

If we look at Matthew 24:3, the disciples were questioning Jesus about when the temple would be destroyed and what would be the sign of His coming and the end of the age.

Jesus knew that He would soon be leaving. His disciples asked what the sign of His coming and the end of the age would be. He wanted his disciples, His bondservants, to understand the events that would lead up to the end of the age. Jesus has given us the details of this event in several places throughout Scripture. Our third study on Revelation seeks to take all those Scriptures and put them together so we might see the sequence of the events leading up to the end of the age.

It will be a great study, and will help to clarify some of those fuzzy topics we have discussed in part two. Make sure that you give each study the time needed to complete the work and prayerfully contemplate what you are reading. The time is near. Study well.

DAY ONE

We are going to spend the first three weeks looking at Revelation again. You should be familiar with it by now, so it should be like coming back to an old friend. I would suggest that you use your observation worksheets from part one and two, and as we wade through them again, you will have the chance to mark anything that you have missed. This week we are going to cover chapters 5-11.

1. Read Revelation 5. Make sure that every reference to the book (or scroll) and its seals are marked. List here everything you learn about the book and its seals.

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2. Read Revelation 6. Mark every occurrence to the seals. Fill in the chart on the "Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls" at the end of this lesson. List what happens with the breaking of each seal. I know we did this before, but it will be a good review.
3. Mark any reference to the wrath of God and note what you learn.

DAY TWO

1. Read Revelation 7 very carefully. Make a list of all the events that take place in this chapter. Be thorough!
2. Read chapter eight. Make sure to mark all the references to seals and trumpets in this chapter. Note what you learn about these seals and the trumpets on the chart on page six.

3. Now make sure that you have marked the word "*woe*" and write down what you learn about their relationship to the trumpets. Make sure that you include chapter and verse of where you found this information.

DAY THREE

1. Read Revelation 9. Make sure that the "*trumpets*" and "*woes*" are marked. Look for the timing of these events. Fill in the chart of the "Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls." Since we are looking at the timing of these events, notice who is involved and how long the judgment lasts.

DAY FOUR

1. Read through Revelation 10 and 11. Make sure the following words are marked. If not make sure that you mark them.
 - a. Trumpets
 - b. Time references
 - c. Woes
 - d. Wrath of God
 - e. City
 - f. Temple
 - g. Two witnesses

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2. Read through these one more time. Make sure that you see the timing of these events and that you have all the time references marked.

DAY FIVE

1. Read through Revelation 11:1-14 again. In the space below carefully and thoughtfully write out the progression of events that occur here. Make sure to add the time references that go with them, and note who or what is connected to the event or the time period.

2. List the events on the "Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls" chart.

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3. List everything that you learn about the following - including the time periods.

a. The temple

b. The two witnesses

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Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls

	Seals	Trumpets	Bowls
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			

Where does Israel fit in to all of this end times "stuff?" How do they relate to what goes on among the nations? Maybe Israel isn't even part of the end times. Some say that the church has taken Israel's place. Is that true? We will begin to deal with that topic this week.

DAY ONE & TWO

1. We are going to start with Revelation 11 today. We read this last week, but we want to cover it again and see its relationship with chapter 12. Remember, chapters and verses were put into the Bible later for our convenience. Chapter 11 and 12 are very closely related. Read through these two chapters making sure that you mark each reference to the dragon, woman, and the woman's child. (Don't forget to include their pronouns and synonyms.)
2. Read through these chapters once again and mark any time reference that you come across. Watch for the progression of events and list them below.

3. Read through Revelation 12 one more time. On the chart at the end of this lesson, list everything that you learn about the dragon, the woman, and the woman's child.
4. Looking at just Revelation 12, record the order of the events on the chart, "Progression of Events," at the end of this lesson. Leave a little space between each event. Take your time to think and reason through this chapter.

DAY THREE & FOUR

1. Read through Revelation 13 to become familiar with its content.
2. Read through chapter 13 again. Mark the references to the dragon, the beast, the saints, and the whole earth (including "those who dwell on the earth"). Also, mark your time references.
3. Record what you learn about the dragon on the "Dragon, Woman, and Child" chart. Indicate chapter and verse where you found the information.
4. List everything you learn about the beast, the saints, the whole earth, and those who dwell on the earth on the "Major Characters in Revelation 13" at the end of this lesson.
5. List the events on the "Progression of Events" chart. Give special attention to the time references.

DAY FIVE

1. Read through Revelation 14.
2. Read through Revelation 14:1-5 and mark all the references to the 144,000 along with their pronouns.
3. Let's go back to Revelation 7:1-8. List what you learn about the 144,000 for both of these chapters in the appropriate columns.

144,000 of Revelation 7	144,000 of Revelation 14

4. Do you think that this is the same group of people or two different groups? Give your reasons for your answer.

5. Read through Revelation 14:6-20.

a. Mark every occurrence of "another angel." List in the margin of your observation worksheets, what each angel does.

b. Mark every reference to the wrath of God. Record what you learn about the wrath of God below.

c. Mark every reference to "city," and then list what you learn about it below.

d. Mark every reference to the word "hour," and write down what you learn about the hour below.

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6. What other characters are mentioned in Revelation 14 (apart from the angels). As you list them, list what you learn about them.

7. This is the first time that Babylon is mentioned in the book of Revelation. List what you learn about Babylon below.

8. Now it is time to try to line these events up on your chart "Progression of Events." See if you can line the events up with the other events that you have listed on this chart already.

9. Now let's go back and look at Revelation 11 and see if you can line up those events with what you have on your "Progression of Events." Take your time and have fun.

Dragon, Woman, and Child

The Dragon	The Woman	The Woman's Child
		The Woman's Offspring

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Progression of Events

Revelation 11	
Revelation 12:1-6	
Revelation 12:7-17	
Revelation 13	
Revelation 14:6-20	

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Progression of Events

	Revelation 11
	Revelation 12:1-6
	Revelation 12:7-17
	Revelation 13
	Revelation 14:6-20

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Progression of Events

Revelation 11	
Revelation 12:1-6	
Revelation 12:7-17	
Revelation 13	
Revelation 14:6-20	

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Major Characters in Revelation 13			
The First Beast	The Saints	Those Who Dwell On the Earth	The Second Beast

While hanging on the cross, Jesus said, "It is finished!" What was finished? He became the perfect sacrifice for sin. He paid the required penalty for sin - death. Through His death, He made our redemption possible. The power of sin had been broken. His job as the Sacrificial Lamb was finished.

We see "It is done!" used twice in Revelation. Once it was proclaimed in a loud voice from the temple. The next time it was the One who sits on the throne who proclaimed, "It is done!" What is done? The first time Jesus came as a Lamb, this time He will be coming like a Lion. What will He do?

DAY ONE

At the end of this lesson there is a chart that serves as an overview of what you have covered so far in Revelation 6-14. Today is a time to review all of that. I know we have gone over this before, but you need to have a solid grasp on this so it can act as a plumb-line to all the other Scriptures we will be studying.

