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The Final Countdown – The Second coming of Jesus 10/27/24

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Recap - How are you enjoying this series? Did you find last week difficult? Are you understanding the events of the end times maybe a little clearer? Most of all – do you find yourself praying for others to receive the gift of Salvation more often.

Today as we continue the Final Countdown – message 4, I promise this one is much easier to digest and really awesome to look forward to. It brings excitement, its going to be an amazing time for everyone who follows Jesus!

I am going to go over the events again as I have each message, so that if you are joining us for the first time or you still need a refresher. Some of us might be able to list them ourselves and that would make me happy! If this part, this recap bores you I have done a good job! But let me try and make it fun Let's do some trivia Mike is going to have the microphone and prizes. So don't holler out the answer. Raise your hand as quick as you can.

What's The first thing we know of? Remember it starts with what already happened:

1) the first coming of Jesus – it was all prophesied that he would come to earth, be born of a Virgin, he was fully man, fully God. He did miracles, he taught his disciples, he told them things that would happen, and they happened. He was crucified, a horrific death on the cross. He took on all sin, past present and future, he suffered majorly, he died, and God raised him from the dead 3 days later.

2) What's next – what do we call this period of time?

the church age. That is what we are living in right now. The time between the first coming of Jesus and the second time. We know He will come again. But He hasn't yet. As we live in the Church Age, we are called to be ready and prepared for the next important and pivotal event in God's timeline—the Rapture, where Jesus will gather His church."

3) The Rapture - What has to happen before the rapture takes place? Who gets raptured?

Jesus comes for his church and he snatches us up in the air with those who believed in him that have died and all of us living on earth who believe in him. Immediately after the Rapture what happens?

4) The Tribulation – How many years does it last? Can you still give your life to Jesus during that time? After the rapture there will be a period of 7 years – a period of great tribulation. We talked about that last week . It was difficult and it is difficult to hear how bad things will get, but its important we understand what it will be like for those left behind.

5) And then at the end of the tribulation, what takes place? the second coming of Jesus takes place, when he comes with his church and we have the GREAT 1000-year reign, a great period of peace where we are all together with Jesus here on Earth. That is today's focus.

6) Then comes the great white throne judgment where Satan, demons, fallen angels and unrepented sinners are eternally separated from God, and then the incredible new heaven and new earth. Not sure if I will wrap all together next week or split it up.

Last week I briefly mentioned that the book of Revelation also reveals that there is a great revival in the Tribulation. Before we move on to the Millennium today I do want to provide some more information about this revival that we hear of during the Great Tribulation. If you go back to last

week with me for a few minutes let's focus on the hope that the bible provides. This is a book of Hope – The word hope occurs more than 400 times. When the bible mentions hope it means desire with expectancy – We can expect it because God has promised it.

As the world during the Tribulation is devoured by the Antichrist's cruelty God doesn't forget about humanity. God continually surprises us with the methods He devises to reach people in the darkest times. The book of Rev says: 7:1-4. So 12,000 witnesses will be called from each of the 12 tribes of Israel bringing about 144,000 (there are some cool significant things about those numbers) but what is so important is that God has chosen and uses 144,000 Jews to preach the gospel in a way that multitudes believe! This revival breaks out and in Matthew 24 it tells us This Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations and then the end will come. Another way God will do this is with angels – The mercy and love of God is so big that He commissions angels to proclaim the message of His saving grace. He makes sure everyone has the opportunity to hear the good news. And even this horrible antichrist isn't able to prevent the gospel from going forth. Luke 19:10 says for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost and Jesus has not changed!

We see that yes the believers are all removed at the rapture but scripture is not! So there will be Preachers, angels and Christian materials all available all over the world during the Tribulation. And then, to end the Tribulation, the battle of Armageddon happens – The World's last great war. Rev 16:16.

