

GOD'S PROPHETIC CLOCK



**FUTURE EVENTS
IN PROPHECY**

Dr. Dan Arbogast

**GOD'S PROPHETIC
CLOCK**

Future Events In Prophecy

**Part of the Mini Doctrine Series
From Christian Bible Press**

**3194 Spencer Dr.
Geneva, Ohio 44041**

**A ministry of
Dr. Dan Arbogast**

**Pastor of
Christian Bible Church
27 S. Lake St.
Madison, Ohio**

GOD'S PROPHETIC CLOCK

Future Events In Prophecy

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Revelation 22:20,21 He who testifieth these things saith, Surely, I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Jesus Christ the Lord is the eternal Word of God. (John 1:1-14 1 John 5:7,8)

He was, and is, God manifest, made seen, in the flesh. (John 1:14,18 1 Timothy 3:16)

The Bible was divinely inspired by Him, about Him, and for Him.

He took off His cloak of glory and came to earth the first time, and took on flesh and blood, lived for 33 years, was crucified, was buried, and rose from the dead.

When He did this, He fulfilled roughly 300 Old Testament prophecies concerning His birth, life, death, burial, resurrection. (Luke 24:44 John 5:46,47 and many more)

He is not through however, fulfilling His prophetic Words. He is coming back. This time He is not coming back as a Lamb for the slaughter, He is coming back as a Lion for judgment. (Revelation 5:5,6)

Jesus Christ is seen in every Word of the Bible. In the beginning God created, (ref. John 1:1-3 Colossians 1:15-17 Hebrews 1:2) and even so come Lord Jesus.

Therefore, it is no great thing that future prophecies hinge on His prophetic return.

The Present

At the present time in history we are living in what the Bible calls the dispensation of grace.

It is also called the age of grace. We generally call it the church age.

NOTE: For a definition of words such as Church; dispensation; Armageddon; rapture; and etc., see the back of this book.

The church age began fifty days after Christ rose from the grave, on the day of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts chapters one and two.

This present dispensation, the church age, will end with the next event on God's prophetic clock..... the rapture.

The church age was a mystery to the Old Testament saints. (Romans 16:24-27 Ephesians 3:1-6 1 Peter 1:9-12)

It was not revealed until after Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. (Acts 1:1-11)

NOTE: Acquire the book The Mysteries of the New Testament from this ministry and the prophecy chart Bible study from this ministry.

The church is made up of people. It is not a denomination. It is people who hear and believe the gospel.

When we hear the simple gospel of Christ, and believe He paid for our sin with His death, burial, and resurrection, we are grafted into the church. (ref. Ephesians 1:11-14)

Someday, Jesus Christ will return in the air and gather His church together.

Those who have died in Christ will come with Him, and those who are alive at the time, will receive their new glorified bodies at the same time. (Romans 8:23 1 Corinthians 15:51,52 Ephesians 1:9-12 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 2 Thessalonians 2:1,2)

The world will not see the gathering together of the church because it will take place in an instant. (1 Corinthians 15:52)

Paul said concerning the rapture, "behold I show you a mystery...."

NOTE: for a definition of the word mystery see the back of this book

When the rapture takes place every saved, born again, child of God will be removed from this earth, along with the Holy Spirit of God. (2 Thessalonians 2:6,7)

The Wrath of God

Following the rapture God will usher in the seven year tribulation. This will be seven years of the worse time in the history of man. This event is recorded in the Old Testament, Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, Luke 21, 2 Thessalonians 2, and Revelation.

It is a time period in history set aside for those who reject the gospel, particularly, the nation of Israel.

Israel's King

During the tribulation Israel will receive

their king they requested in 1 Samuel 8:4-22.

Israel rejected God that He should not rule over them. (1 Samuel 8:7)

Then when Christ came, Israel's Messiah, they rejected their real King, and had Him crucified.

Now, during the wrath of God, Israel will be subjected to seven years of a king they will accept, the antichrist. (1 Samuel 8:10-18)

False Peace

At this time in history, Israel is waiting for their Messiah, who they expect to establish their kingdom on earth.

