

Basic Bible Truths - Message #10

"WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE"

Introduction:

1. When we speak about "*God's Plan For The Future*", we're entering into the doctrine of "**ESCHATOLOGY**".
 1. Or...the doctrine of last things.
 1. As we study the Bible, we can read about events that haven't happened yet.
 2. We can study about events that are still in the future.
 3. Furthermore...nowhere else is that information available.
 4. Because only in the Scripture is the future predicted and unfolded.
 5. NOWHERE ELSE!
 2. Now...of course...the Bible doesn't tell us every detail about the future...but it doesn't leave us in the dark, either!
 1. Because...the Bible contains a lot of truth about the future that we can understand.
 2. And the question we want to deal with in this session is this:... "*What does the Bible teach regarding...*"
 1. The sequence of things to come...
 2. As those things relate to God's plan for the future."
2. So...what I want to do is deal with this subject *sequentially*.
 1. In other words, let's look at the future events in the Scripture...**IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY WILL HAPPEN**.
 1. Now...you are probably aware that all Bible teachers...
 1. And that includes all *Bible prophecy* teachers...
 2. Don't agree when it comes to the order of these events...
 3. Or even to the meaning of these events.
 2. Now...it's not my intention to attempt to explain why I agree or disagree with the teaching of others...
 1. But...to simply present my interpretation...
 2. And my understanding of these future events...
 3. And the order in which I see them occurring in the Bible.
 2. Now...I've provided for you a little chart...
 1. Which will give you a chronological perspective...
 2. And help you follow along.
3. I want to begin way back in the Old Testament in the Book of Daniel, Chapter 9, Vss. 24-27. (**READ**)

1. Here we have the angel Gabriel, telling Daniel that there would be a period of "seventy weeks" or "seventy sevens" (490 years)...
 1. A "week" equaled 7-years...so...70 weeks would be 490 years.
 2. And during those 70-years God would use His chosen people...the Jews...to reach out to unbelievers.

2. And...there was to be one specific event which would kick-off the start of these "70 weeks"...or 490 years.
 1. One specific event which would be the starting point of Jewish evangelistic activity.
 2. And that was when the decree was given for the Jews to leave their captivity in Babylon...
 1. And return to rebuild Jerusalem...
 2. Which had already been destroyed.
 3. Now...that happened in the year 445 B.C.
 4. So...the prophesied "70 Weeks" or **490-year period** began in 445 B.C...
 1. When a Persian king released the Jews from bondage...
 2. And they returned to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem (*see Nehemiah 2*).

3. Furthermore...Daniel prophesied that after 483 of the 490-years had passed....the "**Anointed One**" would be killed. (*The Messiah*)
 1. Then...shortly after that...the city of Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed.
 2. Remember...the "*Anointed One*" is the Messiah.
 3. Now watch this...
 1. That prophecy was fulfilled exactly to the day...
 2. How do we know that?
 3. Because it was exactly 483-years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem...
 4. That Jesus proclaimed He was the Messiah...
 5. And was rejected and crucified!
 4. And in A.D. 70...just as Daniel's prophecy predicts would happen...
 1. The Temple was destroyed...
 2. And Jerusalem was destroyed by Roman legions.
 5. So...the Messiah was killed exactly as Daniel prophesied...after exactly 483-years!
 6. But...WE'RE STILL 7 YEARS SHORT OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY..
 1. OF "70 WEEKS" OR "490-YEARS"!...
 2. During which God would use the Jew to reach out to unbelievers.
 7. But...God's only used them so-far for 483-years.
 8. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER 7-YEARS???

4. After Christ's death and resurrection and the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., God has inserted another period of history.

1. And you and I are living in that period of history right now!
2. It's called The Church Age.
3. And during this time, God has not been dealing with Israel as a nation...
 1. Because they have been blinded to God's grace in Christ...
 2. Which we see in Romans 11.
4. Well...what happened to those other 7 years...or what is called *Daniel's 70th Week*???
5. Well...we'll see where they are in a few minutes.
6. But for now...let's start through the sequence of future events in God's plan for the future.

What's going to happen next?

4. ***FUTURE EVENT #1 - THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH!***

1. That is the next event in predictive prophecy.
 1. At a time which is not revealed precisely in the Bible...
 1. The Lord Jesus Christ will descend from Heaven...
 2. And meet His Church in the air.
 2. When this event takes place...(AND IT COULD BE AT ANY MOMENT)...
 1. All of the bodies of Christians who have died...
 2. Will be raised from the grave...
 3. Along with all of the believers who are alive at that time...
 4. And they will be translated into the presence of the Lord Jesus...
 5. And they will be with Him forever.
 3. Now...we find the Scriptural teaching on this event in:
 1. I Thessalonians 4:13-17
 2. I Corinthians 15:51-57
 3. John 14:3
 4. II Thessalonians 2:1
 4. I Corinthians 15:52 describes what will happen...

