

A Biblical View OF THE END TIMES

UNDERSTANDING THE
TIMES AND SEASONS
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Review:

- We've been focused on the Biblical doctrine of the pre-Tribulation Rapture for the past five lessons.
- I say it that way – “*the Biblical doctrine of the pre-Tribulation Rapture*” – not because I AM trying to advance a personal agenda here, but because THAT'S what I truly believe the Biblical position is.
- As we've seen, it was also the position of the apostles and the early church fathers, and they clarified this in their writings. This was the dominant view of the early church until certain folks began to allegorize Scripture instead of interpreting it literally.
- Now - as I said at the start of this series, I was not going to spend my time teaching views which may be popular – but which are NOT Biblically defensible.
 - It's why I have not taught Replacement Theology. It certainly IS the prevailing view among most pastors and denominations today - - that the church has replaced Israel, but that's not the Biblical position.
 - It's why I did not teach the Sons of Seth theory concerning **Gen. 6:1-4**. Again, that's a popular view in many churches and seminaries today, but it's not the Biblical position.
 - And it's why I am not going to teach 'amillennialism' when we get to that point in this series where we will study Jesus Christ's 1000-year reign on earth. The simple fact is – once again – while 'amillennialism' is popular today, it's NOT the Biblical position.
- Now, you may CHOOSE to subscribe to views that are not the views I am teaching, but that is YOUR decision. It's why I encourage you all the time to 'be as the Bereans' (**Cf. Acts 17:11**). You need to engage in deep self-study, and you need to be responsible for whatever views you CHOOSE to have.
- Meantime, I am going to teach you what I **truly** believe God's Word is saying, and it's why – in **this** case with the Rapture – we have spent a good chunk of time on it.
- One thing I told you at the outset of this series is I would be reminding you of the three rules of proper Biblical interpretation from time to time, and I will do that once more here:
 - Passages must be understood in light of their original Biblical meaning
 - Passages must be in harmony with other passages on the same subject
 - Passages must be in compliance with the development of the context

- I believe, if you TRULY apply these three rules of proper Biblical interpretation – and not just SAY you are doing that - then you will arrive at a pre-Tribulation view of the Rapture.
- Now, I am already working on a handout that will review multiple reasons the Bible supports a pre-Tribulation Rapture view – and I will include some reasons in that handout that I’ve not taken the time to teach you here.
- I’ve already given you a bunch of reasons and Scriptural support for a pre-Tribulation Rapture view, but the point is there are MORE reasons than what I’ve taught you. That handout will include some of those other things.

NOTE: Today, I want to start a transition. It is a ‘transition’ because I’m keeping one eye on the Rapture, but I’m now moving to other matters which have a connection to it.

I want to look at one final issue that concerns the Rapture, and that is the issue of timing. Specifically, I want to ask the question, “**Can we narrow down the timeframe in which the Rapture might take place?**” I think the answer is yes - - and so we’ll look at that.

I want to offer two clarifying comments up front:

1. First, by suggesting that we can narrow down the timing of the Rapture, I am not suggesting that the early church fathers – or apostles like Paul himself – were deluded in their day as they remained expectant for the Rapture.
 - I believe that faithful followers of Jesus Christ have **always** lived in the hope and expectation of Jesus Christ’s imminent return in the clouds.
 - As I have made it clear already – this is an attitude we ought to have that is explicitly taught in Scripture.
 - However, as the march of human history has developed, and as developments in the world have taken place, I think we can see certain things with greater clarity today than before. There are matters that early believers could not understand as easily in their time as we can now.
 - I therefore think we **now** live in a time when we have the clearest case for the Rapture being ‘soon.’ I DO believe it is most likely to happen in our lifetime.
2. The second point I want to make – and I need to emphasize it – I’m **not** a date-setter.
 - I believe the Scripture says that we cannot – and should not – be setting dates. We are told clearly in **Matt. 24:36** that we cannot know ‘*the day or the hour.*’
 - There are various prophetic issues we cannot identify with that specificity. And I think this instruction includes the Rapture.
 - However, we are reminded to recognize “*the times and seasons.*” Paul, in fact, reminded the church in Thessalonica that they were to understand this information (**Cf. 1 Thess. 5:1; READ!**):

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.”

- (Paul is calling attention to what he has already taught them.) The bottom line is faithful believers should perceive this narrowing window, should understand the things which make us expectant, and they should see the decay and depravity of this world through the lens of our “*blessed hope*” **Cf. Titus 2:13**).

