

# “It Will Come to Pass”

## All Scripture is KJV: Zechariah 14:1-21

### **INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ON THIS MATTER.**

From last week’s message of Zechariah 13 we can again ask the very same questions as we did, but perhaps we can even add to those questions a few more.

- A. What can we see from the OT scriptures of Zechariah 14?
- B. When will this event take place?
- C. Were people able to see into the future?
- D. Do we see in the NT picture the same events that they saw in the OT?
- E. Why do so many people even today miss this opportunity of the revelation of the O.T?

Well today I thought that with the LORDS help we will dig into the OT once again to try and establish some hidden truths about Jesus in the book of Zechariah.

We will also establish the order of events coming in the future; and the wonderful blessings that were revealed at that time to those people of Zechariah’s day.

We will also see how many OT people back then and even today in the churches still don’t get it this revelation. And somehow try to invent time periods for this scripture to fit into their doctrines.

- As discussed before. Please remember that we should never try and read into a scripture something that is not there.
- Therefore let the scriptures speak for itself. Try the scriptures and put them all to the test.

Well one of those scriptures that we are going to put to the test this morning is Zechariah 14. This scripture of Zechariah 14 in the OT is going to challenge your doctrine and belief system.

**Lets read.....From the KJV.**

### **Zechariah 14 King James Version (KJV)**

**1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh**, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

- ✓ Jesus second coming.
- 1. Every mans “spoil” ; which is his riches will be taken from him. His riches are going to mean nothing. The things in this life which you have accumulated will be less than worthless.

2. Material things are going to be worthless. You not even going to be left with a house when Jesus is finished pouring his wrath out upon this earth on the wicked.

<sup>2</sup> For **I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle**; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

1. Jesus is the one who will gather all nations to come against Jerusalem.
2. God will use the heathen to purge the unbelievers who will be occupying Jerusalem at the time. Think of who is occupying Jerusalem now? Do those people “as a nation” believe in Jesus? **No**.
3. Yes there are Christians amongst them just like in Sodom and Gomorrah. But with so few believers; Judgement is the order of the day?

<sup>3</sup> **Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations**, as when he fought in the day of battle.

<sup>4</sup> **And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

1. I find this statement from Zechariah 14:4 very interesting where he said that the LORD’s feet would be standing upon the Mount of Olives.
2. If you have a look at what the disciples asked Jesus in Mathew 24:1ff we see the reply which is setting this scene in motion.
3. Where they aware of what Zechariah had said about when and where Jesus would come?
4. Of course Jesus knew of Zechariah’s prophecy because Jesus is God.

### **Matthew 24:3**

And **as he sat upon the mount of Olives**, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, **when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

5. But it’s interesting that Jesus uses the same place of his lecture as the same place that he will be returning to?
- ✓ Then look what verse 5 says compared to Matthew 24:16

<sup>5</sup> And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and **the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.**

1. Let me ask you a question at this stage?
2. The bible here in Zechariah 14:5 says that “the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee”. Who are these saints”
3. So when is this?
4. **Is it** ; at the time of the rapture (catching away of the believers)?
5. **Or is** this after the rapture?
6. If it is the rapture; then the rapture must also be the second coming of Jesus is that not correct?
7. **Or is** the rapture not the second coming of Jesus?
8. Because the scriptures show that the rapture is the second coming of Jesus as we see in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3.

## **2 Thessalonians 2 King James Version (KJV)**

**1** Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

<sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, **as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

<sup>3</sup> Let no man **deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition;

<sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; **so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

<sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

✓ **Also.....what about this scripture...1 Thessalonians 5:1-4**

## **1 Thessalonians 5 King James Version (KJV)**

**1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

<sup>2</sup> For yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord** so **cometh as a thief in the night.**

<sup>3</sup> For **when they shall say**, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and **they shall not escape**.

<sup>4</sup> **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should “overtake you” as a thief.**

- ✓ But even stronger evidence from the scriptures is 1 Thessalonians 4.
- ✓ 1 Thessalonians 4 tells us of the day of the LORD and it also tells us when that day will be.
- ✓ It also tells us how the “day of the LORD” will come about, and it includes the way in which that day of the LORD is ushered in.
- ✓ It also tells us that the “caught up” of the saints is also the return of Jesus.
- ✓ It also tells us that the “day of the LORD” is the day in which Jesus returns and the believers are caught up to be with the LORD as he has also at this time “brought all the believers with him”.

