ½ years and he conquers them. He also tries to change God's set times and laws (Dan 7:25).

The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise his authority for 42 months.... He was allowed to wage war against the saints and to conquer them (Rev 13:5, 7a)

17. **The world follows the Antichrist**

The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. They worshiped the dragon because he had given his authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast, saying: Who is a match for the beast? Who can fight against him? ... All the inhabitants of the Earth will worship the beast – all whose names have not been written from the world's creation in the book of life of the Lamb who was slaughtered (Rev 13:3b-4, 8).

18. **Satan seeks to exterminate Israel**

When the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to Earth, he pursued the woman who bore the male child. The woman was

given two wings of a great eagle to fly away from the serpent to a place in the wilderness where she would be taken care of for a time, times, and half a time. The serpent spewed water like a river to overtake the woman and sweep her away with the torrent but the Earth helped the woman by opening its mouth and swallowing the river that the dragon had spewed from its mouth (Rev 12:13-16).

#### **19. Satan seeks to destroy the Church**

As I watched, this horn (the Antichrist) was waging war against the saints and defeating them (Dan 7:21).

Then the dragon was angry with the woman and went away to wage war on her other children, those who keep God's commands and bear witness to Jesus. ... I saw the woman (Babylon) was drunk with the blood of the saints who bore witness to Jesus (Rev 12:17, 17:6).

#### **20. The False Prophet performs miracles**

Then I saw another beast coming out of the ground. It had two horns like a lamb but it spoke like a dragon. It exercised all the first beast's authority on its behalf and made the Earth's inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. It performed great signs, even causing fire to descend from the sky to Earth in full view of the people (Rev 13:11-13).

#### **21. The mark of the beast**

He forced everyone, whether great or small, rich or poor, free or slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or forehead. Without the mark, which is the beast's name or the number of his name, they could not buy or sell. ... That number is 666 (Rev 13:16-18).

#### **22. A vast number of Christians are martyred**

After this I saw a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and the Lamb wearing white robes and holding palm branches ... They are those who came out of the great

tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:9, 14).

### **23. Two witnesses prophesy in Jerusalem for 3 ½ years**

I'll enable my two witnesses to prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. ... If anyone tries to harm them, fire will come out from their mouths and burn their enemies. ... They have authority to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain while they are prophesying. They also have authority to turn water into blood and to strike the Earth with every kind of plague whenever they want. When they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the Abyss will attack them, overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city ... where their Lord was crucified. ... After 3 ½ days the breath of life from God entered them and they stood up ... and they ascended to heaven in a cloud as their enemies looked on (Rev 11:3, 5-7, 11-12).

## **V. The Battle of Armageddon**

### **24. Demons gather kings and their armies**

The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the East. ... Demonic spirits that perform signs go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty. ... Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon (Rev 16:12, 14, 16).

### **25. Gog invades Israel**

Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you and take command of them. After many years you will be called to arms. In latter years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations, to the mountains of Israel which had long been desolate.

They were brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. You and all your troops and many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm. You'll be like a cloud covering the land (Ezek 38:7-9).

The sixth angel sounded his trumpet and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel that had the trumpet: Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour, day, month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. ... A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulphur that came out of their mouths (Rev 9:13-16, 18)

## 26. **Egypt and allies rebel against the Antichrist**

At the time of the end, the king of the South will initiate rebellion and engage the king of the North in battle and the latter will storm out against him with chariots and cavalry and a great fleet of ships. He will invade many countries, including Israel, and sweep through them like a flood. He will also invade the beautiful land (Israel). Many countries will fall (Dan 11:40-41).

## 27. **The Lord makes Jerusalem an immovable rock**

Look! I'll make Jerusalem like a cup whose contents will cause all the surrounding peoples to stagger. They will besiege Judah as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the Earth are laying siege, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock. All who try to move it will injure themselves. .... On that day I'll determine to destroy all the nations that attacked Jerusalem (Zech 12:2-3, 9).

## 28. **Plague will strike the nations**

This is the plague with which the Lord will inflict all the nations that waged war against Jerusalem: Their bodies will decompose while they are standing, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and

their tongues will rot in their mouths. On that day people will be stricken by the Lord with great panic. They will seize each other by the hand and attack one another. Judah will fight at Jerusalem and the wealth of all the surrounding nations will be collected – great quantities of gold, silver and clothing (Zech 14:12-14).