So – today I want to look at those issues which help us understand ‘*the times and seasons*.’ It is my hope that we all come away with a better grasp of our limited time left on this earth.

A. Let’s set the right tone about “times and seasons”

1. First, Jesus’ disciples wanted to know when exactly Jesus Christ would set up His earthly kingdom. This was still their obsession right AFTER Jesus’ resurrection.
 - The Jewish people lived in the hope and expectation of the promises made to them – and Jesus’ disciples wanted to know when this would happen
 - Jesus responded to them in **Acts 1:7** that it was not for them to know details that “*the Father has fixed by His own authority.*”
 - Jesus went on to tell them they needed to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and to invest themselves in the events and responsibilities which were more proximal.
 - But - - Jesus framed these future prophetic events in this “*times and seasons*” language.
2. Secondly, Paul – as we saw moments ago in **1 Thess. 5:1** – instructed his readers that they, in fact, were to acknowledge “*the times and seasons.*”
 - Paul gave them this instruction concerning ‘*the day of the Lord*’ (AKA The Tribulation) and concerning those events leading up to it.
 - In effect, Paul was saying to his readers – and to you and I – that we have an **ability** - and **responsibility** - to see the things that ARE going on, to recognize HOW they portend the end of time, and to properly prepare our hearts in the process.
 - This instruction by Paul corrects the position of many Christian leaders today who suggest that the study of Biblical prophecy is not important, or that these themes are fringe. That is not true!
3. Third, Jesus spoke directly to the religious leaders of His time, and He rebuked them for not understanding the signs of the times.
 - In **Luke 12:56**, Jesus said, “*You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?*”
 - The pharisees and the religious leaders had missed the importance of Jesus Christ’s First Coming. They had the prophetic Scriptures, but they had deliberately overlooked and ignored the truth.

- In context – Jesus told them – they needed to recognize the seasons and the times around them. The religious leaders then were like many religious leaders now - - they utterly failed to do this because they didn't WANT to.

NOTE: I want to use the balance of this lesson today to explore a few Scripturally-based patterns and principles which suggest we live – RIGHT NOW - within a narrow window of time. I believe it is within that narrow window of time that we can expect the Rapture.

B. I want to begin by pointing out the events of *Matthew Ch. 24*. This is known as the Olivet Discourse, and I want us to take a fresh look at what is said there. Turn to it; I will be referring to verses in it:

1. First, Jesus is answering His disciples' question, "*What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?*" (**Cf. vs. 3**). They have two questions here.
2. In **vss. 4-8**, we have a series of events and dynamics laid out which we need to be aware of in our present time.
3. I believe these things in ***Matt. Ch. 24*** are issues which occur AFTER the Rapture.
4. Jesus calls them '*birth pangs*' in **vs. 8**, and we're going to see in an upcoming lesson why we should see them as applying to '*the day of the Lord*.' We've learned that's a timeframe that BEGINS with the Rapture.
5. Be that so, we see early hints of all of them even now. If we keep the '*birth pangs*' analogy in view, we might say we are experiencing Braxton Hicks contractions now - - these are 'false or practice contractions.' There IS a difference!
6. But all these things let us know we are "in a season" that we need to be paying special attention to. Let's briefly look over these things:
 - **"Watch out that no one deceives you..."**
 - A key element of the end times is **deception**. I believe this is an overarching dynamic. Everything else is related to this deception.
 - Jesus warned against deception because it will be pervasive and rampant. It will move from being 'occasional' to being the 'norm.'
 - Deception will increase – it will constantly exacerbate - as the end of the age draws closer. It's not going to get better; it will get worse.
 - In ***Dan. 8:12***, speaking of the antichrist, it says he will "*throw truth to the ground,*" and in ***Dan. 8:25*** it says the antichrist will cause "*deceit to prosper.*"
 - Both of those statements discuss a dynamic that is INSIDE of '*the day of the Lord*' - and more specifically INSIDE the Tribulation - but we can already see the signs of this development now.
 - It doesn't matter if you are talking about politics, religion, society, God's laws / values, our fraudulent election system, the so-called 'vaccines,' gender, men in women's sports, or the direct assault on our food system - - if you speak ANY truth, it is not welcome.
 - We live in a day and an age when deception and lies are prospering and when truth is being suppressed.

