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OPENING PRAYER



We take a few moments for silent prayer then I will pray out loud.

Be with us now, Father, as we open Your Word and listen to Your Spirit teach. May we learn what You know we need and may we act on what we learn. We know that Bible Truth in our soul is the only foundation for permanent, unquenchable capacity for happiness. As Your children, we need to be faithful in our study of Your Word so we can grow in grace and knowledge of You. We pray in the name of Your precious Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

REVIEW

Vocabulary

The events in this review are specifically chosen because of their relationship to the Second Advent. Show on a timeline where each event occurs.

Last Event Of The Tribulation



Although many things happen at the same time, the event marking the end of the Tribulation is Armageddon, the last battle in the final World War. The battle officially ends the Tribulation. Apparently, there is a period of 75 days between the Second Advent and the beginning of the Millennium (Dan. 12:11-12)..

Bema Seat in heaven

The Bema Seat is the seat of evaluation of Church Age believers. The evaluation takes place in heaven while the Tribulation plays out on earth. Believers receive awards based on the production of the Holy Spirit in their lives after salvation. The evaluation of believers pictures the preparation of the bride of Christ, who is arrayed in fine linen, pure and white and decorated with medals of honor in preparation for the Marriage ceremony.

The Bema Seat is closely associated with the fire destroying wood, hay and straw (symbols for works done in the power of the flesh) that are mixed with gold, silver and precious stones (symbols for works accomplished in the filling of the Spirit).

The Judgment of the Great Harlot



REVELATION 19: 1-2 After these things I heard as it were, a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power

belong to our God Because His judgments are True and Righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her”.



The glorious bride in heaven stands in stark contrast to the great harlot, an unfaithful, counterfeit bride on earth. The judgment of the great harlot stands in sharp contrast to the preparation of the true bride in heaven. God judges the counterfeit bride justly. She meets with total destruction in one hour. She deserves it!

Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The Church Age pictures the Bridegroom's engagement to His beloved after their betrothal. The Rapture of the Church removes the bride to be from harm's way while judgments are poured out upon earth's inhabitants. The Lamb Bridegroom protects His bride!

After the Rapture, the bride is prepared for the wedding ceremony in heaven. Jesus Christ makes His bride ready by His work on her behalf and He is proud to present her to Himself and to His Father. He says, "Here is My bride, Father. I have protected her completely. She is holy and pure. I am so proud of her!" A magnificent heavenly ceremony unites Jesus Christ and His bride in an eternal relationship. The Supper seems to follow the Marriage ceremony in heaven. The bride and Bridegroom return to earth where a magnificent Marriage Feast is held.

The Millennium represents the honeymoon. Believers, as the bride of Christ, will reign with Him (ON HIS THRONE) as His Queen for one thousand years.

Is not God's Word wonderful? Is it not gracious of God to fit things together for us "if" we will keep studying and advancing in the spiritual life? When a believer continues to study God's Word, he begins to understand God's plan, will and purpose in a wonderful way.

Summary

Bond-servants, Church Age believers, are dressed in fine linen and prepared as the bride for the Marriage of the Lamb. The place is heaven. The wedding ceremony is held immediately after the evaluation at the Bema Seat in heaven, then comes the Second Advent and the battle of Armageddon on earth. Listen, carefully, for fresh details in verses 11-16.



I. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

The second Coming of Jesus Christ is the event for which creation has been waiting. Jesus Christ’s return to earth with clouds when every eye will see Him was mentioned in **REVELATION 1:7**. Clouds picture believers (His bride, the Church) returning to earth with Jesus Christ to judge the nations and rule.



REVELATION 19:11-16 describes this long awaited event. It is the Second Advent of our Lord, the coming of the King of kings to receive His Kingdom and rule, as David’s heir, for a thousand years ... and forever after!

In a way, the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is in two parts. Christ returns to pick up His bride, but He waits in the air for her to join Him. Seven years later, Jesus Christ returns with His bride, and plants His feet on earth. The first event is the Rapture. The second event is Christ’s Second Advent.

Display symbols for both events and go over the chart comparing the two. Chart is at the end of this lesson may be copied and distributed to students. Teacher may devote as much time as desired looking up each Scripture or simply considering each point. Students may take chart home and study on their own.