#### **My question to everyone present is this?**

1. How can Matthew 24 be a different time period to 1 Thessalonians 4.
  2. Also how can people say that 1 Thessalonians 4 which they say is referring to the rapture also not be the rapture happening in Matthew 24, when it is also clearly talking **about the same day**.
  3. Also “if the day of the LORD” is the rapture, and the “day of the LORD is the second coming of Jesus”, then both of these events and statements are the same event and time period.
  4. That means that the statement made by Jesus to the disciples in Matthew 24 about him coming to cleave the mountain in two parts in the mount of Olives, and talking about His return to them, is then the same event spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
- ✓ It also means that it is the same event which is spoke of in Revelation 6:17 (his wrath is come)

#### **Revelation 6:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> And when he had opened the fifth seal, **I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God**, and for the testimony which they held:

- Saved Souls do go to heaven? You go there when you die in Jesus.

- Or else what are these Souls doing in heaven?

<sup>10</sup> And **they cried** with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge **our blood on them that dwell on the earth**?

<sup>11</sup> **And white robes were given unto every one of them**; and **it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

- Clearly these are people who died in the tribulation period leading up to the second coming of Jesus.
- And quite clearly from this scripture many more saved people will be killed in the tribulation, and their souls would also be in heaven.

<sup>12</sup> **And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black as sackcloth of hair**, and the **moon became as blood**;

<sup>13</sup> **And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth**, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

<sup>14</sup> And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

<sup>15</sup> **And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains**;

<sup>16</sup> **And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb**:

<sup>17</sup> **For the great day of his wrath is come**; and who shall be able to stand?

1. Jesus spoke at the time of his crucifixion of the future events that would come upon the people who will be against him at his second coming.
2. He spoke of a time period in which man would justify himself, and he spoke of a time in which homosexuality (sodomites) would take pleasure in their lifestyles until the "Day of The Lord" would come.
3. Then they would be found wanting, and hiding from his wrath when judgement shall come upon them.
4. Here In Revelation 6:17 it tells us that "the great day of his wrath is come".

5. Meaning that it has just arrived. This is the return of Jesus, "The Lords Day", in which the earth is judged as he told us in Zechariah 14.

This is what Jesus told his disciples in Luke 24.....

**Luke 24:** <sup>28</sup> But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, **but weep for yourselves, and for your children.**

<sup>29</sup> **For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.**

- Is this not what is already happening, where woman wants to marry woman and man wants to marry a man.
- And childbirth and true families are not made anymore.
- Are not then the wombs of the woman lying barren.

<sup>30</sup> **Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.**

<sup>31</sup> For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

6. This will be in place by the time when Jesus returns again at his second coming, as we see in **Revelation 6:15**.
1. Here in Revelation 6 we see God's wrath has just come.
2. We also see that during the tribulation period many saints are killed for the testimony of Jesus.
3. But then not to long after that time period.....there appears a great multitude of saints in heaven arrayed in white.
  - This answers those questions of where do the saved go when you die.
  - Does it not say they are in heaven?
4. **These are those which came out of great tribulation**; but before the wrath of God was poured out upon the earth.
5. These men hiding from the face of the Lamb were those that the bible says that "every eye" shall see him. They hid themselves because they did not want to see Jesus the Lamb of God coming in the clouds to earth with his saints, and to gather the rest of his elect to heaven.

**Luke 21: 24-28** <sup>24</sup> And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and **Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.**

- This is at the second coming of Jesus.
- These are the Gentile nations which fight against Jerusalem until Jesus returns.

<sup>25</sup> And there shall be **signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars**; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

<sup>26</sup> Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

- This is the time period of Revelation 6.
- This is what happens after the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal is opened.