## **VI. Resurrection and Rapture of the Saints**

### **29. Darkness before the dawn**

The sun will turn black and the moon will redden like blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (Acts 2:20-21).

### **30. Jesus will descend with power, glory, and a loud noise**

Then he brought me to the gate facing East, and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the East. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters and his glory lit up the land (Ezek 43:1-2).

This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels (2 Thess 1:7b).

### **31. The spirits of the righteous will accompany Jesus**

As we believe that Jesus died and was resurrected, so we believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in him. ... The Lord will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with a blast of God's trumpet, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who remain alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever (1 Thess 4:14, 16).

### **32. Jesus sends his angels to gather his elect**

He will send his angels with a loud trumpet call and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. ... Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man wearing a gold crown and holding a sharp sickle. Then another angel came from the temple and called out loudly to him who was sitting on the cloud, saying: Swing your sickle and reap, for the Earth's harvest is ripe and the time to reap has come. Then he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the Earth, and the Earth was harvested (Mt 24:31, Rev 14:14-16).

### **33. The resurrection of the righteous dead**

As in Adam all die, so also all those who in Christ will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ the firstfruits, then when he comes, those who belong to him. ... Listen, I'll tell you a mystery: We will not all die, but we will all be changed. Suddenly, in the blink of an eye, at the sounding of the last trumpet. For a trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed (1 Cor 15:22-23, 51-53).

### **34. The righteous living are raptured**

At that time, two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain at a mill; one will be taken and the other left (Mt 24:40-41).

After that, we, the remnant who are still alive, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess 4:17).

## **VII. Jesus' Victorious Return**

### **35. Jesus descends from the darkness on a white horse**

I saw heaven opened and a white horse came out whose rider is called Faithful and True. He judges and wages war with justice.

His eyes are a flame of fire, and on his head are many crowns. ... The armies of heaven were following him riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. ... Then I saw the beast and the kings of the Earth and their armies gathered together to fight against the rider on the horse and his army. ... The nations will fight against the Lamb, but the Lamb will defeat them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are his called, chosen, and faithful followers (Rev 19:11-12, 14-15, 19, 17:14)

### **36. The Antichrist and the False Prophet are captured**

He will pitch his royal tents between the sea and the beautiful mountain (Zion). There he'll come to his end and no one will help him (Dan 11:45).

The beast was captured together with the false prophet ... the two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rider on the white horse killed the rest with the sword coming out of his mouth and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh (Rev 19:20-21).

### **37. The wicked are harvested**

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the Earth below. They'll be herded together as prisoners and shut up in a dungeon and be punished after many days (Isa 24:21-22).

Swing the sickle for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes in the winepress for it is full and the vats overflow, so great is their wickedness. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of judgment! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of judgment. The sun and the moon will darken and the stars will no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem. The Earth and the heavens will tremble but the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for Israel (Joel 3:12-16).

The angel swung his sickle on the Earth, gathered its grapes, and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 300 km (Rev 14:19-20).

### **38. Jesus' return will surprise unbelievers**

When people are saying they are safe and well, destruction will come on them suddenly as labor pains come on a pregnant woman; they will not escape. But you brethren, are not in darkness for that day to surprise you like a thief (1 Thess 5:3-4).

## **VIII. The Day of the Lord**

### **39. Christians rescued from God's wrath**

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath (1 Thess 1:9-10).

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the Earth (Rev 3:10).

### **40. The Messiah stands on the Mount of Olives**

In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. Fish, birds, animals, reptiles, and all people on the face of the Earth will tremble at my presence. Mountains will be overturned, cliffs will crumble, and every wall will collapse (Ezek 38:19-20).

On that day the Lord will plant his feet on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem. The mountain will split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, half of the mountain moving north and the other half south (Zech 14:4).

## 41. Worldwide seismic destruction

Look, the day of the Lord is coming, a cruel day with wrath and fierce anger, to make the Earth desolate and destroy the sinners in it. The stars and their constellations will not shine, the rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I'll put an end to the boasting of the arrogant and humble the pride of the ruthless. I'll make people scarcer than pure gold, rarer than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I'll shake the heavens in my anger and the Earth will quake from its foundation at the wrath of the Lord Almighty in the day of his burning anger (Isa 13:9-13).