"...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed."

2. Now...not all Bible interpreters agree on the timing of this event
 1. The day and the hour are not given to us in the Bible.
 2. But...there are enough indications in Scripture to convince the great majority of evangelical scholars...
 1. That the Rapture will precede any other prophetic event...
 2. In God's plan for the future.
 3. Those who hold that position, and I am one of them...are called "PRE-TRIBULATIONISTS".

3. Some believe that the Rapture will take place in the middle of the Tribulation period...they are called "MID-TRIBULATIONISTS".
 1. Others believe the Rapture will not take place until after the Tribulation period...they are called "POST-TRIBULATIONISTS".
 2. And still others believe that only a select group...
 1. Those who are waiting and watching for Christ...
 2. Will be raptured.
 3. They are called "PARTIAL-RAPTURISTS".
 3. It is my interpretation that no part of the Church of Jesus Christ...
 1. Will have to pass through what is known as the *Tribulation*...
 2. Which we'll discuss in a few minutes.
 4. Now...keep in mind that the Rapture is *a signless event*.
 5. In other words...there is nothing that has to happen before the Rapture can occur.

4. I Thessalonians 5:9, 10...
 - 9 *"For God has not destined us for **wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*
 - 10 *who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him."*
 1. As we'll see in a few minutes...
 1. The Tribulation will be a period of time...
 2. When the wrath of God will fall upon the earth and everybody who lives on it
 2. See...(Revelation 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10,19; etc).
 3. God's wrath is reserved for unbelievers, not for believers...

John 3:36:

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

4. John 5:24 says that Jesus bore God's wrath and judgment for those who have placed their faith in Him.
5. The Church will not be subject to God's wrath.
6. That's what Jesus was talking about when He said to John in Revelation 3:10...

"Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth."

7. Since our time is limited and we've got a big subject before us...let me suggest you also study:

II Thessalonians 2:6-8 and Revelation 4:4ff, on your own.
Okay...that's Future Event #1 - The Rapture of the Church.

5. Now..FUTURE EVENT #2 - "**THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST**".

1. I'm not going to say much about this event because we just studied it in our lesson on "*Judgments & Rewards*".

1. The Apostle writes these words to the Christians in Corinth...

2 Cor 5:10

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

2. Now that verse applies only to Christians.
 3. And we know that this judgment has nothing to do with judgment for our sins, because that was done on Calvary.
 4. So...what kind of judgment is it and who get's judged?
 5. It's a judgment of our works...after we become Christians (*Ephesians 2:10*).

2. The details about this event are found in I Corinthians 3:11-15.

1. This event takes place immediately following the Rapture.
 2. And our "**works**" will be tested by the fire of God's judgment.
 3. And only those works that survive the test will bring reward.
 4. And those rewards are symbolized in the Bible as "*crowns*".
 5. Now...we saw in our earlier study that there are 5 different kinds of crowns mentioned in the Bible.
 6. So...that's future event #2.

6. **FUTURE EVENT #3 - THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB.**

1. Shortly after the Rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ...there will be what the Bible calls: **THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB.**

Rev 19:7-9

7 *"Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for **the marriage of the Lamb** has come and His bride has made herself ready."*

8 *And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

9 *And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to **the marriage supper of the Lamb**.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."*

(See also: John 1:36; Revelation 5:12; 6:1; 14:1)

1. This is going to be a time of great rejoicing in Heaven!
 2. Those who received rewards are going to be grateful for them and lay them at the feet of Jesus!
 3. And those who didn't get rewards are going to be grateful that they were saved by the Grace of God!
 4. Then there's going to be a great feast...called "**THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB**" (*Revelation 19:9*)

5. When a man and woman love each other they want to be together all the time...so...they get married!
6. In the New Testament, Jesus is called "*The Bridegroom*"...
 1. And the Church (All Believers)...
 2. Is called the Bride.
2. And...it's going to be on this occasion that the Lord Jesus...
 1. The Heavenly Bridegroom...
 1. Will be united with the Church...
 2. His bride...
 3. In accordance with God's purpose for them...
 4. And they will be one forever.
 2. This is going to be a time of unprecedented JOY...
 1. And from that time on...
 2. Christians will never, ever, be separated from the Lord Jesus Christ!

