

Bible Questions and Answers

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Revelation 1.
- B. We should neither garnish prophesy nor neglect it.
- C. Prophecy is sometimes confusing. (1 Peter 1:10-11, 2 Peter 3)
- D. We need to hear prophesy with understanding. (Isaiah 46:10)

II. John gives us a chronology of what is to come: that which was seen, the things which are (those things historically present regarding the letters to the church) and those things which will happen (the events after the church).

III. Revelation 20 records a thousand year future period, which Satan is bound and ultimately released.

IV. Where we are at in God's prophetic clock.

- A. The rapture will take place shortly. (1 Thessalonians 5, Revelation 3:10)
 - 1. It will happen before the tribulation.
 - 2. Concurrent with it will be the judgment seat of Christ. (1 Corinthians 10)
- B. The tribulation is seven years in length and divided into two halves.
 - 1. During the second half the "abomination of desolation" or the Antichrist will reign.
 - 2. During this time Satan thinks that he is God.
 - 3. At the end Christ will return and usher in the Millennium.
- C. The Millennium.
 - 1. Satan will be bound.
 - 2. Believers will have children.
 - 3. Children will turn to evil and Satan will be released at the end.
 - 4. Christ will put an end to Satan and the final judgment will be ushered in.
- D. Eternity.

V. Prophets spoke in plain language, so prophesy is to be interpreted literally when possible.

VI. The man of lawlessness following the apostasy does not inform us about the timing of the rapture. (1 Thessalonians 4, 2 Thessalonians 2, Revelation 6, 17)

VII. The reason that sacrifices will take place in the Millennial kingdom is for a memorial. (Ezekiel 40)

VIII. The battle of Ezekiel 38 is the battle of Gog and Magog that probably occurs at the end of the Millennium, but it may occur before the Millennium as well.

IX. There will be a diluting influence for unbelievers that is brought by the Antichrist. (2 Thessalonians 2:11)

X. The first judgment involves believers, the second involves believers and unbelievers and the last involves only unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 4)

XI. Some believe that Revelation 17 refers to the Roman Catholic church because of its wealth and because of the atrocities it caused and because it is in Rome on seven mountains, but it is likely the last religious system used by the Antichrist before the return of Jesus.

XI. When Peter talks about being spotless and blameless in 2 Peter 3, he is talking about being covered by the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

XII. The reason the tribe of Dan is omitted from the list in Revelation 7 is that Dan fell into apostasy.

XIII. God may destroy the earth through an atomic fire, but it can only come to pass with God allowing it to happen. (2 Peter 3)

XIV. No Scripture teaches a partial rapture.

XV. The Bible does not say what will happen to the US.

XVI. We cannot read too much into some geographical symbols regarding prophesy.

XVII. When the Rapture happens believers will be changed in an instance.

XVIII. One cannot determine how soon the end is coming with regard to the regathering of Israel. That will come with the Millennium. Their constitution as a nation tells us God is still working with them.

XIX. If a person dies without Jesus Christ, he or she will go into judgment.

XX. It is easy to assume that Russia will come against Israel since they are to the North. Today Russia is opposed to Israel.

XXI. Revelation 22 talks about the eternal state, and there will be no change in the state of the Trinity then.

Application Questions:

1. What major events might Christians expect to happen during the end times?

2. Why is it valuable for modern Christians to understand the events foretold?

3. What questions do you have remaining about the end times? How can you go about answering them?