Daniel prophesied in Dan 11:44 – news from the east and the north shall trouble him (the antichrist) therefore he shall go out with great fury. John tells us in Rev 9:16 – Now the number of the army of the horsemen was 2 hundred million” This army comes against the antichrist and the battle will be Israel. Then Rev 19:11-16 tells us Lord Jesus – King over all kings will descend to defend and protect His chosen people and put a once and for all end to the Antichrist's evil. But He doesn't come alone – so exciting – Jude vs 14 (what chapter?) haha – The Lord comes with 10 thousands of His saints! All those who have died in the Lord, those raptured before the tribulation will join with Jesus and participate in the battle for Jesus's reign!

He will descend to the Mount of Olives which will split in two with an earthquake providing an escape route for the residents of Jerusalem (Zech 14:3-4). Jesus died in Jerusalem and also where he was resurrected and the Mount of Olives was where he descended to heaven. How amazing and cool that this is where he will come again! On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. The Dead Sea won't be dead anymore – Ezekiel 47 describes all of this- there will be large numbers of fish. The water flowing in makes the salt water fresh. The entire city of Jerusalem will actually get lifted up – like an elevator (Isa 2:2 and Micah 4:1-2, Zech 14:10 11)

I read that the Second coming of Jesus is second only to faith as the most dominant subject in the New Testament. It's full of information on the second coming of Jesus, but spread out. More scripture on the second coming than even salvation etc. The prophets in the old testament wrote about it: Here is 1 Zech 14:3-4. Jesus tells us about it Matt 24:27, 29-30

Angels announced it Acts 1:11 - comfort and confirmation of his future return. Again so many prophesies about it. That's why we started this series learning all about prophesy.

Jesus comes back as a fulfillment of prophesy. He will go to Jerusalem and rule and be King of the entire World. The Truth will be on the throne.

The Millenium – 1000 years where we live here on earth with Jesus. Imagine what it will be like?

The world that God intended for us at the beginning, now is happening!

Here are some things about the Millennium that will excite you:

No devil, - Rev 20: 1-3 Read he will deceive us no more! Sounds better than even the Garden of Eden! No more can we say the devil made me do it!

Perfect health – God will heal every disease. A 100 year old person will be considered a child. We won't die during the millennium – we will live for 1000 years and then go to heaven. The Great physician will be physically among us.

Worship – so much discrepancy in worship. Undivided worship. Everyone from every tribe and every color will be focused on King Jesus. Unending Worship

God's Glory – In the old testament days, God's glory was with Israel and specifically within the Tabernacle and the temple. Now, it is awesome and throughout the world through the presence of the Holy Spirit. But during the Millennium we will have the physical presence of Jesus our King and His Glory will saturate our world and radiate through every person on earth.

Will there be sin? My understanding is the Millennium starts with every single person following Jesus! Amazing – can you imagine? And no Satan. But we are still humans and will still make mistakes but the Holy Spirit will steer everyone towards resolution and restitution quickly. Trouble today comes from Satan, our flesh and the world. One of those is removed but everything is not perfect until heaven.

Peace – This will be a Kingdom of peace. Peace between people, nations – no wars ever again! Even peace within the animals

Animals – the lion will lie down with the lamb. So yes there will be animals

Wealth and Prosperity – Because we will no longer use our time and energy fighting with or attempting to manage the consequences of sin every person will have an abundance of time and energy! Hallelujah Scripture doesn't directly show us what we will do with our time but we can assume we will work and be productive. Amos 9:13 tells us the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes who sows seed, the mountains shall drip with sweet wine and all the hills shall flow with it. Picture a farmer planting and right behind him someone is collecting the harvest and behind him is someone preparing for the next crop! Wow!

So remember this time in the Millennium is the closest to heaven we have ever been and Rev 21:4 says there shall be no more pain – In eternity there will be no sickness pain, sorrow suffering or death – all the things that are rampant now. During the millennium these things will be very rare! Will there be a need for Salvation during the Millennium? This was confusing to me at first. - Those raptured will all have heavenly bodies, but those, millions of people who enter the Millennium from the Tribulation with earthly bodies. Those who refused the Mark of the Beast and withstood the hardship of the Tribulation years, gave their lives to Jesus during that time – they have earthly bodies and they will have children. Every child will come into the world like we did – born with a sin nature and have the opportunity for salvation.

happiness and joy

What happens to the antichrist - The fatality of the beast and the false prophet cast into the fiery lake – they actually go to hell before Satan Rev 20:10

So Jesus comes with his church and sets up his kingdom here on earth. It's not heaven yet, but it's the closest we will be to that point. This Millennium period starts right when Jesus comes again and He will rule on earth from Jerusalem.