- It is happening in Congress, it is happening in hospitals, it is happening in our schools - - and it is happening in our churches.
 - Truth is not welcome. Lies are being planned and fertilized.
 - I want to emphasize; this is NOT A PASSIVE PROCESS. This is an active agenda to **promote deception**. It is fueled by “*the father of lies,*” Satan himself (***Cf. John 8:44***).
- **The second point from *Matthew Ch. 24* I want to give attention to is this: Jesus warns that “*many will come in my name claiming I am the Christ.*”**
 - There are two main points to make about this statement - -
 - **First**, there will be those who physically claim to be Christ, or a Messianic figure. The antichrist is the chief example here.
 - **BUT second** - - the numbers of those who physically claim to be Christ are much less than those who claim to be “called by Christ.”
 - We should pay more attention to this second element in our time - - it is those people who claim, as **vs. 5** says, “*to come in my name.*”
 - Note, this follows the prior warning about deception - - - and I think there is a direct relationship here we should not overlook.
 - Jesus says there will be mounting numbers of people (during a time when the signs of the end are gathering force) that will claim to be called by Christ, or who ‘*come in His name*’ – when, in fact, that is totally untrue.
 - I can think of many pastors and prominent so-called “Christian leaders” which fit this bill perfectly.
 - It is obvious when you look at the things they say, the sermons they preach, the convictions and beliefs they hold, the lack of true gifting that they display, and the hostility they have to Biblical truth - - that they are NOT called by Christ, and they do NOT come in His name.
 - Unfortunately, the numbers of these people are growing – not just in churches – but in seminaries and on the mission field too.
 - These are people who claim to be “called by Christ,” but the facts show they are self-serving, immature, and dangerous in their roles. They are a chief reason for many ministries becoming ineffective, apostate, and lukewarm.
 - Jesus said the numbers of such people will increase as the end of the age draws near, and we are certainly seeing this in our time today - - even in this Braxton Hicks contractions phase.
 - Like the first point about deception, **THIS IS NOT A PASSIVE PROCESS**. It is also fueled by “the father of lies,” Satan himself.
 - **Then there is the third point in *Matt. Ch. 24*, and it is wars and rumors of wars.**

- In the past several years, we've moved from a place where landmark peace treaties were made, where rogue nations stopped firing missiles, and where Iran's nuclear program was claimed to be stopped - - to where everything has rapidly gone upside down.
 - Now, wars and conflicts threaten in many places, and others have broken out. Rogue nations are once again firing missiles and threatening others. Iran is unwilling to give up her nuclear weapons.
 - Israel now finds herself in a major regional conflicts, and many political pundits expect China to be at war with Taiwan within the next couple of years.
 - The RELATIVE peace and stability we had a few years ago quickly became conflict and instability. From a strictly political perspective – this is the direct result of America's former weak and fraudulent leadership.
 - America was not – for a good deal of time - respected on the world stage because we had a demented, weak, and sham leadership.
 - While that perception has **now** changed – it is because of **different** leadership. However, I believe this will be short-lived.
 - The bottom line is our nation's political system is corrupt and it's always a hair trigger away from careening in a bad direction, and international leaders know this for themselves.
 - Wars, and rumors of wars, will continue to mount. Humanity is on a downward slope of depravity, and this will not turn around.
 - Once again, as with the two previous points, THIS IS NOT A PASSIVE PROCESS. This is an active agenda fueled by global deception, and Satan, "*the father of lies,*" is behind it all.
 - It's a tragic situation, but it should not surprise us. It is not a dilemma we can vote our way out of.
 - It is a trend that is 'spiritually' based – not 'politically' based. Despite the ridiculous claims of Dominion Theology folks, things are not getting better. They are getting worse.
- **The next point is about 'nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom' in vs. 7.**
 - This is not a phrase of repetition - - it is saying two **different** things.
 - 'Nation' here is the Greek word "ethnos;" we get the words "ethnic" or "ethnicity" from this Greek term.
 - It describes a surge in conflict between races - - or 'ethnicities.'
 - We are certainly seeing that surge now. We have never seen a time of greater conflict and rage between races in our own nation than in the present.
 - This surge was heavily fostered during the time of Obama's presidency who had the ambition of bringing about CHANGE from the views of radicals like Saul Alinsky.