When we get to part four of this study, you will appreciate all the time you have spent to solidify this in your mind. We need to allow the Scripture to lead us through these hard topics.

Take time today to read through chapters 6-14 and fill in the chart on pages 22 and 24. Scripture references will help you to determine where to put the information. Don't fill out the information for the bowls until you get to chapter 16.

DAY TWO

1. Read through Revelation 15-16. Read through it a second time and make sure the following words or phrases are marked:

- a. Bowls/plagues - mark them in the same way because they are the same thing.
- b. Wrath of God
- c. The beast (and its pronouns or synonyms)
- d. Dragon (and its pronouns or synonyms)

2. Read 15:1 and record what you learn about the seven plagues (bowls).
3. Record the information about the bowls (plagues) on the chart located on page 6 in lesson 1.
4. Record the events of chapter 16 on the chart on page 24.
5. According to Revelation 16:17, what is done?

DAY THREE

1. Read through Revelation 17-18. Mark every reference to time as you read through these verses. Write out what happens to Babylon and when.
2. Go back to chapter 16 and see what was said about Babylon. How does that compare to chapter 17-18?

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Revelation 15-22

DAY FOUR

1. Read through Revelation 19 and list the major events in the order in which they occur. Answer as many of the 5 W's and H about these events, and record them as well.

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2. Now read through Revelation 20 and do the same thing.

DAY FIVE

1. Read through Revelation 21-22 and do the same thing as you did yesterday.

There you go. We have recorded the events in order, as best we could. Next week it is time to go to other prophetic Scriptures and see how they fit into Revelation. What a blessing this will become as you see it all pull together. Hang in there! It will bless your socks off!

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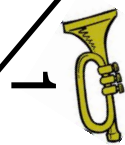
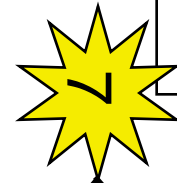
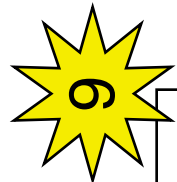
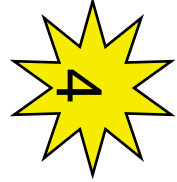
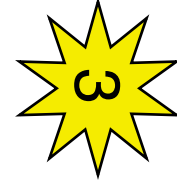
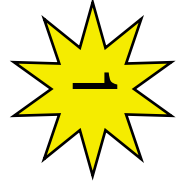
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Revelation 15-22

Seals

Revelation 7:4

Revelation 7:9, 14



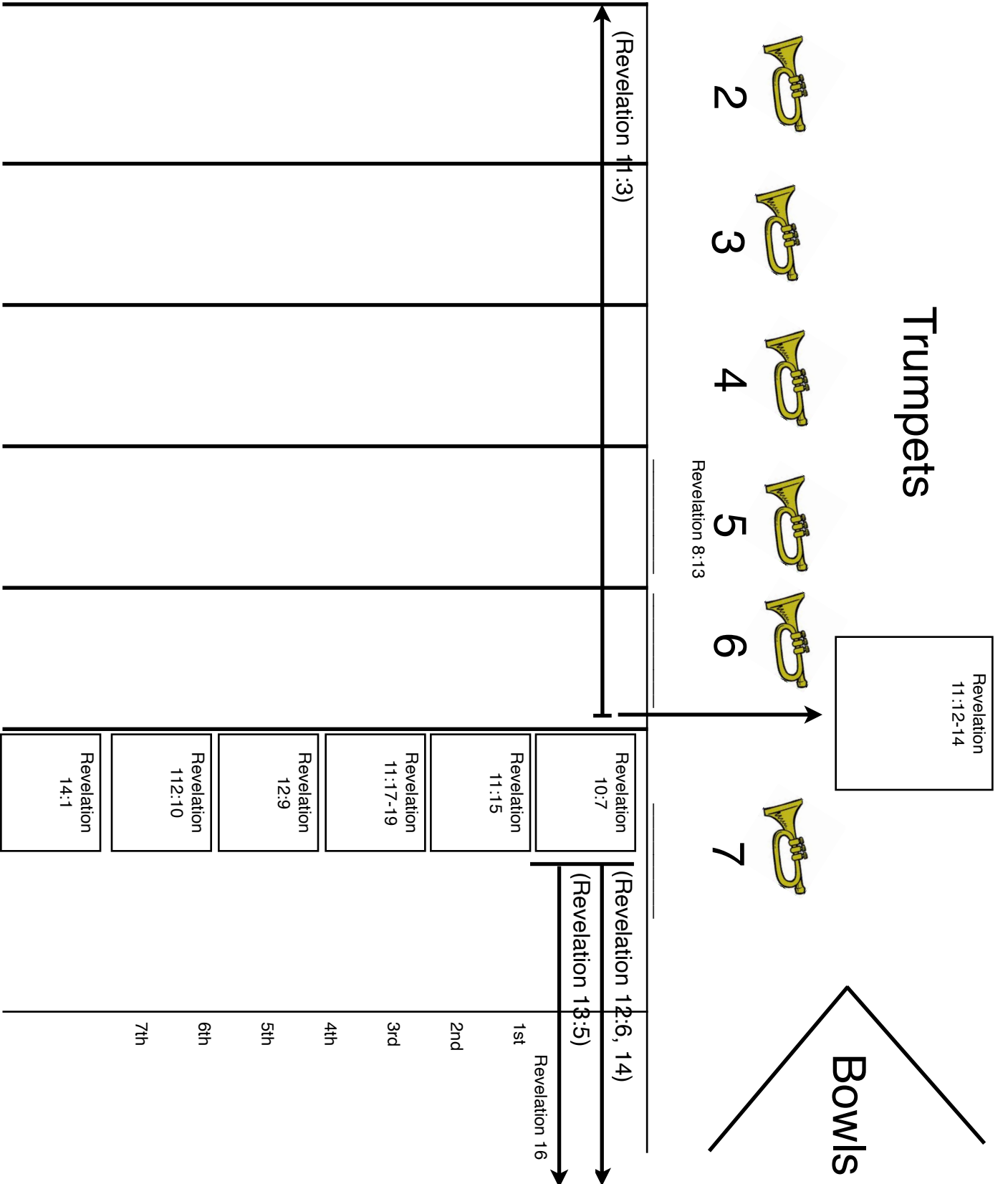
White horse
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Revelation 6:17

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Lesson 3
Revelation 15-22



The disciples ask Jesus a question, "What is the sign of Your coming and the end of the age?" What was Jesus' answer to their question? This week we will look at what Jesus had to say on this subject. Make sure that you devote your study to a time of meditation and prayer. Allow God to reveal His truth to your heart.

DAY ONE

Slowly read through the observation worksheets on Matthew 23:29-24:51. As you read, watch for the flow of thought. Watch for the two questions the disciples ask, and notice how Jesus responds. Ask yourself the 5 W's and an H of the text. Don't get overwhelmed with the amount of information you will see. You will have all week to digest this information. Today, just concentrate on observing what is there.

