

## SERIES: "RECALL THESE THINGS- -10/6/24 (#7) PASTOR LEE

- Pastor Lee: This is our last Sunday in our teachings of Peter....in 2 Peter, he wraps up with these words:

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- *2 Peter 3: 18- - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the end of eternity. Amen.*

- Growing in Jesus' Grace and knowledge of Him....reveling in it....knowing full well, this is NOT something we can do for ourselves....but only through Him..... that doing life His way is the best way to live and with recognition that ALL the glory is eternally His.

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- *2 Peter 3: 12- - - waiting for and hastening the coming of the Day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*

- So, on the Day of our Lord, everything we see in this world will be burned and gone!!.....followed by a glorious restoration in which God will make the mess of this world 'right again'!!!
- This 'Day of God' and renewal...Jesus spoke of it:

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- *Math 6: 9-13 (LORD'S PRAYER) - - Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name. (10) YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN (caps added for emphasis) (11) give us this day our daily bread, (12) and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. (13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

- "YOUR KINGDOM COME"....that is what Peter is talking about here! All will be new again!! A day we look forward to..... Pastor Lee invites Church to stand and pray this prayer!
- From a world wrecked and ravaged in sin (wars, disaster weather, personal suffering, etc.) to complete restoration! Jesus says.....pray for it!!
- Pastor Lee reviews a chart on screen depicting 'End Times'. (See attached facsimile called "Timeline Of End Times"- -from Doctrine Series)
- Peter earlier warned us (eg. Peter 3:7-10) to be aware that this Time is coming and be prepared!
- See following Timeline:
  - 1. Those who put their faith/trust in Jesus will be raptured up and protected (1Thes 4: 16-18)....so 'encourage one another'!
  - 2. This will happen during the 7 year Tribulation Period...theologians differ as to when within this timeframe.
  - 3. In this time, an Anti-Christ, who initially shows himself as a world peacemaker, offering Israel peace and an opportunity to rebuild their Temple...at the halfway point, enters the Temple and commands that all worship him. This is referred to by Daniel as 'the Abomination of Desolation' (See Daniel 27 and Math 15).
  - 4. From there and as God deals with sin, the world falls apart (wickedness, wars, suffering).

- 5. This culminates in the 'Battle of Armageddon'...at that moment when Jerusalem is close to destruction, Jesus appears with His armies...wins the day...and Satan thrown into the pit!
- 6. The Millennium Kingdom ensues... a thousand year period of peace...under Christ's reign, we will return with him....all doing what's right because THE KING (Jesus) RULES!
- 7. After that Period and for a very short period of time, Satan is released and rages.....then is cast, once and for all, into the Lake of Fire.
- 8. From there, the Great White Throne Judgment occurs in which non-believers are judged based on their (unsatisfying) 'works'.....and descend into hell.
- 9. Then, just as Peter reminds us (see below), we (believers) will experience a **new heaven** and a **new earth**.....perhaps as soon as 1007 years from now!

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*2 Peter 3: 13-14 - But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (14) Therefore beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.*

- PETER REMINDS US OF ALL THIS ....(JESUS IS COMING BACK...A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH).....DO NOT TO BE FEARFUL AND DO NOT TO ARGUE THE DETAILS, BUT **BE PREPARED**. And do this knowing there is so much more than this so brief current life of ours.
- Peter is saying....find your life in Jesus.....your job, your social media comments/feedback, the details of your life, etc.,etc. will not compare to the consequences of losing sight of our Lord.
- You will be standing before Jesus.....remind yourself of Verse 9-10....He is patient....not wishing that any should perish but, rather come to repentance....(but the day of the Lord will come like a thief!) God is loving, patient, but you must turn from your sins!
- You can be saved!....by Jesus sacrifice for you on the Cross and His assumption of your sins. You do not want to take on the Great White Throne penalty....Jesus paid your penalty in full!
- Be at peace....'Shalom'....with Jesus centered in you life. Pastor Lee: " May the peace that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ, Jesus. (Phil 4:7)

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*2 Peter 3: 17 - - You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.*

- So- -for us - -when the rough times start to happen- - **RECALL THESE THINGS** just as Peter reminds us. Ignore those telling untruths....rather, grow in His grace and in knowledge (scripture)!
- Baptism is an example...going under the water is a picture of dying with Christ.....coming out of the water is to raised with Christ to newness of life....together, identifying with Christ!