- And truth be told, Obama and his globalist cohorts are very much the main folks pulling the strings behind the scenes right now. Every effort is being made to promote conflict between races - - make no mistake about it.
 - It is alarming to see how so many churches continue to advance the radical / Marxist BLM agenda from the pulpit, or they are talking about the problems of 'systemic racism' or 'critical race theory.'
 - Such leaders are not only useful tools of deception – but it is further evidence that they are not “called by Christ’s name” to be in their roles at all.
 - The other word in Greek is for 'kingdoms' and it is 'basileia.' It means what the English word is saying, a “kingdom or an empire.” It is used often to describe Jesus Christ’s kingdom.
 - It means a seat of power from a world perspective. In simple terms, we can think of world empires or nations now, and Jesus said there would be mounting conflict between these world powers. This trend will accelerate as the end of time gets closer.
 - Again – as with the prior points – THIS IS NOT A PASSIVE PROCESS. This is an active agenda to push global deception – and 'globalism' itself - and it is also fueled by “*the father of lies,*”
- **The last point is about famines and earthquakes – once again *Matt. Ch. 24* says these things will increase as signs of the end of the age. NOTE: The parallel account of *Luke Ch. 21* adds 'pestilences' (or pandemics) to this list. These will increase too.**
 - I think, for me, there is something that has been a startling insight these last few years – particularly since 2020.
 - Prior to that, I always read this issue about famines and pestilences with the idea that these things were 'acts of God' the same way earthquakes, tornados, and hurricanes are.
 - **Not anymore!** Now, I see that these events, too, are NOT A PASSIVE PROCESS. They are ALSO part of an active agenda to promote global deception, and they too are fueled by “*the father of lies.*”
 - Perhaps there are some of you that would disagree with me on this point – but I feel the overwhelming evidence is the COVID-19 pandemic was man-made and man-orchestrated.
 - There is SO MUCH clear evidence to support this claim. There is so much information that is being deliberately buried that would expose the real agendas of depopulation, mass control, and genetic re-engineering.
 - These dynamics are like what is happening with our food systems. They are being systematically and **intentionally** destroyed.
 - All the fires and assaults on food facilities (over 6,000 of them worldwide now; I think that number is probably higher), all the

campaigns against farmers and food growers, all the destructive policies against basic food distribution systems, all of the efforts to attack sound nutrition, etc.

- It's all designed to intentionally bring about famines and food shortages. It's all designed to weaken us. This all makes perfect sense if you look at this issue through a Biblical lens.
- As the end of time draws closer, the Bible says famines and food shortages will increase. As I said before, there was a time I imagined this would all be 'an act of God,' but now I see it as an ACTIVE PROCESS. It is something the globalists are executing against mass populations.
- The goal is to have an elite class who has all the luxuries, all the power, and all the wealth - - and a massive under-class of 'serfs' who are dominated and controlled.
- This is underscored in **Rev. 6:6** where we see the effect of one of the future Seal Judgements. It reads, '*Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!*'
- As we will learn, this is a clear reference to future economic catastrophe. It will have a disastrous effect on basic needs.
- The Bible says a time is coming when it will take an average person's full day's wages to feed one person for one day - - but the rich will continue to have their '*oil and wine.*' These are Biblical symbols of wealth and excess.
- BTW, that is a picture extreme socialism - - which, as we will learn, is the antichrist's system of governance. It is the political system which many on the left are trying to bring about now (read a study where 80% of Gen Z'rs now want socialism).
- As for earthquakes, it is the only element on this list in **Matt. Ch. 24** which I do not see as being directly man-made.
- Jesus says earthquakes will increase in frequency and intensity too. If you do a casual online search for yourself, you will see this to be true. There are more and more earthquakes in various places, and they are becoming more and more destructive.

NOTE: So what are we to conclude from this? The answer is we are called to understand the times and the seasons.

While Jesus gives clues in **Matthew 24** that He calls '*birth pangs,*' and while we will learn that He specifies these things as being within '*the day of the Lord*' timeframe, it's important for us to see the Braxton Hicks contractions now. We need to understand that we are in that season now that JUST PRECEDES the '*day of the Lord*' and the Tribulation.

All these dynamics: the deceptions, the pestilences, the earthquakes, the conflicts, and so on - - will dramatically increase in that timeframe just following the Rapture and going into the seven years of The Tribulation.

But we are seeing early **hints** of those things starting now. We are seeing ‘practice contractions.’ This is a strong clue that the pre-tribulation Rapture is just around the corner.