DAY TWO

1. Your job today is to work on your observation worksheets. Mark any key words in the passage that you discover. Make sure that you mark the following . . .
 - a. The end
 - b. Tribulation
 - c. The coming of the Son of Man (or any reference to his coming)
 - d. Time phrases such as "then," "when," and "at that time."

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Lesson 4

Matthew 23:29-24:51

DAY THREE

1. Read through this passage again.

a. List everything that you learn about "the end." As you write down everything you learn, make sure that you record the verse where you found the information. Be thorough.

b. List everything you learn from marking "tribulation." Again, be thorough and record the verse number.

c. Now do the same thing for the coming of the Son of Man.

DAY FOUR

1. Matthew does not lay out his Gospel in chronological order, but as you look at Matthew 23:29-36 and 23:37-39, do you see any relationship between these two passages?

2. Do you see any relationship between 23:37-39 and Matthew 24? Explain your answer.

3. Throughout chapter 24, Jesus keeps referring to "you." Your job is to figure out who the "you" refers to. Mark every mention of that word, and then make your observations. Is He referring to the Jews, Gentiles, the church? Give reasons for your position.

4. Is there any other key words that need to be marked?

DAY FIVE

1. Make a list of events that you see occurring in chapter 24. See how these events compare to what you have on your timeline. Are they talking about some of the same events?

Matthew 24:21 states, "Then there will be tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall."

What is the tribulation and when will this occur? What will start it? What will follow it? Where does it fit into Revelation? These are some of the questions that we will be tackling this week. We will be looking at several passages of Scripture to sort this out.

DAY ONE AND TWO

1. Let's go back through Matthew 24. This time as you read, make sure that you mark every mention of the word tribulation.
2. The word tribulation is used two different ways in the New Testament. It can refer to general tribulation or it can refer to a specific event. If it refers to a specific event it is preceded by an article adjective - "the tribulation." Look at each of these references and their context, and see if you can determine how the word is being used.
 - a. Matthew 24:9 - There is a debate as to how "tribulation" is used in this verse. Is it general tribulation or is it a specific time period? Read through the context and see if you can decide how this is being used.
 - b. Matthew 24:20-21
 - c. Matthew 24:29

d. Mark 13:19

e. Mark 13:24-25

f. Revelation 2:22 - Again, this is a passage that is questioned as to how the word tribulation is used. Read it in context and see what you can conclude.

g. Revelation 7:14

3. Some people believe that the tribulation period is the same time period as "Daniel's 70th week." Some think it is either the entire seven years or the last 3 1/2 years. We don't need to figure that out right now, but let's take a look at the passage and see what we can find out. In Matthew, Jesus talked about the abomination of desolation as spoken of by Daniel the prophet. So let's see what Daniel said about this event and what he had to say about the seventy sevens that were decreed for his people and the holy city - Jerusalem.

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Lesson 5
The Tribulation

- a. Read through Daniel 9:24-27. Read it carefully and keep the whole passage in context. For those of you that did not take the Daniel course, this will be difficult to wade through. To help you out, there is a chart at the end of this lesson (pg. 36) that will give the prophetic overview of Daniel. Just do the best you can to look at what is written and see what you can learn. We will discuss it in class and hopefully shed more light on the passage.
- b. Now go through the passage again and mark any key words, note any lists that are made, look for the sequence of events, and carefully pay attention to any pronouns that are used and who those pronouns are referring to. Use the area below to make your observations.

4. Let me give you some information that may help you understand Daniel 9 a little better. In Hebrew, seventy "weeks" is literally seventy "sevens." The sevens can refer to days, months, or years. The text doesn't tell us specifically.

There is a way that we can tell whether this passage refers to days, months, or years. We know that there are 70 sevens which will make a total of 490 days, months or years. History tells us that some of these events have already taken place (been fulfilled). The Messiah has come and has been cut off. He was crucified somewhere around 29-33 AD. This event did not happen in 490 days, weeks, or months after the decree went forth from Artaxerxes to rebuild and restore Jerusalem in Nehemiah 2. Therefore the

sevens must be referring to years. In fact there were exactly 483 years from the time of that decree until the time that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the foal of a donkey where He was hailed as the King, Messiah the Prince.

Now, as stated, some of these events have been fulfilled, but we are still missing seven years. We are still missing Daniel's 70th week. Some believe that there is a gap of time between the Messiah being cut off and the last events that are described in verse 27. We know that some of these events have not yet occurred which means the 490 years are not yet complete. There are still seven years left. Are these seven years the tribulation period? Or is the last half - 3 1/2 years - the tribulation period? We will work through that question.

DAY THREE AND FOUR

1. Today we are going to look at a passage the precedes the Daniel 9 passage. It doesn't specifically talk about the abomination of desolation, but it may give us some information surrounding this event. Let's read through Daniel 7:17-28. We will compare this to Daniel 9 as well as some other Daniel passages. Let's dig in and see what we can find that may help us determine what is being talked about by Jesus when He brings up the abomination of desolation.
 - a. Read Daniel 7:17-28.
 - b. List the events in the order that they occur. Make sure to note any time references related to these events.

2. There are several other places where this event is found in Daniel, so let's look at each of these places. Check the context of each, and make sure to always ask your 5 W's and H questions.

a. Daniel 9:27

b. Daniel 11:31 - This passage historically fits with Antiochus Epiphanes who profaned the Jewish temple when he offered a pig on the altar and set up a statue of Zeus in the Holy of Holies. This brought about an event in history called the Maccabean Revolt which led to the Jews destroying the statue and cleansing the temple. This is celebrated by the Jews as the Feast of Dedication otherwise known as Hanukkah.

c. Daniel 12:11 - You need to read this passage in context, so read your observation worksheets on Daniel 11:35-12:13. There has been an historical fulfillment of Daniel 11:1-35, but not for Daniel 11:36-12:13. List what you learn about the king and the major events of this passage. Watch your time phrases.

3. Now we want to go to one more passage. Read through your observation worksheets on II Thessalonians 2:1-12. This passage does not specifically refer to the "abomination of desolation," but it does refer to the day of the Lord and the man of lawlessness taking his seat in the temple of God and displaying himself as God. We will not study the day of the Lord until the last part of our Revelation study, but these time periods do overlap some, so we need to look at this passage now. Our focus is to learn what we can about the abomination of desolation and how that relates to the tribulation as explained by Jesus.

a. Read through II Thessalonians 2:1-12.

b. Read through it again marking the following things and then listing what you learn

i. References that refer to the coming of the Lord (and note how they compare to Matthew 24).

ii. The man of lawlessness (including pronouns)

iii. List the order of events

iv. Mark the day of the Lord and list what you learn about it.

DAY FIVE

1. Today, we begin to draw some conclusions on what we have studied so far.







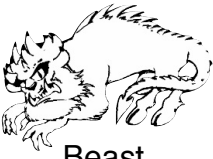



a. What would you say "the tribulation" is, and why would you say that?

b. What begins it?

c. What ends it?

2. Now let's go back to our main Scriptures and see if we can begin to fit these events into the timeline of events. Use pencil to sketch these events in, and if you are not sure where they begin or end, put a question mark on either side or both sides of the event. Allow God to lead you in your conclusions, and allow Scripture to speak for itself. We don't need to add anything to it, God did a fine job all by Himself!

