

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT **The End Times?**

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Part 1



Revelation 1:1-3 AMPC

*1 [This is] the revelation of Jesus Christ [His unveiling of the divine mysteries]. God gave it to Him to disclose and make known to His bond servants **certain things which must shortly and speedily come to pass [a]in their entirety. And He sent and communicated it through His angel (messenger) to His bond servant John,***

2 Who has testified to and vouched for all that he saw [[b]in his visions], the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

*3 **Blessed (happy, [c]to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy; and blessed (happy, [d]to be envied) are those who hear [it read] and who keep themselves true to the things which are written in it [heeding them and laying them to heart], for the time [for them to be fulfilled] is near.***

Revelation 1:1-3 KJV

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

Things defined:

God's Word, promises in God's Word, what is written down regarding sin, judgment, righteousness and the signs or events to come.

Jesus was asked by His disciples what would be the signs or things that would alert them to His return. In Matthew 24, Jesus was telling them the "things" or signs that would be taking place during the 7 year Tribulation knowing that many of the Jews would not receive or believe in Him.

Jesus commands you and I to know these "things" because we would see them coming to pass or aligning. And if we are found righteous we would escape these "things" or judgments that are promised to come upon all who do not go up in the Rapture.

Matthew 24:33 KJV

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

*33 So also when you see **these signs**, [a]**all taken together, coming to pass, you may know** [b]of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.*

Jesus wouldn't command us to know something that we couldn't know... we will not know the day or the hour but the season of His return or the Rapture, because of the signs (multiple signs or things) that He said would be obvious for us to recognize.

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the [a]giddiness and headache and [b]nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the [c]business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

*35 **For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.***

*36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and **be accounted worthy to escape all these things** [taken together] **that will take place,** and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

Jesus commands us to know what is currently happening but to look at it through the lens of scripture and where it is aligning with the End Time events that were foretold by the “Never Wrong” Prophets... we are blessed to know!

John 1:1 AMPC

*1 In the beginning [before all time] **was the Word (Christ)**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.*

John 1:1 KJV

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jesus is the Word... no one comes to the Father but through the Word. Obedience to the Word, righteous or right standing with God the Father regarding the Word.

The religious leaders at the time of Christ or the Word hated Him. The gospels tell you and I that the pharisees or pastors, preachers and teachers of their day wanted to kill Jesus. The Word or the spirit of prophecy (Rev 19), the one who was prophesied in the Old Testament where He would be born, how He would be born, where He would live, escape to Egypt as a baby... when Prophecy or the Word was actually taking place the religious leaders wanted to shut the Word down or kill Jesus.

John 5:14-25 AMPC

14 Afterward, when Jesus found him in the temple, He said to him, See, you are well! Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.

15 The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews began to persecute (annoy, torment) Jesus [a]and sought to kill Him, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I, too, must be at [divine] work.

18 This made the Jews more determined than ever to kill Him [to do away with Him]; because He not only was breaking (weakening, violating) the Sabbath, but He actually was speaking of God as being [in a special sense] His own Father, making Himself equal [putting Himself on a level] with God.

19 So Jesus answered them by saying, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

20 The Father dearly loves the Son and discloses to (shows) Him everything that He Himself does. And He will disclose to Him (let Him see) greater things yet than these, so that you may marvel and be full of wonder and astonishment.

21 Just as the Father raises up the dead and gives them life [makes them live on], even so the Son also gives life to whomever He wills and is pleased to give it.

22 Even the Father judges no one, for He has given all judgment (the last judgment and the whole business of judging) entirely into the hands of the Son,

23 So that all men may give honor (reverence, homage) to the Son just as they give honor to the Father. [In fact] whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who has sent Him.

24 I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words [who listens to My message] and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life.

And he does not come into judgment [does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation], but he has already passed over out of death into life.

25 Believe Me when I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the time is coming and is here now when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear it shall live.

Read full chapter

We will be judged by Jesus or the Word... to be loved by the Father you have to love the Son or the Word. Jesus is the Word (John 1:1). What does it look like to love the Son?

John 14:15 AMPC

15 If you [really] love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.

Jesus or the Word told you and I what it would look like (by the things or signs) all through the Old and New Testament prior to the Rapture of the Church. The Word tells us what we must do to be ready, to be found righteous, or habitually righteous...it is our habit, be holy as He is holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 AMPC

15 But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.

When His followers asked what it would look like prior to the Rapture, the time of the end, the 7 year Tribulation... Jesus gave several examples and here is just one passage reference in Luke.

Jesus said it would be as in the days of Noah and Lot

Luke 17:26-30 AMPC

26 And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.

27 [People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

28 So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

29 But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

30 That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

After Jesus went away to prepare a place for you and I, the New Testament writers were constantly responding/writing to the questions asked by the New Testament church, did we miss the Rapture? Is this the Tribulation? The only reason they knew to ask the question is because it was taught in the Old Testament by the Never Wrong Prophets and by Jesus. The Rapture is not a new ideology... it is not made up.