C. Now I want to shift gears a bit and briefly look at TWO other issues which ALSO suggest our remaining time on this planet is VERY short. They are:

1. The seven thousand years of human history
2. The temple pattern

a. First, there is the 7,000 years of human history – this may be new to you.

- Jewish scholars, and many good Bible scholars for that matter, subscribe to the idea that God has laid out a plan for seven thousand years of human history
 - There was 2000 years from Creation to Abraham (that’s when the Jews and the nation of Israel came into the picture).
 - Then there were 2000 years between Abraham and the first coming of Jesus Christ.
 - Then there are 2000 years known as the church age (we are near the very end of that age).
 - Lastly, there is the 1000-year Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ on this physical earth.
 - Each of these periods of time are pretty well-defined in Scripture, and each of them plays out to pretty much the timeline I have stated here - - plus or minus a couple of years or so.
 - Collectively, they comprise seven 1000-year blocks, and many scholars feel this is a layout that was first established in the Creation pattern of seven days.

NOTE: For my part, I think this whole idea of seven thousand years of human history holds a lot of merit. I’ve studied this issue for some time, and I think it is supported in Scripture in a variety of ways. I’ll give you a high-altitude overview now...

- But perhaps most importantly for you and I right now, we are at the very end of the church age. Let me explain...
- If the church began at Pentecost (debate as to whether or not 32 AD +/- a year or two), then the end of **this** present chapter of human history, and the start of the **next** chapter of human history is roughly 2032 (again +/-). That’s 2000 years later...
- Again - this is a chronological pattern that has been well-established in Biblical history before this point, and it is unlikely to change going forward. Scripture emphasizes patterns, types, and so on.

- That essentially implies the Millennial Kingdom would start sometime around 2032-2033 (again +/- a couple years or so).
- Since the Tribulation is seven years, then we must come backwards from that point seven years. We must reverse engineer the timeline.
- With this thinking in place, that would place the start of the ‘*day of the Lord*’ (again, the ‘*day of the Lord*’ begins with the Rapture) as being anytime **now**. (And again, +/-.....I’m not going to be dogmatic here).
- Since the Bible teaches quite clearly that the Rapture takes place BEFORE the Tribulation, that would suggest we are in a RIFE time for the Rapture.
- Once again – I’m not a date-setter. But, we are called to know and understand the times and seasons....and I think we need to soberly see the critical time we are in.

NOTE: This idea of thousand-year increments of human history has merit from another Biblical angle too, and this one concerns the Jewish people and their present situation (**Cf. Hosea 6:1-3; READ!**):

“Come, and let us return to the Lord; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.”

- To better understand this prophetic passage, we must understand the Biblical concept that to God “*a thousand years are like a day*” (**Cf. Psalms 90:4; 2 Peter 3:8**).
- And here in **Hosea**, this specific concept is given prophetic significance. This passage is a prophetic lament where the Jews, who are despairing over the discipline they have received from God, are looking forward to a time when that will all change for them.
- You can see that discipline referred to in the language, “*He has torn....He has stricken.*”
- BUT – then see the change: “*He will heal us...He will bind us up...He will revive us and raise us up.*”
- See also the specific terms of the **new** situation that they look forward to. These terms conform only to the Millennial Kingdom: “*We will live in His sight....we will know Him and we will pursue the knowledge of the Lord...He will come to us like the rain....*”
- NOW - - NOTE THE TWO TIMEFRAMES THAT ARE MENTIONED:
 - **After two days** *He will revive us* (that’s the first timeframe)
 - **On the third day** *He will raise us up* (that’s the second timeframe)

NOTE: I am one of a growing number of prophecy buffs and scholars who have studied this passage and have come away feeling it is another evidence of these ‘thousand-year sections of human history.’”

I think it is further evidence that the phrase “*a thousand years is as a day*” is not just some nice poetic concept about the eternity of God. It is **also** a Biblical concept that is supported in real time and chronology. Think about it....