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Lesson 5
The Tribulation

Prophetic Overview of Daniel					
	Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8	Daniel 9	Daniel 11,12
626 BC Babylon GOLD		 Lion			626 BC BABYLON
539 BC Med-Persia SILVER		 Bear	 Ram	Dan 9:24-27 49 years 7 weeks	539 BC MEDO-PERSIA Dan 11:2 4 Persian Kings
331 BC Greece BRONZE		 Leopard	 Goat 1 horn, 4 horns, small horn	plus 62 weeks plus 434 years = 496 years	331 BC GREECE Daniel 11:3 Alexander the Great Daniel 11:5-20 Kings of North/South Daniel 11:21-35 Small Horn Antiochus Epiphanes
63 BC Rome IRON AD 32(?) AD 476		 Beast		plus 69 weeks = 483 years	63 BC ROME AD 476
GAP OF TIME					
AD ? IRON and CLAY	 10 KINGS	 10 horns Little horn Time, times, half a time	483 yrs + 7 yrs = 490 yrs 70th seven 9:27 3 1/2 years 3 1/2 years	AD ? Daniel 11:36-45 The opposing king Daniel 12:1-11 1290 days	
Kingdom Of God	Stone Daniel 2:44, 45 	Ancient of Days Comes Son and saints rule kingdom Dan 7:22, 26, 27		PRINCE MAKES COVENANT	KINGDOM OF GOD Daniel 12:12-13

Jesus will come to this earth to rule and to reign. He will sit upon His throne. What will happen to those who are living on the earth at that time? Will anyone have survived this awful time?

DAY ONE

1. Let's go back over Matthew 24 once again. Read it through one more time and see if you observe anything new. It is amazing how as you go over these Scriptures time and again, you will gain new insights. Keep in mind that Jesus is responding to the questions that the disciples asked in Matthew 24:3. Jesus is answering their question throughout chapter 24 and chapter 25. Write down any new insights below.

DAY TWO

Today we are going to look through Matthew 24 and 25 together as a unit. As you read these two chapters, make sure that you ask yourself the 5 W's and H questions. Watch for the people involved in these two chapters, how they are described, and how they relate to one another. Also watch for time phrases throughout these chapters. Page 38 has been left blank so that you can use that space to make a list of the different people that you see involved in these chapters. Take your time and observe the text well. There is a lot of good information that we can glean out of these passages. Make sure you watch for the sequence of events. You may want to jot them in the space below.

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Matthew 24:42-25:46

DAY THREE

1. To whom (what group of people) do you think Matthew 24:42-25:30 is directed, and why do you feel that way? Support your answer from Scripture.
2. There are three stories (parables) that Jesus gives throughout these chapters. List the stories and see if you can figure out what point Jesus is making with these stories.

DAY FOUR

1. Look through Matthew 24 and 25 once again. List the order of events as they occur in these chapters. Don't include the stories (parables) that we looked at yesterday. They were given to make a point. Just concentrate on the order of the events.

2. Now take these events and see if you can fit them onto the timeline that we are developing. Again, do your work in pencil, and we will go over them in more detail in our discussion group. I just want you to see what you can discover on your own.

DAY FIVE

1. Today we are going to go to another passage in Matthew to give us more understanding to what we are currently observing. Reading through Matthew 13 in your Bible. Read it in its entirety to put you into the correct context.

a. On pages 43-44, there is part of this Scripture printed out for you as an observation worksheet that can be marked and used for note purposes. Read through these observation worksheets and mark every occurrence of the word *tares* and its synonyms one way, and the word *wheat* and its synonyms in another way.

b. List everything your learn about the *wheat* and *tares* on the chart below.

Wheat	Tares

2. Does this parable help you understand why some in the world will not believe?

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3. Now we will take the time to compare these two Scriptures and see if there are any similarities between this Scripture and chapter 24 and 25. As you record the events, see if you can see similar things happening in each one. If you can't at this time, don't panic, you'll see is as we go over it this coming week.

Matthew 13	Matthew 24-25

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Lesson 6

Matthew 24:42-25:46

4. One last assignment for this week. We want to bring this chapter of Matthew to our timeline as well. Where does Matthew 13 fall in with all that we have observed and recorded on our time line?

Observation Worksheet

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.

26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.

27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

37 And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

41 "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father He who has ears, let him hear.

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Lesson 7
Things Which Must Shortly Take Place

We have worked through Matthew 24 and 25 for the last couple of weeks. How do these passages fit into Revelation and what Jesus wanted to show His bondservants? The book of Luke may help us to fit some of those pieces together, so that is where we will be looking this week.

DAY ONE

There is an observation worksheet on Luke 19:28-48 at the end of this lesson on pages 49-51. Your job today will be to work through this Scripture.

1. Read through the passage to become familiar with it.
2. Read through the verses again, and mark key words as you read. Make a list of what you learn from each of these words or phrases.

3. Watch for time references in these verses. Also watch for the occasion, location, and events that take place.

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4. Carefully read through verses 41-44. These are the verses that we really want to understand. What is Jesus saying is going to happen?

DAY TWO AND THREE

1. The next Luke passage that we want to look at is Luke 21. You will find this chapter in your packet of Observation Worksheets on page OW-20 to OW-23.
 - a. Look up and read Luke 1:1-4 in your Bible. You will see that Luke's purpose in writing his book was to record the account of Jesus' life in chronological order. Keeping that in mind, you know that Luke 21 follows the passage that we looked at yesterday in Luke 19.
 - b. Read Luke 21 and mark all references to time as well as your other key words. Watch for anything that will show you the sequence of events.
 - c. What is going to come and upon whom?
 - d. Make sure you ask your 5 W's and H questions as you read through the text again.
 - e. Watch for the parable that Jesus uses. How do you think that this relates to the events of Luke 21?

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2. Do you see any parallels between this passage and Luke 19? If so, list them below.

DAY FOUR

1. Read through Luke 21 once again. Is there anything that you missed? Isn't it amazing how the more you read a passage, the more seems to become obvious. This is the strength of observation. The more we observe, the clearer things become. Every time we come to the passage afresh, God is able to reveal more to us. That is one of the joys about studying God's Word. It is alive and active as the writer of the book of Hebrews tells us (Hebrews 4:12).
2. List the events in the order that they occur. Do this in pencil, because you may need to rearrange things as you go. Take the time to really think about this passage. Wrestle with the events until you have them firmly planted in your mind. Write out the order below.

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1. Now we need to ask a very important question. Is the passage in Luke talking about the same event as the passage in Matthew? Answering the following questions may help you to think through this a little clearer.

a. What was the primary focus of Matthew 24? (Remember, the disciples had asked two questions - when will these things be (the destruction of the temple) and what will be the sign of Your coming and the end of the age? What question did Matthew 24 and 25 answer?

b. What seems to be the focus on Luke 21? How do you know that?

c. Are these two passages talking about the same thing? At first glance they sound as though they are, do they not?

