

2 Peter 3:3-4

They Laughed Him to Scorn-They'll Laugh at Us Too

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Today 2 Peter 3:3-4: The Loud Laughter of Skeptics

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her (a young girl who had died); but Jesus said stop weeping, for she has not died but is asleep. And they began laughing at Him, knowing she was dead. Luke 8:52-53

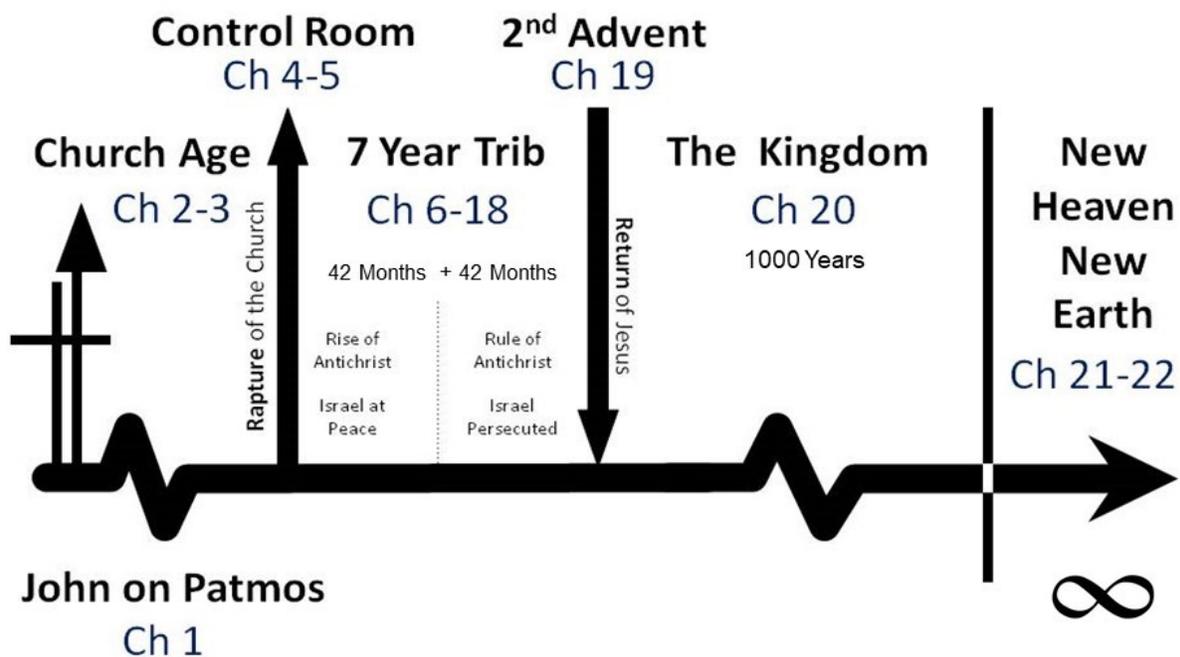
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In the last days: the Church Age-especially the end phases of the Church Age which will lead directly to the beginning of the End-Times.

Prologue 1:1-11

Epilogue 22:6-21



Ironic/True: the closer humanity gets to the return of Christ for His C-Church and the beginning of the End-Times the more it will scoff at the possibility that the God who created the universe will end human history on His terms.

This is not a HEAD (IQ) issue it is a HEART (Mind/Will) issue. Note how Dr. Richard Dawkins defines Biology” “Biology is the study of complicated things which give the appearance of having been designed for a purpose.”

The “reason” skeptics mock/scorn/laugh about the supernatural end of human history is because of a rejection of the supernatural beginning of human history AND the fact that they put a time-limit on God in regard to the return of Christ. This is of course (2 Peter 2:18) an expression of supreme presumption/hubris and a major category mistake.

The #1 Argument Used by Skeptics to “Disprove” the Existence of God

If God Were All-Good, He Would Defeat Evil

If God Were All-Powerful, He Could Defeat Evil

But Evil is All Around Us...

Conclusion: There is No All-Good/All-Powerful God

 However: God Could Be All-G But Not Powerful Enough to Defeat Evil

 Or God Could Be All-P But Not Loving Enough to Want to Defeat Evil

This Argument Sounds Persuasive Until One Notices the Hidden Premise Which Invalidates The Conclusion (An Arbitrary Time Limit on God)

Taking Away That Hidden False Premise, the Argument Actually Reinforces the Reality of the Existence of the True God-the God of the Bible

Since God Is All-Good, He Will Defeat Evil

Since God Is All-Powerful, He Can Defeat Evil

But Evil is All Around Us...

Conclusion: God Isn’t Finished Yet With His Purposes for Permitting Evil

 Read Revelation 21:1-22:21 with this in mind

Biblically Informed Believers Realize

2000+ years AFTER Major OT Promises about the 1st Coming of Christ

...He Arrived Precisely at God’s Chosen Time

2000+ years AFTER Major NT Promises about the 2nd Coming of Christ

...He Will Arrive Precisely at God’s Chosen Time

Christ promises us a SUDDEN return not a SOON return...and He tells us nobody other than God knows the day/the hour...and He won’t forget!