The Old Testament promised Israel a King and a kingdom. (2 Samuel 7:4-17 and many more)

Jesus Christ offered the kingdom to Israel, (Matthew 10:5-9) but they rejected their King, Jesus Christ, and had Him crucified. (Matthew 27:15-26 Acts 2:22-36)

Once again Israel rejected their God to rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

The future king Israel will accept as their Messiah, they have already chosen, but they do not know it.

He is called.....

“the prince that shall come.” (Daniel 9:26,27)

“the man of sin and the son of perdition.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

“the wicked one.” (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

“That antichrist.” (1 John 2:18)

“the beast.” (Revelation 13:1-10)

Today our society is hoping for a peaceful world. Israel keeps trying to establish peace with the Arabs.

It will not happen in this present age.

The tribulation will begin with the antichrist being accepted by Israel as their long awaited Messiah.

He will offer Israel, and the world, the peace they have been looking for. (Ezekiel 7:25 Daniel 11:21,24)

When the tribulation begins the first seal of the seven seals will be open, and we see a rider on a white horse. (Revelation 6:1,2)

This is symbolic of the antichrist as he offers peace to the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.

It Is Written

There is no escaping the prophetic clock of God. It has been written in the Word of God, the Bible.

When the church age ends, every saved, born again, child of God will receive their new bodies at one time.

They will leave this earth and join the Lord Jesus Christ in heaven for eternity.

The world will be left with those who reject the gospel, and will be faced with seven years of the wrath of God, the tribulation, and the ruler of this world, the antichrist.

Three And One Half Years

During the first three and one half years of the tribulation the first six seals of the seven sealed scroll (Revelation 5:1-8) will be opened.

These seals will be made up of the false peace, (Rev. 6:1,2) war, (6:3,4) famine, (6:5,6) death, (6:7,8) and natural disasters. (6:12-17)

The world will be cast into a chaotic condition.

During the first three and one half years 144,000 male Jews will be sealed in order to witness for the gospel of Christ. (ref. Revelation 7:1-8 14:1-5)

Also, the two witnesses will preach the gospel, and the antichrist will have them beheaded.

After three and one half days they will have a miraculous resurrection. (Revelation 11:3-14)

Also the temple will be built in Jerusalem. (Revelation 11:1,2)

The reason is that the antichrist will sit in the temple claiming to be God. (2 Thessalonians 2:4)

NOTE: The Bible uses Jewish time in Revelation. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years = 42 months of 30 days per month, or, 1,260 days.

Therefore, the temple will be built in 1,260 days. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years. (Rev. 11:2)

The first half of the tribulation.

Last Three And One Half Years

At the beginning of the last three and one half years there is war in heaven. (the heavens)

Satan and his angels are cast out of the heavens into the earth.

This is only logical because in the middle of the seven years Satan will literally indwell the antichrist. He cannot be everywhere at all times like God. (ref. Revelation 12:7-12 with Revelation 13:1-10)

At this time the antichrist is called the beast, a name also given to Satan. (ref. Revelation 13:1-4)

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

The events during the last half of the tribulation will be rapid and devastating for all humanity.

The gospel will be preached but few will listen. Those who hear and believe the gospel will be subject to beheading. (ref. Revelation 6:11 12:11 13:15 14:13 15:1-4 20:4,5)

The antichrist will take control of all the monetary systems and instill the mark of the beast, the number 666. (Revelation 13:16-18)

The seventh seal is opened at the beginning of the last half of the wrath of God. It is made up of seven trumpet judgments.

Then there are seven thunders, and seven vials of judgment. (Revelation 8:1-10:7)

The seven vials or bowls of wrath will be painful beyond measure. (Revelation 15:1-16:21)

The Gospel – Babylon – And Armageddon

In Bible prophecy, and throughout history, three things become very clear.

