

# Prophecy Course Scriptures

## Part 1, Feb. 23

### Opening Slides with No Reader Comments:

Christ's Prophecies of the End Times: A Peek at the Future

Why Are We Studying These Prophecies?

What Do We Know Collectively?

Managing Expectations: An OVERVIEW Course

Objectives for This Course

Remember the Big Story?

Agenda Over the Next Three Weeks

### Slide: About the Book of Revelation

**Rev. 1:1-3:** The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

**Rev. 1: 9-11a:** I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches..."

**Rev. 1:12-19:** I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. (skipping some verses here)... When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. **Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. "**

### Next Few Slides with no readers

What Will Take Place Later (title slide)

Diverging Views

Establishing a "Common View" Timeline

Zooming In on the End of the Timeline

### Slide: The Beginning of the End... the Kickoff Event

**Daniel 9: 22:** "He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding."

**Daniel 9:27:** (The Angel Gabriel to Daniel): “He (AntiChrist) will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’

**Slide: Three and a Half Years of “Sorrows”** – no reader

**Slide: At The Seven-Year Midpoint: The Abomination of Desolation**

**Daniel 9:27** “In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

**Slide: The Second Half: The Tribulation Period (no reader)**

**Slide: The End of the Beginning Timeline**

**1 Thess 4:15-18:** “According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left 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. “

**Slide: Where Scholars Disagree – no reader**  
**Three Primary “Timing” Views – no reader**

**BREAK**

**Slides with No Readers:**

Questions and Answers

Three Primary “Timing” Views (Repeated)

**Slide: Pre-Tribulation Rapture**

**1 Thess. 1:10:** “Wait for His Son from heaven whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who *rescues us from the Wrath to come.*”

**1 Thess. 5:9:** For *God has not destined us for Wrath*, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

## **Slide: Post-Trib Rapture**

**Matt. 24:9-11.** Then *you will be handed over to be persecuted* and put to death, and *you will be hated* by all nations because of me. At that time, many will fall away from the faith and will betray and hate each other and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

**Matt. 24:21-22.** For *then there will be great distress* unequalled from the beginning of the world until now – and never to be equaled again. If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive. *But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.*

## **Slides: No readers**

Conflicting Views

Possible Explanation

Pre-Wrath Rapture View

## **Slide: Please Take Note**

**Daniel 12:8-9:** (Daniel praying, and the angel Gabriel tells him about the end of the second 3 ½ year period: “ I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?” He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.”

**Revelation 10:4:** (Thunder speaks with John): “ And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, “Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down.””

## **Slide: Summary: What We Know So Far (no reader)**

## **Slide: Key Takeaways**

**Matt. 25:13:** “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:6:** “So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.”

## **End Of Session 1**

## Part 2, March 1

### Title Slide – no reader

#### Slide: Quick Review

**Rev. 10:3:** “When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. John was about to write down what he said, but the angels said “seal up what the 7 thunders said and do not write it down.”

#### Summary: What We know so Far -- no reader

#### Slide: Events Leading to ‘The Birth Pangs’

##### **OT Prophecies:**

**Israel Reborn: Isaiah 66:7-8** “Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? **Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?**”

**Jerusalem Regained: Daniel 9:26b-27** “The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed. He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven.’ In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. **And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

##### **New Testament Prophecies:**

**Moral Decay: 2 Tim. 3:1-5** “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power.”

**Corruption in religious thought: 1 Tim. 4:1-2.** “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.”

**Temple rebuilt.** 2 Thess. 2:3-4 “Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so **that he sets himself up in God’s temple**, proclaiming himself to be God.”

**Gospel preached to world: Matt. 24:14** “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

## **Slide: Key Players – no reader**

## **Slide: Our Arch-Enemy Satan:**

**Rev. 12:1-4.** “A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.”

## **Slide: The AntiChrist and the False Prophet – no reader**

## **Slide: The AntiChrist**

Revelation 13:1: “And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.”