2. Now it is time to see if we can line this passage up with our timeline. Where do these events line up with the events of Revelation and the events that were mentioned in Matthew 24 and 25? Take your time and really think about these things. Hang in there and don't get frustrated. I know it is hard work, but it is worth the time and effort. Remember to pray, pray, pray as you are working with Scriptures like this. Allow God to lead you into truth and reveal these treasures to your heart and mind.

Luke 19:28-48

- 28 After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
- 29 When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples,
- 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here.
- 31 "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'"
- 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them.
- 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"
- 34 They said, "The Lord has need of it."
- 35 They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it.
- 36 As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road.
- 37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,

38 shouting:

"BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE
LORD;

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your
disciples."

40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry
out!"

41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it,

42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make
for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

43 "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a
barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side,

44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and
they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not
recognize the time of your visitation."

45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,

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- 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,' but you have made it a ROBBERS' DEN."
- 47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,
- 48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.

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Luke 21 speaks of the "time of the Gentiles." Romans 11 speaks of the "fulness of the Gentiles." Are these the same event, or are they two separate events? And how does Israel fit into all of this?

Those questions will be the focus of study this week. Let's see if we can discover what God's Word has to say on these topics.

DAY ONE

1. Last week we read the Luke 21 passage. Luke mentioned a time-period called "the time of the Gentiles." This is the only place where that specific phrase is used in the whole Bible. Since this term and idea is used by prophetic scholars to explain the occurrence of events in the end times, we need to do our best to understand how it is used.
2. Read through Luke 21 to refresh yourself on what this passage is talking about.
 - a. Look through the passage and underline the phrase "the time of the Gentiles."
 - b. Asking questions of the text, write down what you learn about the events and the order of events surrounding this time-period.

3. Now see if you can answer some of these questions.
 - a. What city is the focal point of this time-period?

 - b. What people are involved in these events?

 - c. What starts this time-period, and what ends it? How long does it last?

4. Some people think that this time-period started when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came in and conquered Jerusalem. From that time on (except for a brief time under the Maccabees) the nation of Israel was under foreign dominion until the city was destroyed in 70 A.D. by Rome. This takes us to the passage that you read in Luke 21.

If "the times of the Gentiles" goes back to Nebuchadnezzar, would this contradict the Luke passage in anyway? It may be too early to draw a conclusion at this point, but think about it. If you answer this question, make sure you allow Scripture to answer the question and not something that you think or that you heard taught.

5. Let's take a moment to read a parable that Jesus gave to us which is found in Matthew 22:1-14. It is recorded on the next page for you so that you can use it as an observation worksheet. Read through it today and mark any key words and time reference you observe. Tomorrow we will look at it more in depth.

Matthew 22:1-14

- 1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying,
- 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.
- 3 "And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.
- 4 "Again he sent out other slaves saying, "Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."
- 5 "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business,
- 6 and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them.
- 7 "But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire.
- 8 "Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.
- 9 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.'
- 10 "Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.
- 11 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes,
- 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless.
- 13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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- e. Whom do you think those could be who are invited to the wedding feast after the city is set on fire?
- f. At this point have you any idea what He means when He says, "Many are called, but few are chosen?" If you don't have an answer to that question right now, you want to make sure that you can answer it by the time you are done this lesson.

DAY THREE

1. Do your observation worksheet on Romans chapter 11. This is on OW-24 to OW-27. Do a thorough job observing this passage. List all that you learn about the Gentiles and Israel. Watch carefully for their pronouns and synonyms.

2. Romans 11:26 says, "thus all Israel will be saved." Read Zechariah 13:7-9 to see if you can find a possible explanation for this statement.

DAY FOUR

1. What is the gospel? Read I Corinthians 15:1-11 and list the main points of the gospel and make sure to note what verses you find them in.
2. To whom was the gospel given, and was there any order regarding to whom it was given? Look up the following verses and write down what you observe. Always check the context of your verses.
 - a. Romans 1:16
 - b. John 1:11-12

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c. John 10:16

d. Matthew 10:5-6

e. Matthew 15:21-28

3. How would Gentiles be saved? Look up these verses and record what the Scripture says.

a. Galatians 3:8, 14

b. Acts 9:15

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c. Acts 11:1-18

d. Ephesians 2:11-19

DAY FIVE

1. From what you have studied about the gospel this week - to whom it was proclaimed and the order of that proclamation - and the content of Romans 11, what do you think the "fulness of the Gentiles" relates to? Explain your answer.

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2. Do any of the parables you studied this week help to explain the "fulness of the Gentiles?" Which one(s) and why?

3. The Jews as a nation rejected Jesus Christ as their Messiah, and they still do. Does this mean God is finished with the nation of Israel? Be thorough in your answer.

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4. What do you think "the time of the Gentiles" refers to? Is it the same as the "fulness of the Gentiles?" Explain why you answered the way you did.

5. Go back and answer any of the questions that you may have left blank this week and now have an answer for.

Would God make a promise that He would not keep? There are things that God has promised Israel that haven't come to pass yet. If God has promised, He will be faithful to bring it to pass. So does that mean that God hasn't finished with Israel yet? Are there still events that need to come upon Israel? If so, what are they?

How do these events relate to the book of Revelation? Let's see if we can come up with some of those answer through some careful study of the Scripture?

DAY ONE

Look up the following verses and note what you learn about God's promises regarding the land of Canaan (Israel). Watch carefully for the promises, who gave those promises to whom, and any indication of the time of the events.

1. Genesis 13:14-18

2. Genesis 17:1-21

3. Genesis 48:1-4

4. Exodus 32:9-14

DAY TWO

Although God promised the land of Canaan to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to their sons as an everlasting possession, history records two different occasions when the nation of Israel was expelled from its land.

In the first expulsion - the ten northern tribes of Israel were taken into captivity by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. Then the Southern Kingdom, comprised of Judah and Benjamin, was finally taken captive by the Babylonians (also referred to as the Chaldeans) in 586 B.C.

The first siege by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, was in 605 B.C. and **Daniel** was among the captives. The second siege occurred in 597 B.C., and **Ezekiel** was among the 10,000 taken captive. The third and final siege, bringing the destruction of Jerusalem - walls, temple, and entire city - came in 586 B.C. **Jeremiah** was the prophet who remained in the land and prophesied to the people before and during these three sieges of Jerusalem.

Then after 70 years of captivity (dated from the first siege of 605 B.C.), a remnant returned to the land.

The second expulsion happened just as Jesus prophesied in Luke 19 and Luke 21. In A.D. 70, Titus, the Roman general, besieged and destroyed Jerusalem and its rebuilt temple. And once again Jews were scattered through the four corners of the earth. These scattered Jews who settled in foreign lands were referred to as the Diaspora.