The great day of the Lord is near, near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter, even the warrior will wail. That day will be a day of rage, a day of distress and anguish, a day of disaster and destruction, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, a day when trumpet blasts and battle cries ring out against the walled cities and their fortified towers (Zeph 1:14-16).

For the distress on that day will be great, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now, and not to be equaled again (Mt 24:21).

When he opened the sixth seal, I saw a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the moon turned completely red like blood, and the stars fell from the sky to Earth like figs falling from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was displaced (Rev 6:12-14).

## 42. The pouring out of seven bowls of plagues

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels: Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the Earth..

- Ugly, festering sores erupted on those who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

- The sea turned into blood like that of a dead person and everything in it died.
- The rivers and springs became blood.
- The sun was allowed to scorch people with fire. The intense heat burnt them and they cursed the name of God who had control over these plagues. They refused to repent and glorify him.
- Antichrist's kingdom was plunged into darkness
- The Euphrates dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Demons go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.
- There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like this ever occurred since mankind has been on Earth, it was so tremendous (Rev 16:1-20).

#### **43. The fall of Babylon**

The great city split into three parts and the nations' cities collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath to drink. ... Then the angel said to me: The waters you saw where the prostitute sits are peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages. The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked. They will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose by agreeing to hand over to the beast their kingship, until God's words are fulfilled. The woman you saw is the great city that has dominion over the kings of the Earth (Rev 16:19, 17:15-18).

#### **44. A renewed Earth is promised**

The day of the Lord will come like a thief in which the heavens will disappear with a roar, the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the Earth and everything in it will be laid bare. ... But God promised a renewed heaven and a renewed Earth where righteousness dwells and we are looking forward to that (2 Pet 3:10, 13).

## **IX. Messiah's Enthronement on Mount Zion**

### **45. The tribes of Israel mourn for Jesus**

I'll pour out on David's descendants and the people of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They'll look on me, the one they pierced, and they'll mourn for him as one mourns the death of an only child. They'll grieve bitterly for him as one grieves the death of a firstborn son ... The people of the land will mourn, each clan by itself (Zech 12:10, 12a).

Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in the sky and all the tribes of the land will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Mt 24:30).

Look, he's coming in the clouds and every eye will see him, namely those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the land will mourn for him. Amen! ... At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people died in the earthquake and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven (Rev 1:7, 11:13)

### **46. The glory of the Lord fills the temple**

I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the East. His voice was like the roar of a waterfall and his glory lit up the land. ... The Lord's glory entered the temple through the eastern gate. ... He said: Son of man, this is the place for my throne and my footstool. I'll live here among the Israelites forever (Ezek 43:2, 4, 7)

### **47. The Messiah is enthroned on Zion**

I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain. I'll proclaim the Lord's decree: He said to me: You are my son; today I've become your father. Ask me, and I'll give you all the nations, I'll give you the ends of the Earth as your possession. You'll rule them with a rod of iron, you'll shatter them like pottery (Ps 2:6-8).

In my vision at night I looked, and saw something like a man, coming in the clouds. He approached the Ancient of Days and was presented to him. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power and all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion will last forever, it'll never end and his kingdom will never be destroyed (Dan 7:13-14).

Jesus said to them: I tell you the truth, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne in the new world, you who have followed me will sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ... When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all the angels, he'll sit on his glorious throne (Mt 19:28, 25:31).

The seventh angel blew his trumpet and loud voices came from heaven, saying: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah and he'll reign forever. The 24 elders who were seated on their thrones before God fell bowed their heads to the ground and worshiped God, saying: Lord God Almighty, who was and who is, we thank you, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign (Rev 11:15-18)

#### **48. The throne of David**

A child is born for us, we are given a son, and the government will be upon his shoulders (Isa 9:6-7).

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom establishing it firmly and judging with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. ... He'll be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David and he'll reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end (Lk 1:32-33).

I'll give the person who is victorious the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne (Rev 3:21)

## **X. New Jerusalem**

### **49. The descent of heavenly Jerusalem**

You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless angels gathered there (Heb 12:22).