One of the reasons they thought they missed the Rapture is the Roman Empire which the "Never Wrong" Prophet Daniel said at the Time of the End, the Government System or Beast would have characteristics of the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire or 6th Beast of Bible Prophecy in Revelation and the 4th Beast in Daniel was taxing Christians and Jews and their businesses at a higher rate. Persecuting them, imprisoning them and killing them because of their association with or following God's Word.

EMPIRES THROUGHOUT WORLD HISTORY (BEASTS OR KINGDOMS)



- 1 EGYPTIAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 2 ASSYRIAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 3 1 BABYLONIAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 4 2 MEDO/PERSIAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 5 3 GRECIAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 6 4 ROMAN EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 7 MYSTERY BABYLON EMPIRE (KINGDOM OR BEAST)
 - 8 ANTI-CHRIST/FALSE PROPHET EMPIRE (KD. OR BEAST)
- STONE KINGDOM - THAT THE BUILDERS REJECTED

Notes: _____

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC.

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

Prophet defined:

1. One that foretells future events; a predictor; a foreteller.
2. A person illuminated, inspired or instructed by God to announce future events; as Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel etc.

-1828 Webster's Dictionary

Biblical Definition of a Prophet: Proven never to be wrong so you can believe them about the things that are yet to happen that have already been foretold.

Peter, Paul, Jude, John and Jesus always referred back to the Never Wrong Prophets. When Jesus first arrived teaching at age 30 years old He quoted the Never Wrong Prophet Isaiah and said I am the One who was prophesied about. He said when you see these “things” happening at the Time of the End go read the Never Wrong Prophet Daniel (Matthew 24). They all warned the End Times church about false teaching about: sin, judgement, righteousness and the End Times events.

Peter (all NT writers) was writing the church because they were told they missed the Rapture and this was the Tribulation. He said no, you didn't miss but here's the signs and what you must do in order to be raptured to escape the things to come.

2 Peter 3 AMPC

I Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

5 For they willfully overlook and forget this [fact], that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,

6 Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.

7 But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been stored up (reserved) for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly people.

8 Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape you, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will vanish (pass away) with a thunderous crash,

and the [[a]material] elements [of the universe] will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and the works that are upon it will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are thus [b]in the process of being dissolved, what kind of person ought [each of] you to be [in the meanwhile] in consecrated and holy behavior and devout and godly qualities,

12 While you wait and earnestly long for (expect and hasten) the coming of the day of God by reason of which the flaming heavens will be dissolved, and the [[c]material] elements [of the universe] will flare and melt with fire?

13 But **we look for new heavens and a new earth according to His promise, in which righteousness (uprightness, freedom from sin, and right standing with God) is to abide.**

14 So, beloved, **since you are expecting these things, be eager to be found by Him [at His coming] without spot or blemish and at peace [in serene confidence, [d]free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].**

15 And consider that the long-suffering of our Lord [[e]His slowness in avenging wrongs and judging the world] is salvation ([f]that which is conducive to the soul's safety), even as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the spiritual insight given him,

16 Speaking of this as he does in all of his letters. **There are some things in those [epistles of Paul] that are difficult to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist and misconstrue to their own [g]utter destruction, just as [they distort and misinterpret] the rest of the Scriptures.**

17 Let me warn you therefore, beloved, that knowing these things beforehand, you should be on your guard, lest you be carried away by the error of lawless and wicked [persons and] fall from your own [present] firm condition [your own steadfastness of mind].

18 But grow in grace (undeserved favor, spiritual strength) and [h]recognition and knowledge and understanding of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him [be] glory (honor, majesty, and splendor) both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (so be it)!

Jude was writing the church as well regarding the things or signs prior to the Rapture what would be taking place inside the church. He warned them not to be deceived or duped by false teaching by pastors, preachers and teachers.

Jude 1 AMPC

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ:

2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all [a]handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered [b]verbally to the holy people of God].

4 For certain men have crept in stealthily [[c]gaining entrance secretly by a side door]. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

5 Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].

6 And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.

7 [The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity—are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.

8 Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).

9 But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!

10 But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts—by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish).

11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, **and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain** [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah!

12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. **They are clouds without water**, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time—twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;

13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.

14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)

15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way],

and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.

17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.

19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions—merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.

20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [[d]make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;

21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)—[which will bring you] unto life eternal.

22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt.

23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality.

24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]—

25 To the one only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might and dominion, and power and authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it).

Jesus, before he went away, said we would need the promised Holy Spirit to be His Witness. The Holy Spirit will guide us into all Truth (His Word is truth) by reminding us of the “things” we have heard and read.

John 14:1-6, 23-29 AMPC

1 Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.

2 In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you.

3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.

4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.

5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?