<sup>27</sup> **And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

<sup>28</sup> And **when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

1. Your redemption draweth nigh?
  2. This is a time when your redemption is personalised.
  3. It is a time when the bible says when you see Jesus coming in the clouds it is your redemption drawing near. This is the rapture.
  4. It means that if you are alive when Jesus returns at the rapture then your salvation is going to be implemented.
  5. You will be caught up together with Jesus into the clouds.
  6. In reality this is when you are "raptured". It is when you looked up and saw Jesus coming in the clouds after the sun and moon were darkened and after the stars had withdrawn their shining. It is after the great tribulation of those days, but before God's wrath is poured out.
- ✓ And also Revelation 7: 9-15. Where John speaks of the saints arriving in heaven.

**Revelation 7** <sup>9</sup> After this I beheld, and, lo, **a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes,** and palms in their hands;

<sup>10</sup> And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

<sup>12</sup> Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>13</sup> **And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**

<sup>14</sup> And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. **And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

#### **Back to Zechariah 14:6ff.....**

<sup>6</sup> And **it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:**

<sup>7</sup> But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, **not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.**

<sup>8</sup> And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

<sup>9</sup> **And the LORD shall be king over all the earth:** in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- ✓ (the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of His LORD and His Christ) Revelation 11:15.

<sup>10</sup> All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses.

<sup>11</sup> And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; **but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.**

<sup>12</sup> And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

<sup>13</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.

<sup>14</sup> And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.

<sup>15</sup> And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.

<sup>16</sup> And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

<sup>17</sup> And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

<sup>18</sup> And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

<sup>19</sup> This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

<sup>20</sup> In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

<sup>21</sup> Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and see the therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

But right off the start we have a reference to something that is going to take place.....but when?

**“The day of the LORD cometh”**

**Isaiah 13:8-10 King James Version (KJV).....Isaiah also spoke of this day.....**

<sup>8</sup> And they shall be afraid: **pangs and sorrows** shall take hold of them; **they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth**: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

<sup>9</sup> **Behold, the day of the LORD cometh**, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

<sup>10</sup> **For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.**

**Isaiah 13:6**

Howl ye; for **the day of the LORD** is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

**Joel 2:1-3 King James Version (KJV)....Joel also wrote about this day of the Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: **for the day of the LORD cometh**, for it is nigh at hand;

<sup>2</sup> **A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains**: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. <sup>3</sup> A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

**Joel said the same about this day....**

**Joel 3:13-15 King James Version (KJV) – same as Revelation 14:19**

<sup>13</sup> **Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe**: come, get you down; for **the press is full**, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. <sup>14</sup> Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: **for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision**.

<sup>15</sup> **The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.**

✓ What about Amos?

**Amos 5:18** Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

✓ Also.....

### **Zephaniah 1:13-15 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: **the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.**

<sup>15</sup> That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

### **Zephaniah 1:17-18 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

### **1 Corinthians 5:5**

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

### **Zephaniah 3:7-9 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

<sup>9</sup> For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

**Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

### **Matthew 17:12**

**But I say unto you, That Elias is come already,** and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

### **Matthew 25:31-33 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>31</sup> **When the Son of man shall come in his glory,** and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

<sup>32</sup> **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:**

<sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

### **AT THE RAPTURE. – WHAT HAPPENS?**

- At the Rapture presented in Revelation 6-7 and Revelation 14, the saints of God are gathered.
- At the rapture the tares of the unsaved are also gathered as Jesus spoke of this in Matthew 13:29-30.

### **Matthew 13:29-30 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>29</sup> But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

<sup>30</sup> **Let both grow together until the harvest:** and in the time of harvest **I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares,** and bind them in bundles to burn them: but **gather the wheat into my barn.**

### **Matthew 13:38-40 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world; **the good seed are the children of the kingdom;** **but the tares are the children of the wicked one;**

<sup>39</sup> The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

<sup>40</sup> **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

- Revelation 14:14-19. – This is the harvest and the judgement by the angels.
- In Revelation 14 it speaks of the “Hundred and Forty Four Thousand”?

1. Who are these witnesses? Are they actual people or is this an allegory?
2. Are these actual people? What do you say?
3. What is the purpose of these people?
4. Well to find out lets read the bible to get the answer to these questions.

**Revelation 14 King James Version (KJV) – Same scripture as Revelation 7.**

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

<sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

<sup>3</sup> And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: **and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.**

**<sup>4</sup> These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.**

**<sup>5</sup> And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.**

1. So my question to everyone on this scripture is thus.....?
2. How can this not be real people since the scripture refers to them as real people?