- There has been roughly 2000 years of the diaspora - - this is the time when Israel was ‘*torn, disciplined, and stricken*’ by God.
- He scattered them among the nations due to their rebellion, EXACTLY as Moses promised the Israelites God would do if they disobeyed him.
- During that time, the church age began. Now - both the church age and the time of the diaspora are winding down. These timeframes are closely congruent.
- The Jews – in this prophetic lament in **Hosea** – are expecting that after 2000 years (or two days) they will be healed, they will be bound up (think ‘bandages’), and they will live in His (their Messiah’s) sight.
- This subsequent time of blessing is called “*one day*” (or 1000 years). This lines up perfectly with the definition and the prophecies of The Millennial Kingdom which immediately follows The Tribulation.
- Again – this all shows a pattern and a timeline which seems to be affirmed from several vantage points.

b. And now I want to start wrapping up by looking at something I have recently begun to study (as several prophecy friends of mine have begun to do too). I referred to this earlier as “the temple pattern,” and I’m going to talk about it now, as my friend Pete Garcia does, in terms of ‘rounds.’

WE START WITH ROUND ONE

What happened?

- The Jews' great sin was rampant idolatry. PLUS, they failed to trust in God for their protection.
- Instead, they made foolish and conflicting deals with their enemies (primarily Egypt and Babylon).
- The First Temple is destroyed. The visible sign of God’s presence is removed, and the Babylonian captivity ensues (early 6th Century BC).
- The physical presence of **God the Father** who inhabited the temple **departs** from the Jews.
- A major round of judgment falls upon Israel via the Gentile nation of Babylon.

NEXT, WE MOVE TO ROUND TWO

What happened?

- Jesus came the first time, and the Jews' great sin is they had turned God's Word into apostate legalism.
- They rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus Christ. They make a foolish deal with their enemies, the Romans, and they have Jesus crucified like a common criminal.
- And so, just as Jesus declared it would happen in the Olivet Discourse, the **Second** Temple is destroyed.
- (And like Round One) the physical presence of **God the Son**, Jesus Christ Himself, who taught in the temple, **departs** from them.
- Another major round of judgment falls upon Israel via the Gentile empire of Rome.

AND NOW WE GO TO ROUND THREE (today's time)

What is happening, and what will happen?

- The Jews' great sin is dismissing with anger and jealousy the salvation Christ has offered to them. They have been watching the Gospel go out to the Gentiles instead.
- They have been regathered together in Israel once more – this is – **again!** - in unbelief, just the Bible declared they would be (**Cf. Ezekiel 20:33-38; 22:17-22**).
- As before, the Jews should be understanding all the prophecies, and they should be repenting and receiving Jesus Christ as their own, but they refuse to do this.
- The Rapture will take place. This time, **God the Holy Spirit** DEPARTS with His temple, the church.
- The '*day of the Lord*' will have arrived. A major round of judgment will fall upon Israel once more – this time via the Antichrist, whom Israel will make a foolish deal with.
- The Gentile world will severely oppress the Jews. The Jews will enter the seven-year Tribulation, AKA the "*time of Jacob's trouble*" (**Cf. Jeremiah 30:7**).
- They will receive God's judgment which is intended to bring a remnant of them into full salvation.

NOTE: Essentially, what is coming repeats the same pattern seen the two times before.

- The Jews are gathered in Israel each time. And each time, it is in spiritual rebellion and unbelief.
- The full triune nature of God is represented over the course of all three occasions: first - God the Father, second - God the Son, and third - God the Holy Spirit.
- Because the Jews are spiritually bankrupt, they make foolish deals with those they should not trust.
- For these reasons, they consequently fall under the judgement of God via a Gentile empire that God uses for that.

- The presence of the temple departs from the Jews each time (the first two times it is physically ‘destroyed,’ and the third time the Rapture removes the temple all at once). This idea is confirmed in Scripture.
- **(Cf. 1 Cor. 6:19)** - *“Do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?”*

NOTE: There is so much more I could say that suggests we are in that final season before our “*blessed hope*” of **Titus 2:13**. (But) I’ve given you these insights today - - in the hopes that you are prompted to further study on your own. Again – you NEED to ‘*be as the Bereans.*’

But personally, I don’t see how we can be on this earth more than a few more years, **at most**. As I understand the times and seasons to the best of my abilities, it’s just where I’m at.

NEXT WEEK: We will look at ‘What happens when we die?’ This will probably take a couple of lessons or so because I want to get into the issues of Heaven, Hell, and Hades. We will then look at the issue of our glorified bodies, the various resurrections in Scripture, and our rewards. I’m adjusting things a little bit as I go. I’m trying to accommodate a natural ‘flow of things.’



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And – number three, if the Bible states it plainly, we should too.

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