



End Time Series

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HISTORY OF THE SECOND COMING

I. HISTORY

- A. **Josephus.** Writes that Adam was told by God that Destruction would come to the world by water and then by fire.
1. He passed on the information to Seth who wrote it down on a pillar and stone.
 2. Josephus tells us there was a pillar of brick in the land of Siriad (Egypt) in his time with the message inscribed.
- B. **The 1st End Time Prophecy** was by Enoch, whose words were inscribed in **Jude 1:14**, *“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints...”*
- C. **The Old Testament** Tells us a Messiah is coming:
1. Isaiah 7:14 says He will be born of a virgin and be called Immanuel (God with Us).
 2. Micah 5:2 says that He would be born in Bethlehem.
 3. Zechariah 11:12 prophesies that He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver.
 4. Zechariah 14:4-5 tells us that He shall return at the Latter Days to the Mount of Olives to set up His Kingdom.
 5. Psalms 22:16-18 prophesies that they would pierce the hands and feet of the Messiah.
 6. Isaiah 53:5 tells us that by His stripes we would be healed.

II. EARLY CHURCH THEOLOGY

- A. Hippolytus of Rome (170-235 AD) was a disciple of Irenaeus. He came up with the 6,000 year theory of the return of Christ. Because a day of the Lord is like 1,000 years and man was created on the 6th day. So the Messiah (the Son of God and the Second Adam) would come in 2000 AD
- B. Amillennialism - This doctrine taught that the Church was the New Israel and would bring in the reign of Christ on the earth (through the Church). Except the Church went into the Dark Ages and fighting over the Reformation.

III. THE IMMANENT RETURN OF THE LORD

- A. **Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**
- B. **Matthew 24:42 and 44 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

IV. 3 GREAT REVELATIONS GIVEN TO THE CHURCH IN THE 1800s

These are revelations of things that had to happen before Christ came:

- A. Israel will be a nation again (Ezekiel 37)
- B. Jerusalem (Zion) has to be the capital again. **Psalm 102:16 When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.**
- C. The Nations that were to align against Israel had to be in place (Ezekiel 38).

V. THE RAPTURE

- A. **I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**
 - 1. Moment = atomos
 - 2. Changed = our structure will be changed in an instant
- B. **I Thessalonians 4:16-17.**
 - (16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**
 - (17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**
 - 1. The Trump of God = a trumpet used in the wilderness to set up camp, sounded again when the camp had to move out.
 - 2. The dead in Christ go first.
 - 3. The believers are caught up = **harpazo** meaning to be seized up by the Power of God – snatched, taken by force, carried off suddenly.
- C. **How This will Happen:**
 - 1. Something changes the molecular structure in an instant.
 - 2. God is light. **Genesis 1:3 “And God said let there be light, and there was light.”**
 - 3. Light of the earth in the Age of God is the Father and Jesus. **Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

4. Light moves at 186,000 miles per second and can go around the earth 7 times in one second.
5. The Rapture will enlighten and transform us at the speed of lightening.
Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
6. Jesus will send lightning to hit every saved human being on earth (alive or dead) and their atomic structure will be changed and they will be taken up.
7. After lightening comes thunder (because sound travels much slower than light).
8. Lightning also destroys power grids, electrical plants, water flow from plants, computer systems, phone systems, movement on planes, trains and movement of food. If copper wiring and other wire is burned up it will take years to replace.
9. Instead – watch and pray that we might be worthy to escape that which is coming on the earth and instead fly away with Jesus.