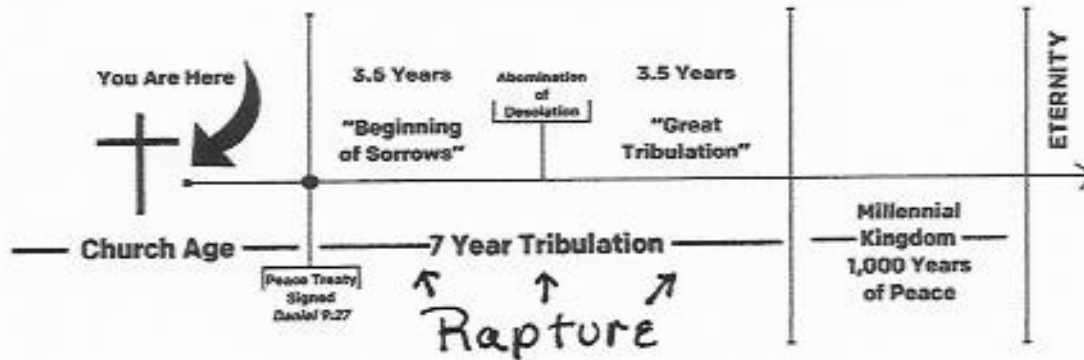
**- WHO DO YOU IDENTIFY WITH?-**

**-ARE YOU DILIGENTLY PREPARING?-**

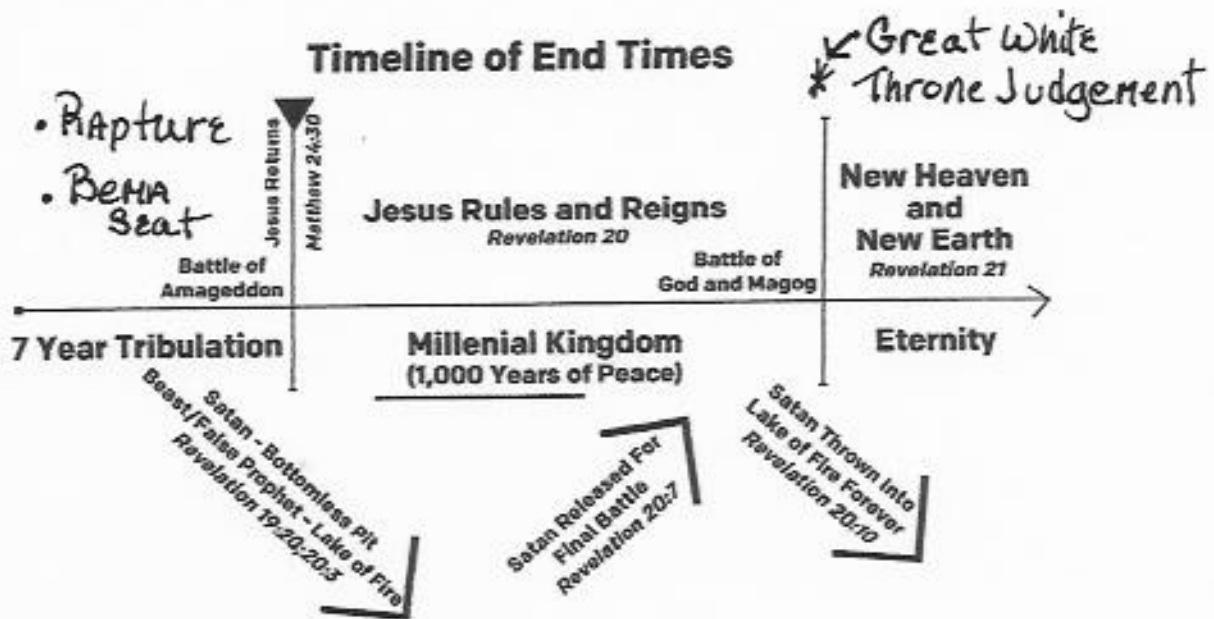
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**-TO HIM BE ALL THE GLORY-**

# TIMELINE OF END TIMES



*Daniel 9:27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."*



*Matthew 24:30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*