1Thes 4:17-18

17 *"Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

18 *Therefore comfort one another with these words."*

(Romans 7:4; II Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27; 32; Matthew 25:10; John 3:29; Revelation 21:1-2, 9-10; 22:17).

3. So...that's future event #3...**The Marriage of The Lamb.**

7. Next...*FUTURE EVENT #4 - "THE TRIBULATION"*

1. After the Church has been Raptured and is in Heaven...it's going to be a little different story back here on earth!
 1. God's judgment is going to fall on people all over the earth!!
 2. Jesus spoke about this time in the Sermon on the Mount!
 3. He predicted a time of "*great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be*" (Matthew 24:21).
 4. He talked about the "tribulation" in...
 - *Matthew 24:4-28
 - *Mark 13:5-23
 - *Luke 21:8-11, 25-28.
 5. Jeremiah predicted it would come and called it "*The time of Jacob's trouble*" (Jeremiah 30:1-3; 7-11).
2. The Book of Revelation describes the events of the Tribulation in chapters 6-19.
 1. The first 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation are called THE TRIBULATION.
 2. But the second 3 1/2 years are referred to as THE GREAT TRIBULATION (*II Thessalonians 2:1-12*).

3. QUESTION: How much is 3 1/2 and 3 1/2?
4. Well...guess what? WE JUST FOUND THE LAST 7 YEARS OF DANIEL'S PROPHECY OF 70 WEEKS OR 490 YEARS!
5. During the Tribulation, God is going to deal with Israel as a nation, again!
3. Now...we don't have time to go through all the events during the Great Tribulation, but you can get my series on Revelation for the details.
 1. But...let me say this: While God is pouring out His judgment on the world...
 1. The Gospel of the Kingdom is being preached around the world...(Matthew 24:9-14)
 2. And people will be saved !!
 2. There's going to be 144,000 Jewish evangelists who will be used by God as His servants (Revelation 7:4-8).
 3. And a "great multitude...
 1. Of all nations and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues"...
 2. Will confess faith in the Lamb of God and be saved (Revelation 7:9-17).
4. In addition...the Antichrist...or the "false messiah" is on the scene.
 1. He's going to head-up a ten-kingdom power of the last days.
 2. And he's going to make a false covenant with Israel.
 3. And...because of the judgments of God, there will be worldwide political upheaval!
 4. Then...the Antichrist is going to break his covenant with Israel and Israel will suffer the greatest persecution of all the ages (Matthew 24:15-26).
5. Then...the nations are going to organize to do battle against the Antichrist or the "beast".
 1. They're angry at the beast and they also want the wealth of the Holy Land.
 2. And so...all the nations will prepare for war.
 3. But...that's a big mistake on their part...because this will bring about the next event on God' plan for the future!
 4. And they're not going to like what happens!
8. **FUTURE EVENT #5 - THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST!**
 1. Jesus Christ will arise from His Father's right hand and come to earth in power to destroy His enemies and put them under His feet!

Matt 24:27

27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east, and flashes even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be."

Heb 10:12-13

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."

(Ps. 110:1; Matthew 22:44; Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13).

1. The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus Christ will descend from Heaven to earth...
 1. As the Faithful and True, the Word of God...
 2. King of kings and Lord of lords (*Matthew 24:3*).
2. He's going to Return visibly and bodily to the earth!

Acts 1:9-11

9 "And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them;

11 and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

3. This is the second part of Isaiah 61!
4. Remember...we're living in the "comma" in Vs. 2!
2. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of predictions of the Messiah not coming only once...but twice!
 1. In fact...Jesus' last recorded words were a promise that He would come again (*Revelation 22:20*).
 2. Keep in mind that the Second Coming of Christ is going to be a SPECTACULAR EVENT!
 3. First of all "nature" gets into the act of announcing His return!
 1. The sun and moon will be darkened...
 2. Stars will fall from heaven...
 3. And the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
 4. And...there's going to be some sort of sign in the sky...
 1. Maybe that's the glory of Christ Himself...
 2. When He returns "in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matt 24:29-31

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."*

5. When He descends to earth, He will plant His feet on the Mt. of Olives.
6. And an earthquake will split it right down the middle!

Zech 14:4

4 *"And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."*

7. And every eye on the earth at that time will see Him!

Rev 1:7

7 *"Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen."*

8. AND HE'S NOT COMING BACK ALONE!
1. All the saints of all the ages are coming with Him!

Jude 1:14-15

14 *"And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones,*

15 *to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

2. (Zechariah 14:5; I Thessalonians 3:13).
3. And all the holy angels will be with Him! (Matthew 25:31)
4. And the armies of Heaven will come along, too! (Revelation 19:14)

So...that's future event #6...The Second Coming of Christ.