The birth of Zionism came in January, 1895, when a Viennese newspaperman, Theodor Herzl, watched the public execution of Captain Alfred Dreyfus in Paris and heard the mob shouting, "Kill the traitor, kill the Jew." Suddenly, understanding that it was Jewish blood that the mob cried for, Herzl realized that his people would never be safe until they had a Jewish state of their own. Two years later he organized and held the first World Zionist Congress and presented them with their flag. Its colors, blue and white, were taken from the *tallith*, the prayer shawl worn by Jews at prayer. And although they had no nation, they sang for the first time their national anthem: the *Hatikvah* - The Hope! On May 14, 1948, Israel was proclaimed an independent state; a nation was "born in a day." Israel once again became a nation, a nation that struggles to keep a land given to them by God. Or at least that's what the Bible says! Who are you going to believe - the nations or God?

If God promised them the land as an everlasting possession, why did all this happen? And what does the future hold for Israel? And what difference does it make to us, the members of His body, the church?

1. Read Deuteronomy 28:58-68 and 30:1-10 below.

Deuteronomy 28:58-68

58 "If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

60 "He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you.

61 "Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

62 "Then you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, because you did not obey the LORD your God.

63 "It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.

64 "Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.

65 "Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.

66 "So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life.

67 "In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

1 "So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you,

2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons,

3 then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

4 "If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back.

5 "The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.

6 "Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

7 "The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 "And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today.

9 "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers;

10 if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul.

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2. How do these verses relate with what you know about the history of Israel as discussed earlier in this lesson? Read through that history lesson again, and underline the name of the three Old Testament prophets that are mentioned. You need to see how the events that happened to Israel are related to the promises given by God in these verses. Write down your thoughts.
3. Has the Lord circumcised the heart of Israel, so that they and their descendants now love the Lord with all their hearts and soul?

DAY THREE

Now we are going to look up some verses to learn what we can about the people and the land. Take special note to who the prophet is that is writing, and where the prophet is in relationship to the events that were taking place and the land in which he was living.

1. Jeremiah 7:1-34

2. Jeremiah 25:1-14

3. Ezekiel 43:6-9

DAY FOUR

Keeping in mind all that you studied so far this week, we want to look at one more portion of Scripture. Today you are going to observe Ezekiel 36, and only 36. Tomorrow we will look at 37.

Give yourself time to read and think about the passage. Mark your key words, and watch for time references. Let the words wash over you, and remember where Ezekiel fits into the history of events.

You will find the observation worksheets on OW-28 through OW-32.

DAY FIVE

1. Today we are going to observe Ezekiel 37. These pages are located on OW-33 through OW-35.
2. As you look at these two chapters, Ezekiel 36-37, do you see any parts of these prophecies as being fulfilled? Include chapter and verse as you answer this question.

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3. Is there any of the prophecies that have not yet been fulfilled? If so, what are they? Make sure you include chapter and verse.

4. If there are prophecies that have not been fulfilled, do you see any possibility of them being fulfilled in the future with all that we have studied to this point?

a. What, when, and how?

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- b. Can you see how any of those pieces might fit onto our timeline of events through Revelation? Think through this carefully. Remember that our goal is to see the timing of events and build a solid timeline. With that done (and we are almost done) we can dive into part 4 of the Revelation study as we begin tackling the really tough questions. It will be great fun!

DAY ONE

1. Last week we looked at Ezekiel 36-37 and discovered the promises that God made to Israel. Not only would the land and the mountains be cultivated, but the cities will again be inhabited. God promised that He would bring back the Jews from the nations to which He scattered them. The dry bones would come out of their graves and God would make them live again.

Look up Ezekiel 36:24-28. List below exactly what will occur and the order of events as given in the verses.

2. Read through Ezekiel 36-37 again. Once the events of this chapter take place, will Israel ever be driven from their land by God again? Record the chapter and verse from which you get your answer.

3. Some people believe that God is finished with Israel because of their constant rejection of Jesus Christ as their Messiah. They believe that Israel forfeited their promises, and the church has now claimed those promises. Let's review what we learned from Romans 11 a couple of weeks ago.

a. If you take Romans 11 in its literal and obvious sense, without reading anything into the text, what does this passage teach about Israel's future?

b. What do you learn about God's covenant in this passage?

DAY TWO

1. We are going to look at Jeremiah today to see what it teaches us about Israel's future. Jeremiah 31:23-40 is printed out for you on the next couple of pages. Read through these verses carefully. Mark every reference to the new covenant and then list what you learn about the new covenant. Answer as many of the 5 W's and H.

Jeremiah 31:23-40

23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Once again they will speak this word in the land of Judah and in its cities when I restore their fortunes,

'The LORD bless you, O abode of righteousness, O holy hill!'

24 "Judah and all its cities will dwell together in it, the farmer and they who go about with flocks.

25 "For I satisfy the weary ones and refresh everyone who languishes."

26 At this I awoke and looked, and my sleep was pleasant to me.

27 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beast.

28 "As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD.

29 "In those days they will not say again,

'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

30 "But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge.

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,

32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD.

33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

35 Thus says the LORD,

Who gives the sun for light by day

And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,

Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The LORD of hosts is His name:

36 "If this fixed order departs from before Me," declares the LORD,

"Then the offspring of Israel also will cease

From being a nation before Me forever."

37 Thus says the LORD,

"If the heavens above can be measured

And the foundations of the earth searched out below,

Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel

For all that they have done," declares the LORD.

38 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the city will be rebuilt for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

39 "The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah.

40 "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD; it will not be plucked up or overthrown anymore forever."

2. List what God says about Israel's future as a nation.

3. Do you see any parallels between what Romans 11 says about God's covenant and what Jeremiah 31 says about the covenant?

DAY THREE

1. The author of Hebrews quotes from the Jeremiah 31 passage. Read Hebrews 10:1-22 on pages 77-79. Carefully observe this passage. Mark the following key words.

- a. Jesus Christ
- b. Sacrifice
- c. Covenant

2. Make a list of what you learn from each of these words.

Hebrews 10:1-22

1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

"SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME

(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)

TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD."

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law),

9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

16 "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART,

AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS

I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."

18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,

21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

3. What do you see in the Hebrew's passage that parallels what you observed in Jeremiah 31?

4. To whom does Jeremiah 31 pertain? To whom does Hebrews 10 pertain?

DAY FOUR

On pages 86-87, you will find a chart with the feasts of Israel which is taken from *The International Study Bible*, which was compiled by Precept Ministries. Today you are going to spend your time studying this chart carefully. Take the time to look up the verses on this chart, and see how they relate to what we have been studying this week. When will God give His Spirit to those of the house of Israel and Judah? Write down your observations below.

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1. Read Acts 2:1-21 in your Bible.

a. When did this event occur? What feast?

b. From the passage, who was to receive the Holy Spirit?

2. Read Acts 10. The events in this chapter occurred approximately eight years after Pentecost. Note who received the Holy Spirit and how.

3. In Acts 10, were those who received the Holy Spirit Jews or Gentiles?

4. Ephesians 2:11-3:7 is printed on the next pages. Mark every reference to the Gentiles and the Jews - each in a distinctive way. Also mark every occurrence to the Spirit of God.