The Assumption of the Skeptics v4b

For *ever* since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” v4b

The Skeptics Assume Things in the Future Will Proceed Pretty Much They Do Now in the Present (This Mindset Today is Called Uniformitarianism)

“The present is the key to the past”

Uniform/Standard Bible Theology Sees Human History Framed by the Direct Supernatural Intervention of God (Genesis 1-2//Revelation 21-22)

“The past (Creation/Intelligent Design) is the key to the present and to the future (Consummation/The Best of All Possible Worlds).” The past (God’s work of creation) is the key to the present (God’s work of regeneration) and future (God’s work of consummation)

Take This To Heart

Don’t Be Surprised by the Fact Many Will Mock Christ/Christianity

And They Will Especially Turn Their Scorn Toward Yet Unfulfilled Biblical Prophecies About the Future End-Times. It Gets Worse: This Tendency is Not Helped by Christians Who Take Seriously the Dates Set by Self-Appointed But Non-Legitimate Biblical Prophecy Experts.

What Looks Like “Delay” to Our Eyes is Not Denial or Delay in God’s Plan

In the Same Way Abraham “Waited” (John 8:56-59) Roughly 2000 Years for the Fulfillment for Biblical Prophecies about the Messiah as the Lamb...
...We Should Be Delighted by the Fact We Are for Sure Closer Than Any Previous Generation to the Return of Christ for His Church-And It COULD Happen at Any Moment.

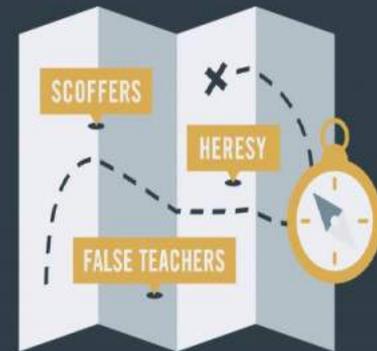
Regardless of What That Event Happens in God’s Time/Real Time

Our Personal Blessed One/One Meeting with Our Lord Jesus Christ Is Only ONE Heartbeat Away. 2 Cor 5:6-8; Romans 8:1; 5:1; John 6:39-40



— GIVING ALL DILIGENCE —

3:3-4



2 PETER

Holiness, Heresy and Hope

W A R N I N G



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So Don't Be

Surprised/Paralyzed





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Garafola,
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Potential AT-Warmer Uppers

Mummies never take vacations because they don't want to...
...relax and unwind!

Ron: What is gray, has four legs and a trunk?

James: An Elephant?

Ron: No...a mouse on a long road trip!

1st Woman: My son came to visit me from NYC!

2nd Woman: Did you meet him at the airport?

1st Woman: No, I've known him all his life!

The Message of 2 Peter

A Christ-Centered **HOPE** Should Motivate
Believers Now to Embrace a Lifestyle of True
HOLINESS and to Avoid the **HERESIES**
(Morally/Doctrinally) of False Teachers.

2 Peter

Therefore beloved...be diligent to be found in Him in peace, spotless and blameless...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

HOPE Chapter 3

HERESY Chapter 2

HOLINESS Chapter 1

Holding a Positive and

Optimistic

Perspective Now Based on an Eager

Expectation of Our F-Future w/Jesus

2 Peter 3:1-7

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In Times of Crisis

Believers Should Rest in Who
God Is and Resist the Temptation
to “See” Only the People and
The Problems Around Us

