

## **Prophecy – Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. We are now in the last days and perilous times have come upon us.
- B. We are living in the age of grace.

### II. Events to come.

- A. The time will come when Christians will disappear in Rapture.
- B. The Jews will re-gather in Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 36:20ff)
- C. The tribulation will happen after Christians are gone.
  - 1. The world will be divided into four areas of influence.
    - a. The northern kingdom. (Ezekiel 38-39; Daniel 11)
    - b. The second power structure will be Israel.
    - c. The third power structure will be a confederation of ten nations with Rome at its center. (Daniel 7:1-20; Revelation 13:1-3)
    - d. The kings of the east. (Revelation 16:12-16)
  - 2. There will a great world church described as a whore. (Revelation 17; Isaiah 47)
  - 3. The beast will make an alliance with this church. (Revelation 18:2-3)
  - 4. There will be series of judgments blamed on two prophetic witnesses and then more judgments to come.
  - 5. The witnesses will be killed. They will be raised in front of everyone from the dead. (Revelation 11:11-12)
  - 6. There will be nuclear warfare. (Zechariah 14:12)
- D. Jesus will return to set up his millennial kingdom. (Revelation 19)
- E. Satan will be released for a short time. (Revelation 20:7-9)
- F. The earth will be wrapped up.

III. Believers need to know the signs of the times. (1 Chronicles 12:32; Matthew 16:2-3)

A. Setting dates for the end is foolish, but there are basic signs we can recognize that point to the end. (Matthew 24:3, 15)

1. The Jewish nation.
2. The world government.
3. The universal church.

IV. The importance of knowing the end.

- A. It shows us the Bible is relevant in the world in which we live.
- B. It gives us comfort and encouragement for those who trust in Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- C. It encourages us to live holy lives.
- D. It stirs us to evangelize.

**Application questions:**

1. What is the value of knowing end times events?

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2. How would you outline the major events of the end times?

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3. What will you do differently in light of a clearer understanding of the end? Explain.

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