Ephesians 2:11-3:7

11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands--

12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,

16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED PEACE TO YOU WHO WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE WHO WERE NEAR;

18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--

2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;


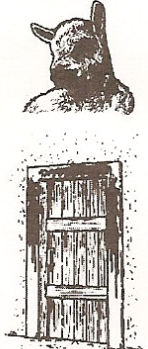
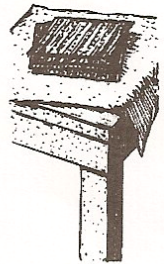

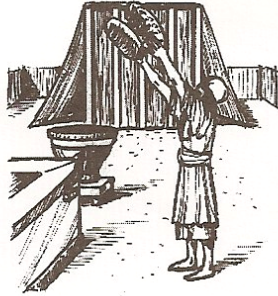




6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

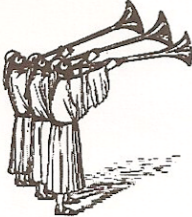


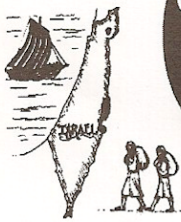

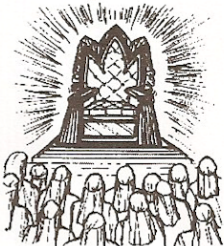
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8. One last thing to think about this week. According to what you have studied in Revelation, when do you think all this might happen? Where might these events occur on the time line? Write your thoughts below

THE FEASTS OF ISRAEL					
1st Month (Nisan) Festival of Passover				3rd Month (Sivan) Festival of Pentecost	
Slaves in Egypt 	Passover 	Unleavened Bread 	Firstfruits 		Pentecost or Feast of Weeks 
	<i>Kill lamb & put blood on doorpost</i> Exodus 12:6, 7	<i>Purging of all leaven</i> (symbol of sin)	<i>Wave offering of sheaf</i> (promise of harvest to come)		<i>Wave offering of two loaves of leavened bread</i>
	1st month, 14th day Leviticus 23:5	1st month, 15th day for 7 days Leviticus 23:6-8	Day after Sabbath Leviticus 23:9-14		50 days after firstfruits Leviticus 23:15-21
Whoever commits sin is the slave to sin	Christ our Passover has been sacrificed 	Clean out old leaven... just as you are in fact unleavened	Christ has been raised...the firstfruits 	Going away so Comforter can come  Mount of Olives	Promise of the Spirit, mystery of church: Jews-Gentiles in one body 
John 8:34	1 Corinthians 5:7	1 Corinthians 5:7, 8	1 Corinthians 15:20-23	John 16:7 Acts 1:9-12	Acts 2:1-47 1 Corinthians 12:13 Ephesians 2:11-22

Months: Nisan—March, April • Sivan—May, June • Tishri—September, October

7th Month (Tishri) Festival of Tabernacles			
Interlude Between Festivals	Feast of Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Feast of Booths or Tabernacles
			
	<i>Trumpet blown — a holy convocation</i>	<i>Atonement shall be made to cleanse you</i> Leviticus 16:30	<i>Harvest celebration memorial of tabernacles in wilderness</i>
	7th month, 1st day Leviticus 23:23-25	7th month, 10th day Leviticus 23:26-32	7th month, 15th day, for 7 days; 8th day, Holy Convocation Leviticus 23:33-44
Regathering of Israel in preparation for final day of atonement Jeremiah 32:37-41	Israel will repent and look to Messiah in one day Zechariah 3:9; 12:1; 13:1; 14:9	Families of the earth will come to Jerusalem to cele- brate the Feast of Booths Zechariah 14:16-19	New heaven and new earth God tabernacles with men Revelation 21:1-3
			
Ezekiel 36:24	Ezekiel 36:25-27 Hebrews 9, 10 Romans 11:25-29	Ezekiel 36:28	

Israel had two harvests each year—spring and autumn

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DAY ONE AND TWO

This week will be a consolidation of all that we have looked at in this study. Your assignment is simple. Each day you study, sit down with your timeline spread out before you and wade through the assigned portion of Scripture one more time. Look at where we have placed these events on the timelines. Can you add anything else to the timeline? What do you still have questions about? For which events do we still not have exact timing? What questions do you still have about events in these chapters? These questions are written out on the next page. Record your answers (or questions).

For these first two days you are going to work through Revelation 6-20.

DAY THREE

Work through the Daniel 7, 9, 11, and 12 passages.

DAY FOUR

Work through Matthew 24 and 25 as well as Luke 21.

DAY FIVE

Work through II Thessalonians 2 and Ezekiel 36-37.

Questions I Still Have

Events I Still Can't Place . . . YET!
(or I still have questions as to when it starts and/or stops)

What I Can Now Place on My Line?

Matthew 23:29-39

- 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous,
- 30 and say, 'If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.'
- 31 "So you testify against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.
- 32 "Fill up, then, the measure of the guilt of your fathers.
- 33 "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?
- 34 "Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city,
- 35 so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.
- 36 "Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.
- 37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.
- 38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!
- 39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

Matthew 24

- 1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.
- 2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."
- 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"
- 4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.
- 5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.
- 6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.
- 7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.
- 8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.
- 9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.
- 10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.
- 11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.
- 12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.
- 13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

- 14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.
- 15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),
- 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.
- 17 "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.
- 18 "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.
- 19 "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
- 20 "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.
- 21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
- 22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.
- 23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him.
- 24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.
- 25 "Behold, I have told you in advance.
- 26 "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.

- 27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west,
so will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- 28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.
- 29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days **THE SUN WILL BE
DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND
THE STARS WILL FALL** from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will
be shaken.
- 30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the
tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the **SON OF MAN
COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with power and great glory.
- 31 "And He will send forth His angels with **A GREAT TRUMPET** and **THEY
WILL GATHER TOGETHER** His elect from the four winds, from one end
of the sky to the other.
- 32 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already
become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near;
- 33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at
the door.
- 34 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things
take place.
- 35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.
- 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor
the Son, but the Father alone.

37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.

38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so
will the coming of the Son of Man be.

40 "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be
left.

41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be
left.

42 "Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is
coming.

43 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of
the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would
not have allowed his house to be broken into.

44 "For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an
hour when you do not think He will.

45 "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge
of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long
time,'

49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him
and at an hour which he does not know,

51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in
that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Daniel 9:24-27

- 24 "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.
- 25 "So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.
- 26 "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.
- 27 "And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

Daniel 7:17-28

- 17 'These great beasts, which are four in number, are four kings who will arise from the earth.
- 18 'But the saints of the Highest One will receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, for all ages to come.'
- 19 "Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, and which devoured, crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet,
- 20 and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts and which was larger in appearance than its associates.
- 21 "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them
- 22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.
- 23 "Thus he said: 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it.
- 24 'As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.

- 25 'He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.
- 26 'But the court will sit for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever.
- 27 'Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.'
- 28 "At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself."