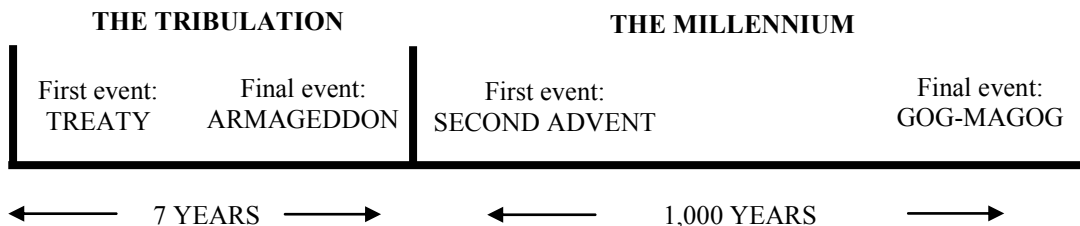


A. MILLENNIUM

1. DEFINITION

The term “millennium” comes from a Latin word meaning “a thousand years”. Mille = thousand. Ennum = a period of years. A period of one thousand years. The Millennium follows the Tribulation in God’s plan.

Quickly remind students of the first and final events of the Tribulation and the Millennium.



2. FIRST EVENT

Display Christ's Second Coming symbol.



3. FINAL EVENT

Display the Gog-Magog symbol.



a. The final event of the Millennium is the Gog-Magog revolution. Some call it war, but there is no fighting. Satan gathers all who are on his side, but Satan's entire army is destroyed with one word from Christ's mouth.

MATTHEW 25: 31-34; 25:40-46; ZECHARIAH 14:16-19



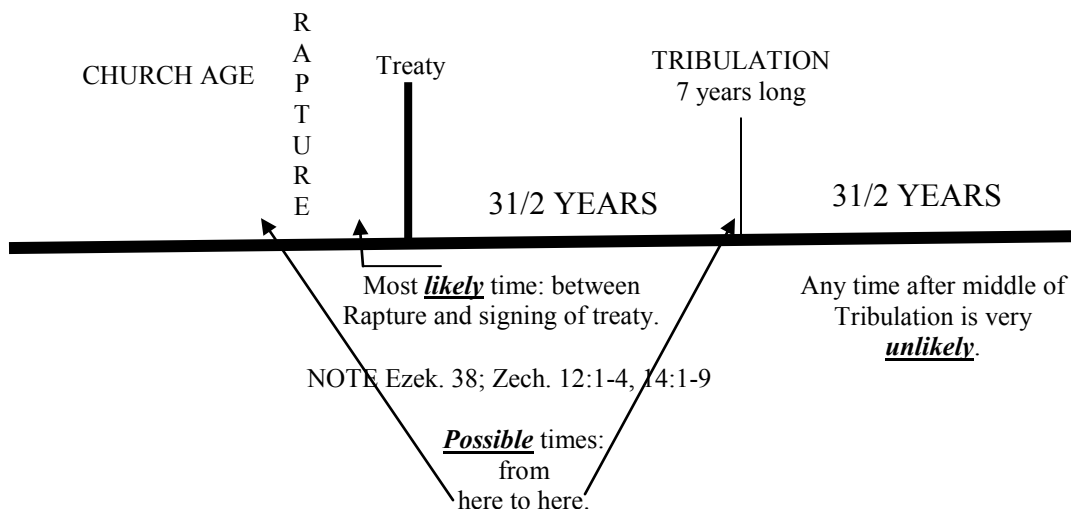
b. Though the millennium begins with only believers, many people (born during the population explosion of those 1,000 years) never believe in Christ as personal Savior. It is hard to imagine, since the Lord is present on earth, ruling with perfect justice, authority and love and there is also perfect environment. The fact that many rush to Satan when he is released from the Abyss is proof of the total depravity of the human race without faith in Christ. That some will reject Christ's perfect love (after experiencing it on earth) and choose to follow Satan, though he has had no influence, is...unbelievable! The attitude of rebellion comes from within man (his sin nature).

c. The Gog-Magog event at the end of the Millennium is not to be confused with the King of the North's invasion of Israel, nor with Armageddon. The name, Gog-Magog, is used for two entirely separate events occurring at least 1,000 years apart. The last event is covered in more detail in **REVELATION 20:8**.



d. The earlier event: the invasion of Israel by the king of the north, is the first aggressive act in the war that ends with the battle of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation. That invasion possibly occurs between the Rapture and the signing of the treaty between Antichrist and Israel. The term Gog-Magog originates from its use for that earlier invasion and has become symbolic for rebellion of evil creatures against the Creator. "Gog" refers to the leader of the revolution. "Magog" to those who follow the leader.

