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This is the continuation of a series that begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The series will involve God's Prophetic Time Clock. The first part of this series talked about Daniel's vision of 70 weeks. I mentioned that the next study together we would discuss the various subjects:

1. The Last Days
2. The Rapture
3. The Tribulation
4. The Second Coming of Christ
5. The Thousand Year Millennium Rein
6. How Should These Truths Affect the Believer?

In the Prophetic Time of God's Time Clock, one week of years is left unfilled, the Time of the Gentiles and the Age of Grace is over. The Prophetic Clock ticks on during the seven years, as God's Plan for the ages continues with the Tribulation Period, ending with Armageddon and the return of Christ, Who defeats all opposing armies.

Most leading Bible authorities are all saying that the Prophetic Time Clock is at the Midnight hour. And, there is a general consensus that the year 2007 will be the most significant year in the history of mankind. God's Word has proved itself by not failing in one small point concerning Christ's First Coming. The prophecy concerning his Second Coming is also being fulfilled and skeptics must forever admit their short sightedness. Every current event internationally is screaming out for the attention of a world that is totally perplexed. This includes world religion, political governments, and a world economy that is so highly volatile that even the leading experts cannot forecast accurate trends. Future parts of this prophetic series will deal in detail on these three subjects.

Now we will talk about the Rapture. Many will ridicule the idea of the Rapture. At such a time when the dead in Christ, and the ones remaining that are alive, will be caught up. The Bible reminds us in 2nd Peter – "Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lust, and saying, 'Where is the promise of this coming? For since the father's who fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of Creation.'"

The term Rapture means "caught up." In 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:17 it tells us the Rapture will take place in the twinkling of an eye. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:52 says, "At this event, the dead believers will arise first, followed in an instant of time by living Christians. In this instance, these individuals will receive Resurrection bodies which will be free from corruption and death." The Rapture is different from the Second Coming of Christ, which occurs at the end of the Tribulation period.

Now we will talk about the Tribulation. After the Rapture, there will be a 7 year period which is called the Tribulation. This will be a time of judgment and persecution on this earth that is never happened in the past, or will again happen in the future. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> week prophesied by Daniel 9:27. Satan will also be unusually active, and his work of deception will center around 2 individuals. The first individual is the anti-Christ, called the

beast. In Revelation 13:1-10, "And the prince who is to come in Daniel 9:26, this man will be given enormous power by Satan. The anti-Christ will use this power politically to become the dominant force in the world." Daniel 9:24. "He will use this power with a world religion to become the object of the world's worship. Yet this will be more than the worship of a man; it will be the over worship of Satan as well." Revelation 13:4 – "So, they worshipped the dragon, Satan, who gave authority to the beast."

The second individual is the false prophet. Revelation 19:20 – "He will assist the anti-Christ by performing miracles which will cause the world to worship the anti-Christ." Revelation 13:13 – "The anti-Christ will use this worship as a tool to consolidate his political power. Once again, the false prophet will provide invaluable assistance in this area." In spite of world dominant power, the anti-Christ will not be without opposition. At the mid way point of the Tribulation, a coalition of southern and northern, with respect to Israel, armies will invade Palestine. This is the first battle of the 3 ½ year War of Armageddon. They will be defeated by the anti-Christ, who will remain in Palestine, persecute the Jewish people, and turn the Temple in Jerusalem into a monument for the worship of himself. At the end of the Tribulation, the armies of the world will assemble themselves in Palestine, both to fight each other and to fight God. This is when Christ returns to the earth to set up His Kingdom rule.

The Tribulation will not take place until the son of perdition, the anti-Christ is revealed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3 – "The end of the Tribulation will be a time of great fear and perplexity. This is because of all the great disruption that will take place in the seas, and especially the Heavens, great earthquakes, famines, fearful sights, great signs. In addition, these events will cause so much confusion among the warriors that they actually kill each other."

Next, we will talk about the Second Coming. The Second Coming is the return of Jesus with an army of Angels and Raptured believers to destroy the forces which are arrayed against God and to deliver the Jewish people. Revelation 19:11 – "Jesus will utterly destroy the forces arrayed against him, and cast the beast and the false prophet into the Lake of Fire." Revelation 19:19 – "Satan will be confined to a bottomless pit for one thousand years, the entire duration of the Millennium."

Those who are still living at the end of the Tribulation will be judged by Christ. Christ will allow those who trusted him to enter the Millennial Kingdom, but those who did not trust him will receive everlasting punishment. Mathew 25. The exact day and hour of His Coming will not be known, as fated in Mathew 24:36-38, but there will be signs which must occur in advance of the Second Coming that will indicate the approximate time.

Next is the Millennial Reign. The Thousand Year Reign of Christ following the end of the Tribulation is called the Millennium. Those who believe that this will actually take place believe in the literal interpretation. During the Millennium, Israel will be re-gathered in Palestine, Christ will rule over the entire earth. His Rule will be absolute and firm. Believers in Resurrection bodies will also be on earth and assist Christ as He rules. It will be a time of peace, prosperity, and justice.

Finally, how should these Truths affect the believer? God did not tell us about the future to weed out the studious from the lazy. He did not give us information about the future so that we could devote most of our time to figuring out the identity of the anti-Christ. He did not give us prophecies so that we could use secret formulas to determine exactly when the Rapture would take place. God gave us prophecy so that we would know that He would win the ultimate victory, and that the world will not keep on going as it is. God gave us prophecies so that our lives might be different in light of prophesied events.

Jesus told us to occupy until He comes. This is what we will discuss in our next time together. We will be talking about what it means to "occupy until I come."

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