So to recap.....Revelation 19 is not the Rapture.

- **Revelation 19 is not the rapture.** It is the Armies of heaven and Jesus coming to do battle at the battle of Armageddon after the 7 years of his wrath has been poured out in Revelation after the 7 seals, after the 7 trumpets and after the 7 vials.
- At the battle of Armageddon he comes with his army of saints to do battle and not to gather for his saints for salvation.
- This battle of Armageddon in Revelation 19 is what ushers in the 1000year millennial reign of the LORD Jesus.

**Acts 2:19-21 King James Version (KJV)**

**<sup>19</sup> And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:**

**20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:**

**21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 King James Version (KJV)**

**1** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

**2** For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night.

**3** For **when they shall say**, Peace and safety; then **sudden destruction cometh upon them**, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1. This next word from the apostle Peter explains very clearly what the day of the LORD is all about.
2. It is the day of His Second coming, when he comes to judge the earth of its wickedness.
3. It's a day in which Jesus comes to secure those that are alive in him at the time of his return.
4. It is a day in which Jesus brings with him those saints who's souls have died and been redeemed in him by believing.
5. It's the day in which all those in Christ shall be changed to meet the LORD in the air.
6. **But.....It's also the day in which Gods vengeance will begin upon the earth after the second half of the 42 month period.**
7. The wrath of God starts after the 42 months to the end of the second period of the 42 months. (7 years). Then there is the battle of Armageddon.

### **2 Peter 3 King James Version (KJV)**

**1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

**2** That ye may **be mindful of the words** which were **spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:**

**3** Knowing this first, that **there shall come in the last days scoffers**, walking after their own lusts,

**4** And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

**5** **For this they willingly are ignorant** of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

**6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:**

<sup>7</sup> But the heavens and the earth, which are now, **by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that **one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

<sup>11</sup> Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

<sup>12</sup> **Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

<sup>14</sup> Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

<sup>15</sup> And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

<sup>16</sup> As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which **they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

<sup>17</sup> Ye therefore, beloved, **seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked,** fall from your own stedfastness.

<sup>18</sup> But **grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.** To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

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When speaking about how long will the judgment of God last in Revelation and what is spoken of the judgment of God when Jesus returns at his second coming can best be understood in the way the time period is broken up.

1. First there are the scriptures which mark the time period of Jesus returning.

2. Secondly the scriptures tells us how long from the time Jesus comes to the mid point of the great tribulation which is 42 months, where God pours out his wrath upon the earth.
  3. Then thirdly where are scriptures which take us from this mid point of God pouring out his wrath for a further time period of 42 months.
  4. These time periods are either told to us in months or in days.
  5. They are indicated to us both from the OT and the NT.
- **Daniel 12: explains the second coming of Jesus.**

### **Daniel 12:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever **that it shall be for a time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

<sup>8</sup> And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, **O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?**

<sup>9</sup> And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

<sup>10</sup> **Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried;** but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

<sup>11</sup> And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, **there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is **he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.**

<sup>13</sup> But go thou thy way till the end be: **for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.** *(the emphasis is on the end of the days).*

- **Which days was that?**
  - **It was the days that he had the vision about.**
1. Daniel is told in Daniel 12 about the second coming of the Messiah.
  2. He is further told of a time period involving the return of the Messiah.
  3. Daniel does not fully understand the vision, but what he is told is that he will be a part of it.
  4. Not many people read the King James properly and so miss out on what Daniel was told.
- Daniel is told first of all that the days he had a vision about ....verse 7 involved a first portion of 3 and half years (42 months).

- Then as the verses read on Daniel was told that he would have to wait until the end of this time period. He would have to rest. That's in verse 13.
- So Daniel was told that he would rest (die), and then at the appointed time in the future according to this time period given he would "stand in his lot" (the resurrection) at the **end of the days**. Meaning the days that he was told about.
- So Daniel was being assured of his position in the return of the LORD.

### Revelation 12:6

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**.

### Revelation 11:2-4 King James Version (KJV)

<sup>2</sup> But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they **tread under foot forty and two months**.

<sup>3</sup> And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and **they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days**, clothed in sackcloth.

<sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

### Revelation 13:5

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue **forty and two months**.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....