POSSIBLE TIMES OF KING OF THE NORTH'S INVASION



B. SECOND ADVENT

REVELATION 19:11 And I saw heaven opened...

Direct students' attention to the time of the millennium's first event on a timeline, again: the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

1. HEAVEN OPENS

Heaven's door is open at the Second Advent. It is the door of opportunity for blessings to pour out upon earth. Blessings shower down unhindered because of Jesus Christ's return. Nothing can stop Him.

2. HEAVEN OPENED BEFORE AND WILL AGAIN

a. At Christ's baptism.

Heaven opened for God to express satisfaction in His beloved Son when John, the Baptist, baptized Jesus in the river Jordan (**MARK 1:11**).

b. For Christ's return to heaven after His resurrection.

Heaven opened to receive Jesus back to heaven after He died for our sins. Since then, Jesus Christ has been seated at the right hand of His Father, serving as defense attorney for the Church (**MARK 16:19**).

c. At the Rapture of the church.

Heaven will open again, allow the Bridegroom to depart and call His



bride to Himself (the open door in Chapter 4 pictures this event). Heaven receives the Groom and His betrothed and they remain in heaven during the Tribulation (**I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18; I CORINTHIANS 15:51, 52**).



d. When Christ returns to earth to make His enemies His footstool at the Second Advent (I CORINTHIANS 15:24, 25).

The doors of heaven are wide open at the Second Advent for every eye to see the Lord of lords returning in all His majestic glory (**REVELATION 1:7; REVELATION 19:11**).



3. FOUR PURPOSES OF THE SECOND ADVENT

a. To end the campaign of Armageddon, throw beast and false prophet into lake of fire and protect God's people (REVELATION 19:11-21).

b. To cast Satan into the abyss: REVELATION 20:1-3.

c. To judge the Nations: MATTHEW 25:31-46.

d. To establish Christ's Kingdom on earth: REVELATION 20:6 I CORINTHIANS 15:24, 25.



4. DESCRIPTION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He judges and wages war. And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself. And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh (*His name is written twice*) He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."



5. CLASS ACTIVITY



Go Over the subtle meanings of the descriptive phrases one at a time. Help students cut out and paste Second Advent symbols on the Class activity page as each descriptive phrase is addressed.

a. Heaven opens.

Display the "heaven's open door" symbol.



REVELATION 19:11-16 describes the Lord Jesus Christ as He returns to earth to begin his rule. This is not someone who dwells on earth. He comes from heaven, which is His home. The horse and its rider descend directly from heaven (Verse 11).

Paste this symbol in the correct spot on Class Activity page.



b. A white horse and He who sat upon it. Verse 11.

Display the "rider on the white horse" symbol.

1) White pictures nobility and victory. Horses signify God's reaching into the affairs of men. Sitting tells us the One seated has full power and authority. He is omnipotent.

Students should paste symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.



A MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD LEAVES HEAVEN AND
BURSTS INTO THE AFFAIRS OF MEN
IN VICTORY, POWER AND AUTHORITY.



2) We studied another rider in **REVELATION 6:2**. The rider of that white horse was a phony who, under the direction of Satan, with the help of the False Prophet, fouled up earth in a horrible way. He tried to rule earth by setting up a counterfeit of God's Kingdom. His kingdom failed miserably. Now, the true King returns.

3) The rider of this white horse is the real thing, the original. He is the true King of kings, the Ruler of the universe. He comes from heaven as victorious Creator to reclaim what rightfully belongs to Him.

c. Faithful, True and Righteous in judgment and war. Verse 11

Display the correct symbol.

The counterfeit rider in **CHAPTER 6** possessed none of these characteristics. They are God's characteristics.

Students should paste the symbol in the correct place on Class activity page.



d. Eyes like a flame of fire. Verse 12.

Display the correct symbol.

REVELATION 19: 12 And His eyes are a flame of fire.

This rider is Omniscient. He judges fairly, based on full knowledge and wisdom.

Direct students to paste the symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.

e. Many crowns on His head and a name only He knows. Verse 12.

Display the "many crowns" symbol. Also display a crown of thorns.

REVELATION 19:12 ...and upon His head are many diadems and He has a name written upon Him which no one knows except Himself.