## **Slides w/no reader:**

The False Prophet

Delving into the Prophecies

The Visions of John

Zooming in on the End of the Timeline

## **Slide: Several Groupings of Events in the 7 Year Period – no reader**

## **Slide: Several Groupings of Events (repeated with highlight on Seals)**

(Wait until we ask the question about who can open the scrolls, and they answer, then read)

**Rev. 5:5** “The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the root of David, He is worthy to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

## **Slide: The Four Horsemen, the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal**

**Heaven Rev. 6:1-2.** “I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “**Come!**” I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.”

**Earth:** 2 verses

**(Matt. 24:5):** “For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

**(Matt. 24:23-26)** “At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time. So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.”

### **Slide: 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal**

**Heaven (Rev. 6:3-4):** “Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.”

**Earth (Matt. 24:6-7a):** “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.”

### **Slide: 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal**

**Heaven: (Rev. 6:5-6).** “When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, ‘One quart of wheat for a day’s wages, and three quarts of barley for a day’s wages’”.

**Earth: Matt. 24:7b:** “And there shall be **famines.**”

### **Slide: 4<sup>th</sup> Seal**

**Heaven: (Rev. 6:7-8):** “When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, **famine and plague**, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”

**Earth: (Matt. 24:7c-8).** “And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”

### **Slide: Midpoint of Seven Year Period**

**Heaven** – (many references so not going to read them --so no reader necessary)

**Earth: Matt. 24:15-16** “So when you see standing in the holy place the Abomination that causes Desolation spoken of by the Prophet Daniel, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains....” And another verse that this one refers to:

**(not on screen) Daniel 9:25-27** “Know and understand this: in the middle of the “seven” he will put an end to the sacrifices and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

**Earth: Matt. 24:21** “For then there will be great distress unequaled from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be equaled again.”

#### **Extra Verses:**

**2 Thess. 2:1-4:** Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

**Rev. 14:9-12** gives a severe warning:

“A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: ‘If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, they, too, will drink the wine of God’s fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.’ This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.”

#### **Slides w/no readers:**

Table Discussion  
Break  
Q&A

#### **Slide: 5<sup>th</sup> Seal Martyrs Start the Tribulation**

**Heaven: Rev. 6:9-11:** “When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and their testimony. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait

a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.”

**Earth: Matt. 24:9** “Then they shall deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you; and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake.”

### **Slide: 6<sup>TH</sup> Seal Cosmic Disturbances**

**Heaven: (Rev. 6:12-13)** “And I beheld, when he had opened the sixth seal, a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood; and the stars of heaven fell onto the earth, even as a fig tree drops her figs when she is shaken by a mighty wind.”

**Earth:** (2 verses)

**Matt. 24:29 & Mark 13:24-25 both say:** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”

**Luke 21:25:** “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring.

### **3 Extra Verses:**

**Luke 21:28:** “When you see these things happening, you know that the Kingdom of God is near.”

**2 Peter 3:10:** But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

**Isaiah 13:9-13.:** “See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. 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 will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. I will make people scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.

### **Slide: 6<sup>th</sup> Seal: Earthly Events**

**(Rev. 7:2-5):** “Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the



land and the sea: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: *144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.*”

**(Rev. 6:15-17)** *“fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of their wrath has come and who can stand?”*

### **Slide: The Rapture? Christ Appears & Calls Us Up**

**Heaven: (Rev. 7:9-15):** “After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and holding palm branches.... Then one of the elders asked me, “Those in white robes – who are they and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know!” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

**Earth:** 2 verses

**(Matt. 24:29-31)** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days...the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather His elect from the four winds...”

**Matt. 24:7.** “Just as the lightning comes from the East to the West, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.”

**Extra Verses:**

**Matt. 24:36-42:** “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. “Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.”

**Luke 17:34: 34** “ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left.”

**I Thess 5:1-3.** Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the

night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

### **Slide: 7 Groupings of Events – no reader**

### **Slide: The Day of the Lord: 7 Trumpets (first of 2 pages of Day of Lord content)**

**Heaven: Rev. 8:1-4:** “When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God’s people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God’s people, went up before God from the angel’s hand.

**Daniel 12:8-9,** “I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?” He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end.”