9. **FUTURE EVENT #6 - "FOUR JUDGMENTAL ACTS"**

1. First...He's going to judge the Beast (Antichrist) and the false prophet.
 1. And they're going to get their just desserts!
 2. They will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 19:20

20 "And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone."

2. At the same time of that judgment of the beast and the false prophet, the devil will be bound with a chain...
 1. And cast into the abyss, where he will be detained for 1000 years!!
(*Revelation 20:1-3*)
 2. He won't be cast into the lake of fire until the end of millennium.
 3. Now...after those two judgments, Jesus will sit on His glorious throne on the earth.
 1. And among His first official acts as King, will be His judgment of the Gentiles.
 2. He will place the "sheep"...
 1. Those who have been saved during the Tribulation...
 2. On His right hand.
 3. And on His left hand, He will place the "goats"...
 1. Those Gentiles out of all the nations...
 2. Who have rejected Him during the same time period (*Matthew 25:31-46*).
 4. And then the last of His **Four Judgmental Acts** will be Christ's judgment of Israel.
 1. Now...this is not a judgment of the nation...but of individual Jews (*Ezekiel 20:33-38; Malachi 3:2-5*).
 2. I've listed a number of references that indicate that the nation will have been brought back to the land of Palestine by this time.
(Deuteronomy 30:1-10; Isaiah 11:11-16; 49:22-23; 60:9-10; Jeremiah 16:14-15; 23:3, 7-8; 30:3; 33:7-9)
 3. Those among them who have rebelled will be purged.
 4. And those who have turned to the Lord...
 1. After recognizing at last...
 2. That He whom they have pierced is indeed their Messiah
(*Revelation 1:7; Zechariah 12:10*)...
 3. Will enter the blessing of the Millennial Kingdom (*Ezekiel 20:37*).
- So...Future Event #1 - THE RAPTURE
 Future Event #2 - THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST
 Future Event #3 - THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB
 Future Event #4 - THE TRIBULATION
 Future Event #5 - THE SECOND COMING!
 Future Event #6 - THE FOUR JUDGMENTAL ACTS
 10. Now...**FUTURE EVENT #7 - THE MILLENNIUM.**

1. Now...what's the "Millennium"?
 1. The millennium is the period of 1000 years when Christ will reign over the earth as King.
 2. And...ruling with Him, will be all those whom He has purchased with His blood over all the ages.
 3. The word "millennium" is mentioned 6 times in Revelation 20:2-7.

Rev 20:2-7

2 *And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for **a thousand years**,*

3 *and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until **the thousand years** were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

4 *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for **a thousand years**.*

5 *The rest of the dead did not come to life until **the thousand** years were completed. This is the first resurrection.*

6 *Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him **for a thousand years**.*

7 *And when **the thousand years** are completed, Satan will be released from his prison..."*

4. The millennium is also called the Kingdom age.
2. Now...what kind of government will there be during the millennium?
 1. The government of the whole earth will be under direct theocratic rule.
 2. Christ will be the universal King (*Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Micah 4:3; Zechariah 9:10*).
 3. The moral characteristics of the kingdom will be righteousness and peace (*Isaiah 2:4; 9:6-7; 33:5; Hosea 2:18*).
 4. And believe it or not...JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL FOR EVERYBODY! (*Isaiah 11:5; 42:1,4; Jeremiah 23:5*)
 5. And get this one...THE BASIS OF ALL GOVERNMENT WILL BE **"TRUTH"!!!** (*Isaiah 16:5; 42:3; Jeremiah 33:6; Zechariah 8:3*).
3. Furthermore...there will be no unsaved Jews or Gentiles allowed to enter the millennium (*Malachi 4:1; Matthew 25:41,46*).
 1. During the millennium the worship of the one true God will be universal (*Zephaniah 3:9; Zechariah 14:16; Malachi 1:11*).
 2. The nations will go into the Temple to offer praise to God.
 1. There will be an altar (*Ezekiel 41:22*)...
 2. And sacrifices will be offered to God (*Ezekiel 43:18-27*).
 3. But...the offerings in the millennial temple will not be made as offerings for sin...

1. But as a memorial of Him who gave His life for us...
2. Just as today, in the Church age...
3. The bread and the cup are in remembrance of Christ's death on our behalf.
4. At the end of the millennium Satan will be loosed and he will gather an army.
 1. Remember...myriads will be born into the world during this thousand year period.
 2. And Satan will gather an army, in number *"like the sand of the seashore"*.
 3. And he will go to war against Jerusalem!