Don't Be Lazy or Lax

Learn and Lean

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Control Room
Ch 4-5

2nd Advent
Ch 19

Church Age

7 Year Trib

The Kingdom

New Heaven

New Earth

Ch 2-3

Ch 6-18

Ch 20

Ch 21-22

Rapture of the Church

42 Months + 42 Months

Rise of Antichrist

Rule of Antichrist

Israel at Peace

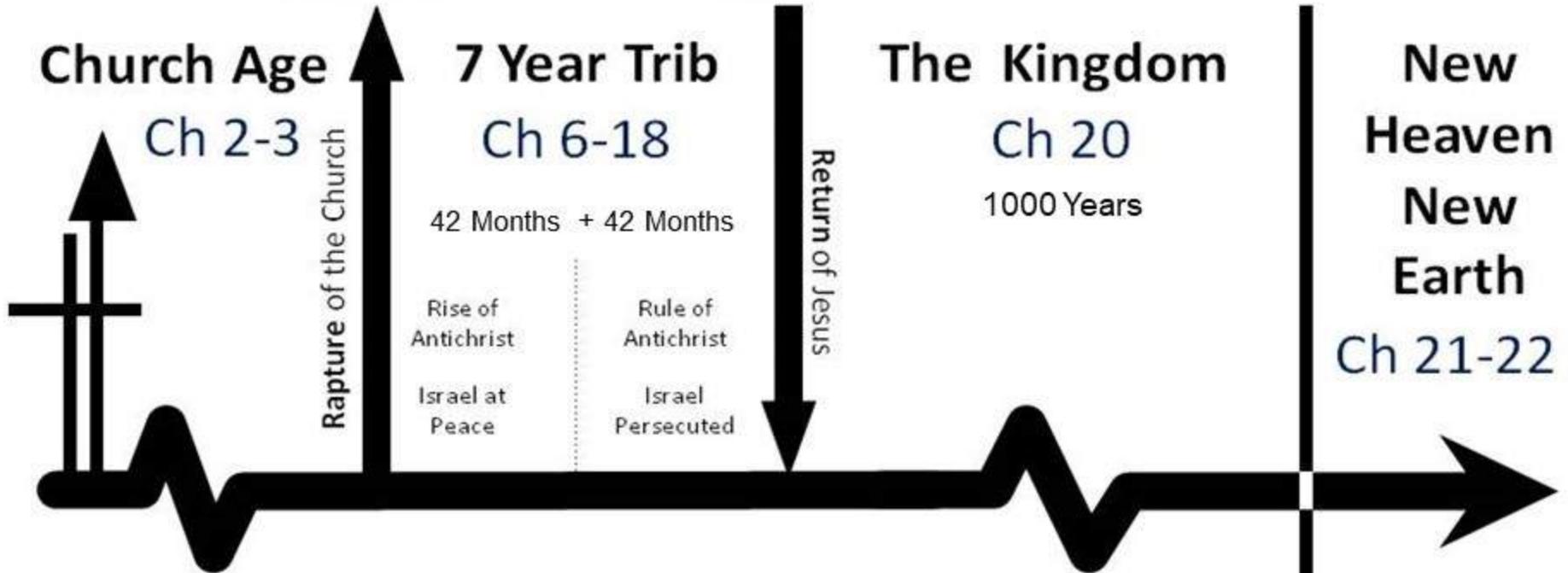
Israel Persecuted

Return of Jesus

1000 Years

John on Patmos

Ch 1



The Bible

A SYNTHETIC OVERVIEW



ONE MAJOR PREMISE:
All Humans are Sinners/Die...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:
...the Savior is Coming!

ONE MAJOR PREMISE:
Jesus of Nazareth is the Savior/Alive...

ONE MAJOR PROMISE:
...the Savior is Coming Back!

The OT Law is Holy, Just and Good BUT It is Only Partial, Preliminary and It Points to the Jewish Messiah/Savior of the World: Jesus Christ

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Scripture Affirms Human History Is Framed
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present (God’s Work in Regeneration-John 3:16) and the
future (God’s Work of Consummation-Rev 21-22).”

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DOOMSDAY · April 11th

Biblical prophecy claims the Rapture is coming April 23, numerologist says



The end of the world may be near, if a Christian numerologist is to be believed.

Previous end-of-world predictions include:

- 1997: Author Richard Noone predicted in his book, "Ice: The Ultimate Disaster," that on May 5, 2000, the planets would align and cause melting ice to strike the Earth's Equator.
- 2000: Y2K fears were rampant that the end of one century and start of the next would lead to computer mayhem, affecting electricity and even causing airplanes to drop from the sky.
- April 2007: Evangelical Christian leader Pat Robertson set that month and year as the end of the world. It is one of several times that Robertson warned about the end.
- September 2009: The Large Hadron Collider fired up, leading to the speculation that the world's biggest atom smasher could create a black hole that would swallow Earth.
- October 2015: Chris McMann, the leader of the eBible Fellowship group in Philadelphia, warned that a fire would end the world. When it failed to happen, McMann expressed shock.

MAY 21, 2011 COUNTDOWN ALA HAROLD CAMPING

Perhaps you've seen a billboard like this around your town. Harold Camping, Bible teacher and owner of 55 Family Radio stations, believes that he has mathematically figured out when the end of the world is going to take place.

Camping had made an earlier effort at predicting the Second Coming in his book *1994?* Pastor Stephen C. Meyers reviewed *1994?* and says:

In his book *1994?* Harold Camping states the end of the world may occur this year, somewhere between



September 15-17
(p. 531). He does

not know the exact day because Scripture says "no man knows the day nor the hour" (Matt. 24:36). But according to Camping we can certainly know the month and the year that Christ will return.

The main glue that holds Camping's book together is *numerology*: that part of ancient mysticism that endeavors to find hidden truths locked in literal terminology through numbers. Mystical numbers are the keys that allegedly unlock the hidden truths concealed in literal language. The basic theory this system operates on is that God created a perfect world and a perfect word (the Bible) which exhibit precise numerical and symmetrical design.



1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of **the Gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand...that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that He was buried and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures

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