1) This rider is the Sovereign ruler of the kings of earth. He was forced to wear a different crown, once. That crown was thrust upon His head by men of such evil character they were capable of cruelly twisting that crown to make its sharp thorns dig into His precious brow. It was the Creator's brow. In contrast, He, now, wears the crown of His true authority. From this time on, He is fully vested with the power that has belonged to Him since before He created the heavens and the earth.

HE IS KING OF EVERYTHING.

2) Jesus Christ wears many crowns and one of them is not a victory crown. It is the crown worn not because of what He has done, but because of who and what He is. Though He wears many crowns as King over all other kings, the dominant, most important one speaks of His essence and nature as God, the Almighty, Supreme Royalty... SOVEREIGN of the universe. In addition, He has a name and He alone knows its meaning. Don't you suppose His bride will be told, someday?

Help students paste the symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.

f. Wearing a robe dipped in blood. Verse 13.

REVELATION 19:13 And He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood.





Display the "dipped in blood" symbol.

"Dipped" implies the bottom of the avenger's robe is soaked in blood and blood is splattered all over His pure, white robe. Blood speaks of the Rider's role as the One who treads the wine press as Righteous Judge. It has nothing to do with His work on the cross and everything to do with His authority as avenging Judge. Treading the winepress pictures His wrath in judgment as He stamps out the enemies of truth.

ISAIAH 11:4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.



ISAIAH 63:2, 3 Why is Your apparel red, And your garments like the one who treads in the wine press? I have trodden the wine press alone, and from the peoples there was no man with Me. I also trod them in My anger, And trampled them in My wrath; And their lifeblood is sprinkled on My garments, And I stained all My raiment.

Direct students to paste the symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.



g. His name is the Word of God. Verse 13.

Display the "Word of God" symbol.



REVELATION 19:13 ...and His name is called the Word of God

His name "Word of God" appears only in John's writings as part of the written Word of God. It refers to Jesus Christ as the living Word who came to reveal God the Father to the World. As "The Living Word" He is the express image of God...making God visible to man.

Direct students to paste the symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.



h. Armies with Him. Verse 14.

Display the "White Horse and its rider accompanied by armies" symbol.



REVELATION 19:14 And the armies which are

in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.



1) Armies accompany Jesus Christ. Believers of the Church Age (His bride) have been in heaven with Jesus since before the beginning of the Tribulation (Stage 2 of the first resurrection). The Church returns to earth with the Lord as He defeats the armies of the world at the final battle in the campaign of Armageddon.

2) Church Age believers are nobility (made so by Christ's work on the cross) and are victorious with Him (mounted on white horses, too). Other groups with Him are angelic armies and Old Testament and Tribulation saints who received resurrection bodies at the end of the Tribulation (Stage 3 of First Resurrection).

Help students paste the symbol in the correct spot on Class Activity page.

Display or draw, First Resurrection chart with second and third stages highlighted.



Display the fine linen symbol.

3) The uniforms of "fine linen, white and clean" picture absolute righteousness without blemish. It is the same description used for the bride. The Church and the bride are the same. The ones accompanying Jesus Christ are His bride, the Church, other righteous people and holy angels.

4) We, the Church, the Bride of the Lamb are part of His army. We help Him judge angels and those who reject Him in time, but we will not **fight** in this war. I want you to notice something remarkable about the attire of the armies coming from heaven with Christ.

5) Would you not think it odd if you saw an army prepared to go to war and all the soldiers were dressed in sparkling white? War is a bloody confrontation. Imagine the uniforms when the fighting is over.

6) Christ's armies will not fight. The army's uniforms will not be bloodied. Their leader wipes out the opposing armies with a single word from His mouth. **Our Lord takes care of us as He has always done!** His robe is "dipped" in blood" because He has avenged His people. This battle is the Lord's. He fights the battle for His armies and His victorious armies stand in white linen...**spotless**... after the battle is won. Their leader is drenched with the enemy's blood, but His army doesn't lift a finger or a sword (**ISAIAH 63:3-5**).

WHAT A SIGHT THIS WILL BE TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONTENT TO "SETTLE DOWN IN SATAN'S DOMAIN"

JUDE 14, 15 And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, 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 all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.



II THESSALONIANS 2:8 And then that lawless one will be revealed (*at the beginning of the Tribulation*) whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming (*at the end of the Millennium: the Gog-Magog revolution*).