6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

23 *Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.*

24 *Anyone who does not [really] love Me does not observe and obey My teaching. And the teaching which you hear and heed is not Mine, but [comes] from the Father Who sent Me.*

25 I have told you these things while I am still with you.

26 *But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthenener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.*

27 *Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]*

28 *You heard Me tell you, I am going away and I am coming [back] to you. If you [really] loved Me, you would have been glad, because I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater and mightier than I am.*

29 *And now I have told you [this] before it occurs, so that when it does take place you may believe and have faith in and rely on Me.*

John 16:4-13 AMPC

4 But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].

7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me [trust in, rely on, and adhere to Me];

10 About righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God), because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no longer;

11 About judgment, because the ruler (evil genius, prince) of this world [Satan] is judged and condemned and sentence already is passed upon him.

12 I have still many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them or to take them upon you or to grasp them now.

*13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; **but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].***

We need to hear the preaching and teaching of God's Word and read God's Word so the Holy Spirit can remind us and convict us of: sin, righteousness, judgment and the things or end time events to come. Not just for us to be ready but to be a witness by how we live and to have an answer to the hope that is in us regarding these "things" or prophetic signs that are taking place.

Hosea 4:6 AMPC

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

The signs or "things" that are taking place are listed all throughout God's Word starting in Genesis. The "Never Wrong" Prophet Isaiah said 'He has told us from the beginning what would happen at the end'.

From the empires throughout history that Daniel prophesied in order starting with Babylon and the metal, currency, animals, leaders that each Empire or Beast would have in detail. The End Time events are happening just as the Bible said they would.

Daniel and John refer to these empires/governments/religions as Beasts. They both said the last 2 Beasts or Empires in history would occur during the 7 year Tribulation (42 months for the 7th Beast and 42 months for the 8th Beast). They told you and I the location, the currency (cashless) and that the government leader (antichrist) would be led by an Islamic leader rising up in the Iraq, Lebanon, Syria or former Babylon. The religious leader (false prophet) would be an apostate Christian man that would make an alliance with Islam in order to bring peace.

Revelation 13:16-18 AMPC

16 Also he compels all [alike], both small and great, both the rich and the poor, both free and slave, to be marked with an inscription [[a]stamped] on their right hands or on their foreheads,

17 So that no one will have power to buy or sell unless he bears the stamp (mark, inscription), [that is] the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is [room for] discernment [a call for the wisdom [b]of interpretation]. Let anyone who has intelligence (penetration and insight enough) calculate the number of the beast, for it is a human number [the number of a certain man]; his number is 666.

Remember, we are blessed to know what is taking place (Rev.1). Jesus said in John 16: “But I have told you these things now, so that when they occur you will remember that I told you of them.” Jesus said these things have to happen this way for His Word to be true. He is sounding the alarm to get our attention.

Jeremiah 1:12 AMPC

12 Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

Revelation 19:9-10 AMPC

9 Then [the angel] said to me, Write this down: Blessed (happy, [a]to be envied) are those who are summoned (invited, called) to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he said to me [further], These are the true words (the genuine and exact declarations) of God.

10 Then I fell prostrate at his feet to worship (to pay divine honors) to him, but he [restrained me] and said, Refrain! [You must not do that!] I am [only] another servant with you and your brethren who have [accepted and hold] the testimony borne by Jesus. Worship God! For the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy [the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose, including both mine and yours].

Revelation 19:9-10 KJV

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

I am going to close by reading the first letter Paul wrote to the Church...who thought they missed the Rapture and were going through the Tribulation as the Romans were killing their families and friends and taxing their business.

Paul, who was blinded by God, had spent 3 years studying the same Bible that he was taught by the pharisees to kill those who were followers of Jesus Christ or the Word. He was deceived and duped by those religious leaders and now, he was rightly dividing the Word and giving clarity and hope regarding the day they were living in.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 AMPC

13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren, about those who fall asleep [[a]in death], that you may not grieve [for them] as the rest do who have no hope [beyond the grave].

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [[b]in death].

15 For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him [c]in death].

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!

18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

What was written thousands of years ago is taking place in order right now. From the nations foretold by the “Never Wrong” Prophet Ezekiel that would surround Israel (Russia, Turkey and Iran) joined by or with the approval of E.U. nations that would start the war in chapter 38 of Ezekiel. This war results in a 7 year Peace treaty being signed beginning the 7 year Tribulation.

The “Never” Prophet Daniel along with the other Old Testament writers give us more details what would happen during the 7 year Tribulation so when we see these “things” coming to pass (starting to align) we would know the rapture is almost here.

Jesus told us to read the Prophet Daniel when these “things” begin to happen, to study the days of Noah and Lot who were obedient to God’s Word, prepared and escaped and then the judgements came. The days of Noah give us his descendants which are the very nations that Ezekiel tells us who would surround Israel prior to the rapture... the Word told us from the beginning what would happen in the end.

From the spiritual condition of the church, the church attendee (wheat and tares), pastors, preachers and teachers, cashless currency, wickedness in high places that was foretold in great detail... God does not want you and I to miss the Rapture of the Church. We are blessed to know what is happening, these “things” are not meant to scare us but prepare us.

Jesus is coming !