**Earth: (Rev. 8:3-5)** “Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth, and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

### **Slide: The Day of the Lord page 2 (Seven Trumpets list)**

(presenters talk for a while, then reader at the end of that...):

**Revelation 9:20:** “The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

### **Slides with no readers:**

Q&A

Table Discussion

Key Takeaways

### **Slide: Summary and Preview**

**2nd Peter 3:10-14** gives a summary of the Promise: [QUOTE]

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.[a].

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You

ought to live holy and godly lives 12 as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.[b] That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. 13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

## **End of Session 2**

## Prophecy Scriptures Part 3, March 8

### Slides with No Readers:

- Title slide
- Review
- Reminder of Timeline So Far
- Review: Several Groupings of Events...

### Slide: The Day of the Lord: In Heaven After the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Sounds

**Heaven: Rev. 11:15-19** : The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.”

### Slide: The Day of the Lord: On Earth After the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Sounds (slide 1 of 3)

**Earth:** 2 verses

**Rev. 11:3-6.** “And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” (skipping a few verses here...) If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. “

**Rev. 11:7-12** “Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.”

### **Slide: The Day of the Lord: Before the Bowl Judgments**

**Heaven Rev. 11:18:** “The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.” Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.”

**Earth: The Harvest of the Earth (Rev. 14:14-20).** “I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like a son of man with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, “Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested. Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, “Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth’s vine, because its grapes are ripe.” The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath.”

### **Slide: The Seven Bowl Judgments (intro slide -- no reader)**

### **Slide: The Seven Bowl Judgments: The Final Wrath of God**

**Heaven** (2 verses)

**Rev. 15:7** “Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever.”

**Rev. 16:1** “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.”

### **Slide: -- The Seven Bowl Judgments: The Final Wrath of God #2 -- no reader**

### **Slide: The 7<sup>th</sup> Bowl Judgment: Events on Earth – no reader**

### **Slide: Meanwhile, In Heaven there is Rejoicing:**

**Heaven: (Rev. 19:6b-9)** “[I heard]...like loud peals of Thunder: “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.” Then the angel said to me: “Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

## Slide: Back on Earth: In the Valley of Armageddon – no reader

### Slide: The Battle of Armageddon

**Heaven: (Rev. 19:11-16):** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. **The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.** Coming out of his **mouth is a sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and his thigh he has this name written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

### Slides w/No reader

Table Discussion

Break

Q&A

Millennium: Multiple Views

### Slide: The Millennium: The Reign of Martyrs

**Heaven:** “And I saw **the souls of those who had been beheaded** because of their testimony about Jesus and the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years....** Blessed are those who....will be priests of God and of Christ and will **reign with him for a thousand years.** ” Rev. 20:4-6

### Slide: At The Beginning of the Millennium

**Heaven:** (Rev. 20: 1-3). “And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand 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 anymore **until the thousand years were ended.** After that, he must be set free for a short time.”

### Slide: End of the Millennium: Satan’s End

**Heaven (Rev. 20: 7-10)** “When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the Earth – Gog and Magog - - to gather them for battle. **In number, they are like the sands on the seashore.** They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God’s people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and false prophet had been thrown.”

### **Slide: The Great White Throne of Judgment**

**Heaven (Rev. 20: 11-15)** “Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

### **Slide: Facing the Great White Throne – no reader**

**1 Cor. 15:24-26, 28:** “Then comes the end, when He [Christ] delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power [Satan's]. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under his feet [at the end of the Millennium]. **The last enemy that will be abolished is death itself** [at the Great White Throne]. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under him, so that God may be in all.”

### **Slide: Eternity Begins With the New Heaven and New Earth**

**(Rev. 21:1-4):** “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. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, beautifully dressed, prepared as a bride for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the Throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be his people and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe away all their 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.’ ”

### **Slide: What Is the New Heaven and New Earth Like?**

**READER 1 Rev. 21:9-22:6:** One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.

The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure

the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.

**READER 2** (Continuing) The angel measured the wall using human measurement, and it was 144 cubits thick. The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald, the fifth onyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth turquoise, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### **Slide: The End!**

**Rev. 21:5-7:** He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "**It is done.** I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

**Rev. 22: 12-14** Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

### **End of Reader Responsibilities**