I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ... He carried me away in the Spirit to a great high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.(Rev 21:2, 9-10).

### **50. New Jerusalem is a huge cube**

Arise and shine (earthly Jerusalem), for your light has come, the glory of the Lord rises upon you. Look, darkness covers the Earth, thick darkness engulfs its people. As for you, the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn (Isa 60:1-3).

The city was square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with a rod and found it to be 2,200 km long, and as wide and high as it is long (Rev 21:16)

### **51. The monarchy inhabits the holy city**

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the Earth (Mt 5:5).

Now if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings, so that we may also share in his glory (Rom 8:17).

No longer will there be anything cursed. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him. They will see his face and his name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more; they won't need the light of a lamp or the sun for the Lord God will give them light and they'll reign forever (Rev 22:3-5)

## 52. The marriage supper of the Lamb

As a young man marries a woman, so will your Maker marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you (Isa 62:5).

Hallelujah! The Lord God Almighty has begun to reign. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory, for the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. ... Come, I'll show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb ... and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God (Rev 19:6-7, 21:9-10)

## 53. Christ rewards the saints for their service

The Son of Man will come again in his Father's glory with his angels and he'll repay everyone according to what they've done (Mt 16:27).

Well done, good servant, his master replied. As you have been faithful in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities (Lk 19:17).

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that he may repay each one of us, for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (2 Cor 5:10).

The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who fear your name, both great and small. ... Look, I'll come soon and my reward will be with me, I'll repay each person according to what they have done (Rev 11:18, 22:12).

# X1. The Millennium

## 54. Satan is captured, chained, and imprisoned

In that day the Lord will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the Earth below. They'll be herded together in

a dungeon, locked up as prisoners, and punished after many days (Isa 24:21-22).

The angels who did not keep their positions of authority but deserted their abode, God has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great day (Jude 6).

I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations until the thousand years were completed. After that, he must be released for a short time (Rev 20:1-3)

## 55. **The millennial nations**

New Moon after New Moon and Sabbath after Sabbath, all nations will come and bow down before me, says the Lord (Isa 66:23).

Then the survivors from all the nations that attacked Jerusalem will go up year by year to worship the King, the Lord Almighty and celebrate the festival of Tabernacles (Zech 14:16).

Lord, who will not fear you? Who will refuse to glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come to worship you, for your regulations have been revealed. ... The nations will walk by its (New Jerusalem) light and the kings of the Earth will bring their splendor to it. On no day will its gates ever be shut for there will be no night there (Rev 15:4, 21:24-25).

## 56. **Peace, health and good living**

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion will eat together, and a child will lead them. The cow and the bear will be companions, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den and the young child will put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the Earth will be filled

with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ... Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old man who does not live out his years. If a man dies at a hundred, he'll be thought of as a youth, and if a man fails to reach a hundred, he'll be considered accursed (Isa 11:6-9, 65:20)

57. **The leaves of the tree of life in New Jerusalem are for healing the nations**

Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither nor will their fruit fail. They'll bear fruit every month because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing people (Ezek 47:12).

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (Rev 22:2).

58. **The new heavens and new Earth are liberated from the curse**

The Lord God said to Adam: As you listened to your wife and ate from the tree that I forbade you to eat its fruit, the ground will be cursed because of you. By painful toil you will get food from it all the days of your life. It'll produce thorns and thistles for you and you'll eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you'll get food until you return to the ground from which you were taken, for you are dust and to dust you will return (Gen 3:17-19).

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed to us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the God's children to be revealed, For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we who have the firstfruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our

adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies (Rom 8:18-23).

But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new Earth where people behave correctly (2 Pet 3:13).

## 59. **The conversion of Israel**

This is the covenant I'll make with Israel after that time, declares the Lord: I'll put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I'll be their God and they'll be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another: Know the Lord, for they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ... Only if these decrees vanish from my sight, declares the Lord, will Israel ever cease being a nation before me. Only if the heavens can be measured and the foundations of the Earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all that they have done (Jer 31:33-34, 36-37).

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and impurity (Zech 13:1).

