

THE SECOND COMING

Satan's Seat



It was a maxim among the Jews, that where the law of God was not studied, there Satan dwelt. This is what is meant when people said "Where Satan's seat is" or "Where Satan has his throne" or "where he reigns as king, and is universally obeyed." Pergamos was one such place and was the centre of heathen idolatry with Satan in full residence. However where a synagogue or academy was established Satan and his followers were obliged to leave that place.

Revelation 2:13 says, "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city."

Signs of Christ's return (Matt 24:6-8)

Although there will be wars and rumours of wars, famines, earthquakes and other natural disasters the believer should not be frightened for although these things need to take place this is not yet the end. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, there will be famines and earthquakes but these things are merely the first birth pangs.

Tribulation (Matt 24 9-14 and Rev chapters 6-16)

The Antichrist will appear in the temple in Jerusalem which marks the beginning of distressing times the like of which has never been seen before. Lawlessness will increase, there will be a false Messiah and false prophets who will perform signs and miracles that are so convincing believers are warned against being deceived.



Christians will be killed, they will be hated by all nations and many will backslide but those who endure to the end will be held safe and secure by the Lamb including the 144,000 who will be sealed along with the great multitude of believers from all nations and their troubles will be of shorter duration.

(Note: based on Daniel the Tribulation is calculated to last for 3½ years (some say 7 years) but we need to be careful because a year in our time is not a year in the Lord's time, the same with cosmos time compared to earth time. Possibly the Tribulation could be of far longer duration than we think. It may have begun with Joseph Stalin, Mao-Tse-Tung, Pol Pot, Kim-Il-Sung, Fidel Castro, and Hitler who murdered millions of Christians and persecution continues today.)

Armageddon (Matt 24:15-26) (Rev 17-18)



There will be war between the major nations in the Battle of Armageddon in the Middle East. Babylon which metaphorically is the head of the pagan world will be destroyed (Revelation 18:1-24) and when people see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION that was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

There will be false messiahs who will show great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. "Behold, I have told you in advance. "So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them.

The Millennium and Christ's return (Matt 24:29-31 and Rev 19-20:6)

In order that we are not deceived into thinking it is not the Lord we will be given a sign which will be the darkening of the sun and the moon, the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. The saints who suffered for Christ will live and reign with Him for 1000 years and their salvation is assured.



This is the first resurrection but it will not happen until the Jews say, "How blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matt 23) It begins with the Wedding-Feast of the Lamb, the beast and false prophet are taken prisoners and chained while those who had been martyred for their faith rule with Christ for a thousand years.

The defeat of Satan and the final Judgement (Rev 20:7-15)



At the end of the Millennium SATAN IS LOOSED out of prison, there is a worldwide battle between Gog and Magog (Babylon). SATAN AND HIS MINIONS ARE DEFEATED and the ungodly will be raptured. This is the second rapture.

Everyone including the saints in the first Rapture will stand before the Great White Throne of God along with the ungodly to be judged by Jesus Christ from the book of life. The saints in

Christ are assured of eternal life with Him but whoever was not found in the book of life, the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, will be cast into the lake that burns with fire and sulphur along with death (Adam's sin) and Hades (the grave) that will no longer be needed for this is the end of the world as we know it.

The New Heaven and the New Earth (Matt 25 and Rev 21-22:5)

The sheep and the goats have been separated and this is the second and final death for all eternity. Believers in Christ will remain with him in Glory while those who rejected him will return to the dust from which they came: -