Rev 20:7-9

7 *"And when the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison,*
 8 *and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog*
and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the
seashore.

9 *And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints*
and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them."

4. It's at this point in history future, that Satan is cast into the lake of fire...
 1. To be tormented day and night...
 2. FOREVER and EVER! (*Revelation 20:10*)

11. **FUTURE EVENT #8 - THE GREAT WHITE THRONE!**

1. This is the time when all of those who've died in their sins since the beginning of human history will be judged.
 1. They will be raised and brought before the great white throne for judgment

Rev 20:11-15

11 *"And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and*
heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

12 *And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were*
opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from
the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

13 *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead*
which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

14 *And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake*
of fire.

15 *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the*
lake of fire."

2. So...all of those who died without Christ...
 1. No matter how important or unimportant they may have been...
 2. They will only have one thing to offer...
 3. And it's the one thing many of them always counted on...
 4. THEIR WORKS!

3. None of them will be able to ask for mercy because of their faith in Christ.
 4. And when the Book of Life is opened...
 1. The book in which the names of all who have died believing in Christ are written...
 2. The names of these unfortunate myriads will not be found...
 3. NOT EVEN ONE.
 2. So...every one of them will be cast into the lake of fire, where they will join Satan and the two beasts who are already there.
 1. This is what the Bible calls "*The Second Death*".
 2. And there is no reprieve, no escape, no resurrection (*Revelation 20:14*).
12. And now...the *FINAL FUTURE EVENT* (#9) - **ETERNITY!**
1. After the final judgments of men and angels, the heavens and the earth will be purged (*II Peter 3:10*).
 1. And a new heaven and a new earth will come into existence (*Isaiah 65:17; 66:22; Revelation 21:1*).
 2. And now...the New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven (*Rev. 21:1-2,10*).

Rev 21:1-2

1 "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband."

Rev 21:10

10 "And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God..."

3. This will be the dwelling place of God.
4. And all the true worshipers of God from every age will be there.
5. And all the innumerable company of holy angels will be there.
6. All who have been washed in the blood will be there.
7. All the redeemed of all the ages will gather in one eternal voice of praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords.
2. And we will reign with Christ forever and ever (*Revelation 22:5*).
 1. And there in the Holy City, the New Jerusalem...
 1. There will be nothing but blessedness.
 2. And our God will dwell with His people.
 2. He'll take away all the heartaches.
 3. He'll wipe away all the tears of the past and all things will be new.
 4. No more death, sorrow, pain, poverty, or suffering.
 5. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there.
 6. And His saints will serve Him...
 1. Beholding His face...
 2. Forever and ever.
 3. AMEN!

3. Let me add in closing, this thought.
 1. The Bible gives us a peek at what God is going to do in the future as a motivating force for the present.
 2. What we see...is there to encourage us in the present...
 1. To keep our lives clean...
 2. To serve others...
 3. To use every opportunity to the fullest.
 3. The best way for you and I to prepare for the future...is to do God's will right now.

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2. What future event is described in I Corinthians 15:52? _____
(p. 3)
3. All Bible interpreters agree on when the "Rapture" will take place. (p. 3)
____TRUE ____FALSE
4. Give two biblical references where the teaching of the "Rapture" is found. (p. 3) 1. _____ 2. _____
5. Those who believe that the next event to take place in God's plan for the future is the "Rapture" are called what? (p. 4) _____

6. Why won't Christians be judged for their sins at The Judgment Seat of Christ? (p. 5) _____
7. What are Christians judged for at The Judgment Seat of Christ? (p. 5)

8. Revelation 19:9 tells of a great marriage feast. Who is the Bride and who is the Bridegroom at this wedding feast? (p. 6) The Bride is _____
_____ and the Bridegroom is _____
9. Chapters 6 through 19 of the Book of The Revelation describe what future event in God's plan for the future? (p. 7) _____
10. How long does that event last? (p. 7) _____
11. What is the name the Bible gives to the man who will lead a ten-kingdom power during the Tribulation? (p. 7) _____

12. What did Jesus promise He would do in Revelation 22:20? _____

13. Name three groups that will accompany Jesus when He Returns: (p. 9)
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

14. What does the Bible mean when it uses the word "*Millennium?*" (p. 11)

15. The *millennium* is also called: (p. 11) _____

16. Who will be judged at the Great White Throne? (p. 12) _____

17. List below the 9 future events discussed in this lesson:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

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