Direct students to paste the return of Christ with armies in fine linen symbol in the correct place on the Class Activity page.

j. A sharp sword out of His mouth. Verse 15.

Display the correct symbol.



REVELATION 19:15 And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may smite the nations...

From Christ's mouth comes a sword. This time it is not the short two-edged Roman sword used defensively, but a long sword like a spear. It is an aggressive, judging weapon, an instrument of warfare. Christ returns to earth in judgment. The sword represents the judging aspect of the Word of God and Christ's role as the smiting stone (**EZEKIEL 7:9**), judge of nations.

Direct students to paste the symbol in the correct place on the Class Activity page.

k. Rules with a rod of iron. Verse 15.

Display the "rod of iron" symbol.



REVELATION 19:15a...and He will rule them with a rod of iron.



PSALM 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron...

The rod of iron speaks of the ability to rule perfectly. It carries no meaning of cruelty only strict adherence to righteousness. It is a blessing to the world. Jesus Christ rules the earth with absolute and perfect authority for a thousand years.

Help students paste the symbol in the correct place on Class Activity page.

l. Treads the wine press. Verse 15.

Display the "treads the winepress" symbol.

REVELATION 19:15b...and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty...

1) **VERSE 15** describes the judgment of unbelievers, which is the wrath of Almighty God. In olden times (and in some places today) men pressed wine by stomping on grapes until the juice flowed into a lower compartment.

Display "feet in a winepress" symbol.

2) The fierce wrath of God's judgment is pictured by the crushing of grapes. Judgment is also symbolized by the blood-splattered robe.

Help students paste the symbol in the correct spot on Class Activity page.

m. Name written twice. Verse 16.

Display the "name written twice" symbol.

REVELATION 19:16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS".

In the ancient world, important people displayed their names on their person in different ways. Names of very important people were often shown, somewhere on their person, twice.

"KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" IS EXACTLY WHO HE IS.

HE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE UNIVERSE.

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

How unsearchable are your judgments and your ways past finding out!





We thank you for your perfect wisdom and knowledge. We thank you for your perfect plan for saving us from the wrath we deserve. We thank you for sending Your Son to pay the price and die for the sins of the whole world. We thank you in the name of Your precious Son, Our Perfect Savior, for of Him and through Him and to Him are all things. His glory will last forever. Thank you, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RAPTURE AND RETURN

RAPTURE

1. **PRIVATE:** for believers only
2. **IN THE AIR:** doesn't touch earth
I Thessalonians 4:17
3. **CHURCH GOES TO HEAVEN.**
John 14:2-3; II Thessalonians 2:2
4. **EVALUATION OF BELIEVERS**
II Corinthians 5:10
5. **HOLY SPIRIT IS REMOVED FROM EARTH** II Thessalonians 2:6-8
6. **CHANGE IS IN BELIEVERS.**
I Corinthians 15:51-54
7. **BELIEVERS REMOVED FROM EARTH** I Thessalonians 4:16-17
8. **CHURCH AGE ENDS.**
9. **NEXT AGE BEGINS WITH UNBELIEVERS ONLY**
10. **DISCIPLINE FOR ISRAEL BEGINS.**
11. **A SOURCE OF COMFORT TO BELIEVERS** I Thessalonians 5:17-18

RETURN

1. **PUBLIC:** every eye will see Him
Matthew 16:28
2. **TO THE EARTH:** returns to earth
Zechariah 14:4; Acts 1:11
3. **CHURCH RETURNS TO EARTH.**
I Thessalonians 3:13
4. **JUDGMENT OF UNBELIEVERS.**
Ezek. 20:33-36' Matt. 25:31-33;46; Rev.20:1
5. **SATAN IS REMOVED FROM EARTH.**
Revelation 20:1-3
6. **CHANGE IS IN EARTH.**
Zechariah 14:9-11
7. **BELIEVERS RETURN TO EARTH.**
Revelation 19:14
8. **JEWISH AGE ENDS.**
9. **NEXT AGE BEGINS WITH BELIEVERS ONLY.**
10. **DISCIPLINE FOR ISRAEL ENDS.**
11. **A SOURCE OF TERROR TO UNBELIEVERS.** Matthew 13:41-43

**IN EACH OF THESE EVENTS JESUS
CHRIST DOES ALL THE WORK.**