I want you to understand this mystery, brothers, and not be wise in your own eyes. Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of people from other nations comes in. In this way all Israel will be saved as it is written: The Deliverer will come from Zion and turn godlessness away from Jacob. This is my covenant with them when I take away their sins (Rom 11:25-27).

## 60. **Israel will continue on Earth**

A descendant of my servant David will be their king. They'll have only one shepherd, obey my laws, and carefully follow my decrees. They'll live in the land I gave my servant Jacob, where your ancestors lived. They, their children, and their grandchildren will live there forever. and that descendant of my servant David will be their king forever. I'll make an everlasting

covenant of peace with them. I'll establish them, increase their numbers, and put my temple among them forever. My dwelling place will be above them. I'll be their God and they'll be my people. When my temple is among them forever, the nations will understand that I, the Lord, make Israel holy (Ezek 37:24-28).

## **61. The millennial temple**

In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains. It'll be raised above the hills and all nations will stream to it. Many people will go there, saying: Come, let us go up the Lord's mountain, to the God of Jacob's temple. He'll teach us his way and we'll walk in his path. The law will proceed from Zion, the Lord's word from Jerusalem. ... Foreigners who join themselves to me and minister to me, who love my name and serve me, who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and keep my covenant, I'll bring them to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations (Isa 2:2-3, 56:6-7).

Therefore, the Lord says: I'll return to Jerusalem with mercy. The measuring line will be extended over Jerusalem and my house will be rebuilt there (Zech 1:16).

## **62. The new system of worship under Zadok priests**

The room facing South is for the priests who oversee the work of the temple and the room facing North is for the priests who oversee the work of the altar. These are the descendants of Zadok who are the only Levites who may draw near to the Lord to minister before him. ... The Levitical priests who are the descendants of Zadok and who took care of my sanctuary when the Israelites went astray from me, are to come near and minister before me. They are to stand before me and offer sacrifices of fat and blood, declares the Sovereign Lord. They alone are to enter my sanctuary. They alone are to approach my table to minister before me and do their work (Ezek 40:45-46, 44:15-16).

### **63. The Messianic reign**

Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the saints of the high places. Their kingship will be everlasting and all rulers will serve and obey them (Dan 7:27).

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I'll give authority over the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter and smash them like pottery, just as my Father has given me authority. ... You were slain and with your blood you purchased people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation. You conferred rule on them and made them priests to serve our God, and they'll reign over the Earth. ... I saw thrones and those seated on them. They had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the word of God and their Christian testimony. They didn't worship the beast or its image and they didn't receive his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and ruled with Christ for a thousand years. ... Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. They'll be priests of God and Christ and they'll reign with him for a thousand years (Rev 2:26-27, 5:9-10, 20:4, 6).

### **64. Satan is released at the end of the millennium**

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out and deceive the nations in the four corners of the Earth, Gog and Magog, and to gather them for battle. They are as numerous as the sand of the sea. They spread across the Earth and surrounded the camp of God's people and the city he loves. Then fire came down from the sky and burnt them. The devil, who deceived them, was captured and thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were. They will be tormented day and night forever (Rev 20:7-10).

## X11. The end of the universe

### 65. The wicked are judged and condemned to hell

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. ... I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne. Books were opened...and the dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire which is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire (Rev 20:11-14).

### 66. The end of the physical universe

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the Earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the Earth will wear out like clothing and its inhabitants will die like flies, but my salvation will last forever, my justification will never be annulled (Isa 51:6).

Heaven and Earth will pass away but my words will never pass away (Mt 24:35).

The Earth and the heavens fled from God's presence without leaving a trace (Rev 20:11).

### 67. The Messiah surrenders his kingship to the Father

Then the end will come, when Christ hands over the kingship to God the Father after abolishing all rule, authority, and power, for he must reign until he puts all his enemies under his feet. ... When all things are made subject to the Son, then he himself will be made subject to he who put all things in submission under him, so that God may be all in all (1 Cor 15:24, 28).

## **Questionnaire – Please answer and send to me**

1. What did you think of the quality and clarity of the Bible translation (my own), a combination of NIV and Boko?
2. How does the chronology compare with your own belief?
3. What inconsistencies do you see with the chronology?
4. What verses do you see as being out of context?
5. What was the general impact that these verses had on you?