Daniel 11:35-12:13

- 35 "Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because it is still to come at the appointed time.
- 36 "Then the king will do as he pleases, and he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods; and he will prosper until the indignation is finished, for that which is decreed will be done.
- 37 "He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any other god; for he will magnify himself above them all.
- 38 "But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor him with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.
- 39 "He will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, and will parcel out land for a price.
- 40 "At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow them and pass through.
- 41 "He will also enter the Beautiful Land, and many countries will fall; but these will be rescued out of his hand: Edom, Moab and the foremost of the sons of Ammon.
- 42 "Then he will stretch out his hand against other countries, and the land of Egypt will not escape.

43 ⁴³"But he will gain control over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over all the precious things of Egypt; and Libyans and Ethiopians will follow at his heels.

44 ⁴⁴"But rumors from the East and from the North will disturb him, and he will go forth with great wrath to destroy and annihilate many.

45 ⁴⁵"He will pitch the tents of his royal pavilion between the seas and the beautiful Holy Mountain; yet he will come to his end, and no one will help him.

Daniel 12

- 1 "Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.
- 2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.
- 3 "Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.
- 4 "But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."
- 5 Then I, Daniel, looked and behold, two others were standing, one on this bank of the river and the other on that bank of the river.
- 6 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?"
- 7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.
- 8 As for me, I heard but could not understand; so I said, "My lord, what will be the outcome of these events?"

- 9 He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.
- 10 "Many will be purged, purified and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly; and none of the wicked will understand, but those who have insight will understand.
- 11 "From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.
- 12 "How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!
- 13 "But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age."

2 Thessalonians 2

- 1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
- 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
- 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?
- 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.
- 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Matthew 25

- 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.
- 3 "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them,
- 4 but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps.
- 5 "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep.
- 6 "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
- 7 "Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 "The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
- 9 "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
- 10 "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.
- 11 "Later the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.'
- 12 "But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you.'
- 13 "Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.
- 14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them.

- 15 "To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey.
- 16 "Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents.
- 17 "In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more.
- 18 "But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
- 19 "Now after a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.
- 20 "The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.'
- 21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
- 22 "Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.'
- 23 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
- 24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed.

- 25 'And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'
- 26 "But his master answered and said to him, 'You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed.
- 27 'Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest.
- 28 'Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.'
- 29 "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.
- 30 "Throw out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 31 "But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.
- 32 "All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;
- 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.
- 34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- 35 'For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison,
and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry,
and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?

38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and
clothe You?

39 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent
that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you
did it to Me.'

41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed
ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his
angels;

42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you
gave Me nothing to drink;

43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not
clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You
hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not
take care of You?'

45 "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did
not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

46 "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal
life."

Luke 21

- 1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.
- 2 And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins.
- 3 And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;
- 4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on."
- 5 And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said,
- 6 "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."
- 7 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"
- 8 And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near ' Do not go after them.
- 9 "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately."
- 10 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,
- 11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake.

13 "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.

14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;

15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

16 "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,

17 and you will be hated by all because of My name.

18 "Yet not a hair of your head will perish.

19 "By your endurance you will gain your lives.

20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

21 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

23 "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;

24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all
the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until
the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay
among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,
26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming
upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with
power and great glory.

28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your
heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 Then He told them a parable: "Behold the fig tree and all the trees;
30 as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that
summer is now near.

31 "So you also, when you see these things happening, recognize that the
kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take
place.

33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

34 "Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with
dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not
come on you suddenly like a trap;
35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.

- 36 "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."
- 37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet.
- 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

Romans 11

1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

3 "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE."

4 But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

8 just as it is written,

"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY."

9 And David says,

"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM."

10 "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

11 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But
by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them
jealous.

12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches
for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an
apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14 if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some
of them.

15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their
acceptance be but life from the dead?

16 If the first piece of dough is holy, the lump is also; and if the root is holy,
the branches are too.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive,
were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root
of the olive tree,

18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember
that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you.

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your
faith Do not be conceited, but fear;

21 for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

27 "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

- 32 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.
- 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!
- 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO
BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?
- 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID
BACK TO HIM AGAIN?
- 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things To Him be the
glory forever. Amen.

Ezekiel 36

- 1 "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD.
- 2 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Because the enemy has spoken against you, 'Aha!' and, 'The everlasting heights have become our possession,'
- 3 therefore prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "For good reason they have made you desolate and crushed you from every side, that you would become a possession of the rest of the nations and you have been taken up in the talk and the whispering of the people.'"
- 4 'Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about,
- 5 therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey."
- 6 'Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because you have endured the insults of the nations.'
- 7 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'I have sworn that surely the nations which are around you will themselves endure their insults.

- 8 'But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come.
- 9 'For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown.
- 10 'I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt.
- 11 'I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the LORD.
- 12 'Yes, I will cause men--My people Israel--to walk on you and possess you, so that you will become their inheritance and never again bereave them of children.'
- 13 "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Because they say to you, "You are a devourer of men and have bereaved your nation of children,"
- 14 therefore you will no longer devour men and no longer bereave your nation of children,' declares the Lord GOD.
- 15 "I will not let you hear insults from the nations anymore, nor will you bear disgrace from the peoples any longer, nor will you cause your nation to stumble any longer," declares the Lord GOD."
- 16 Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,
- 17 "Son of man, when the house of Israel was living in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds; their way before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.

- 18 "Therefore I poured out My wrath on them for the blood which they had shed on the land, because they had defiled it with their idols.
- 19 "Also I scattered them among the nations and they were dispersed throughout the lands According to their ways and their deeds I judged them.
- 20 "When they came to the nations where they went, they profaned My holy name, because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD; yet they have come out of His land.'
- 21 "But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations where they went.
- 22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.
- 23 "I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst Then the nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.
- 24 "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.
- 25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
- 26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

- 27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.
- 28 "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.
- 29 "Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.
- 30 "I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.
- 31 "Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.
- 32 "I am not doing this for your sake," declares the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"
- 33 "Thus says the Lord GOD, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.
- 34 "The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by.
- 35 "They will say, 'This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited.'
- 36 "Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it."

37 ³⁷Thus says the Lord GOD, "This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

38 ³⁸Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD.""

Ezekiel 37

- 1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.
- 2 He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry.
- 3 He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."
- 4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'
- 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.
- 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'"
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.
- 9 Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.'"
- 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

- 11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.'
- 12 "Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel.
- 13 "Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.
- 14 "I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD."
- 15 The word of the LORD came again to me saying,
- 16 "And you, son of man, take for yourself one stick and write on it, 'For Judah and for the sons of Israel, his companions'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim and all the house of Israel, his companions.'
- 17 "Then join them for yourself one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand.
- 18 "When the sons of your people speak to you saying, 'Will you not declare to us what you mean by these?'
- 19 say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will put them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.'"

- 20 "The sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.
- 21 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;
- 22 and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king will be king for all of them; and they will no longer be two nations and no longer be divided into two kingdoms.
- 23 "They will no longer defile themselves with their idols, or with their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. And they will be My people, and I will be their God.
- 24 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them.
- 25 "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.
- 26 "I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them And I will place them and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in their midst forever.
- 27 "My dwelling place also will be with them; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- 28 "And the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever.'"