Rewards - We get to rule with him and our places of responsibility in that kingdom will be based on

how we lived on earth. There are all kinds of promises that reassure us that we will receive rewards for our faithful service. Isaiah 40:10, Matt 16:27, and Rev 22:12.

The bible teaches that when we serve the Lord here on earth as Christians we will be rewarded when we get to the kingdom and we will have opportunity to serve in a new and special way based on our faithfulness now. Your role, we will work – it will be based on our faithfulness here.

Worship Team

We are in the church age and we all want to be part of the Rapture – everyone of us and all our families and friends. We don't want to be left behind and be here, part of the next phase, the tribulation. We want to experience the Millenium and we want to be faithful now and receive our rewards.

Jesus came the first time to become your Savior, and He's coming the second time to be your King. The coming of Jesus to set up His kingdom will be so much different than when He came before. He entered the world the first time in swaddling clothes; He will reign the second time in majestic purple. He came the first time as a weary traveler; He will return the second time as the untiring God. Once when He came, He had nowhere to lay His head; when He comes back, He will be revealed as the heir of all things. Once He was rejected by tiny Israel; when He returns, He will be accepted by every single nation. Once He was a lowly Savior, acquainted with grief; then He will be the mighty God anointed with the oil of gladness. Once He was smitten with a reed; then He will rule the nations with a rod of iron. Once wicked soldiers bowed the neck in mockery; then every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. Once He received a crown of thorns; then He will receive a crown of gold. Once He delivered up His Spirit in death; then He will be alive forevermore. Once He was laid in a tomb; then He will sit on a throne. When He comes again, there will be no doubt and no delay. He will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords – Rev 19:16.

Prepare your heart now. Place Him in your life now as King. The bible says one day that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil 2:10-11

The Worship Team is going to lead us in a time of Worship – He reigns now in our hearts, but He is coming again, to earth and it is going to be a magnificent time – 1000 years here on earth with no devil, with prosperity and health – imagine every single person on that first day loving and serving Jesus!

Let's worship him and then I will come and close.

Pray – you reign Father. Your word has given us so many details so we can see and have hope of eternity with you. You give us such a gift – inviting you in to our lives to be our Savior and King. To allow you to be King of our lives in addition to Savior.

Do you know Him in these ways? Have you surrendered your life to him? Have you asked Him to forgive your sins and be your Lord and Savior. Is He in the position of King of your life.

invitation – let's bow our heads and if you would say today. I don't know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I haven't surrendered my life to him. I recognize I am a sinner and need a Savior and I want to spend eternity with Jesus. I will lead you in a prayer and we don't want you to feel singled out so at Joy Church we all pray together, but if that is you and you want to make the decision to accept Jesus today – pray after me and you won't be praying alone Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins, please forgive me, I surrender my life to you, be my Lord and Savior, fill me with your Holy Spirit, I give you my life today. Thank you for saving me and allowing me to spend eternity with you.

Amen Old things have passed away, all things become new.

Just keep your heads bowed and eyes closed for a minute. If you just prayed that prayer for the first time, would you just raise your hand so I can see it, just me, everyone else has their eyes closed.

Online just type it in the chat – I gave my life to Jesus or I said yes today. I want to pray for all of you.

Thank you, God, for those who just gave their lives to you for the first time, those in the room and those online. Thank you for forgiving their sins, saving them and empowering them to live their lives here on earth fully for you. Thank you that they will now be with you forever. Give them peace Lord Jesus and excitement today as they begin a brand new and awesome life with you Jesus. We love you so much Lord. Amen! I also want to pray for those of us who have accepted Jesus, even if just now. I pray Lord that we would make you King of our lives, that we would invite you to guide us in all areas – every decision we make big or small and that we would consult you, listen to you, pray to you in all things. Thank you King Jesus. Amen