1. The Truth: The simple gospel is proclaimed throughout the Bible. God clothed Adam and Eve with coats of skin. An animal had to shed it's blood in order to clothe Adam and Eve. (Genesis 3:21) This is a clear type of the blood of Christ being shed for the world. It is called the promise of a Savior. Abel's offering to the Lord was made by the shed blood of an animal. (Genesis 4:4 Matthew 23:35 Hebrews 11:4 1 John 3:12) Abraham and all the Old Testament prophets looked forward to their coming Savior.

2. The Lie: The lie is founded on the four little words of Satan. "Yea hath God said!!" Throughout history Satan has founded his worldly kingdoms on these four words.

His first kingdom was at Babel under the leader Nimrod. It was a kingdom of false religion mingled with the kingdom of Satan, which is the antichrist mentality.

Babel became the origin of nations known as Chaldea; IE Babylon.

The religious lie is that it is not enough to have faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, for forgiveness of sin.

3. The Judgment Of God On Those Who Hold The Truth In Contempt The truth is that Faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ is all we need for forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (see also Isaiah 59:13-15 Romans 1:18 and many more)

Babylon in the Bible is symbolic of being captive in false religion. False religion is a lie that denies the truth.

In the last half of the seven year tribulation we see all three of these things become evident.

In the middle of the seven years, the beast, who will be indwelt by Satan, will seem to die and have a miraculous resurrection. (ref. Revelation 13:1-4)

Then a second beast appears who seems to have miraculous powers. (Revelation 13:11-18)

This is an imitation of the trinity. However, it is the unholy trinity, Satan, the first beast, and the second beast.

Revelation 12:12b For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 13:5b ...and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

Three and one half years; 1260 days.

The truth *Revelation 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*

Humanity will be given one last chance to hear and believe the gospel; the truth, during the last half of the seven years of the wrath of God.

The Lie *Revelation 14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.*

Revelation 16:19b... .. and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Babylon is simply false religion mingled with kingdoms against God.

Revelation has devoted Chapters 14:8
16:19 17:1-18:24 to God's wrath upon
Babylon, false religion.

The prophecy against Babylon is also
found in the Old Testament, and some of it
is almost word for word as Revelation. (see
Isaiah 13:1-22 21:9 with Jeremiah chapters
50 and 51)

Divine judgment Throughout history
God has brought judgment against
humanity. (acquire the prophecy chart
Bible study from this ministry)

The judgment is almost always based on
man rejecting the God of the Bible and His
plan of salvation which is based on "Thus
saith the Lord," vs. the four words of Satan,
"Yea hath God said."

The most grievous sin man can commit
against God is calling Him a liar. Mankind
has erected statues, monuments, and relics,
to false gods. God calls them idols.

This will come to an end someday.

Concerning God's judgment against Babylon He states.....

Jeremiah 51:44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up, and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

Jeremiah 51:52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will do judgment upon her graven images, and through all her land the wounded shall groan.

At the end of the seven year tribulation, God will put an end to Babylon, false religion.

When He does, He will gather the nations to the battle of Armageddon. (read Revelation 16:10-21)

The word Armageddon is used only one time in the Bible.

(see definitions at the end of this book)

The armies of the world that reject the God of the Bible will gather together at the valley of Megiddo to do battle with the Lord at the end of the seven years. (Revelation 16:13-16 with Joel 2:1 thru 3:17 and Zechariah 12:1-9 and Matthew 24:21-31 25:31-41)

In reality, this will not be a battle at all. Christ will come out of heaven on a white horse, along with all the saints who are with Him in heaven, and simply speak His word, which is called the Sword of the Lord.

(Revelation 19:11-16)

At this time everyone who has rejected the gospel of Christ, and followed the lie of Satan, will be cast directly into the lake of fire, which is the final abode of all the lost. (Matthew 25:41)

It is also interesting to note that Satan will send his angels (demons) into those who gather to do battle against Christ. (ref. Revelation 16:13,14)

Therefore, we have what is called the judgment of the nations..

Imagine, that Jesus Christ just speaks His word, and the armies that follow the antichrist will be destroyed.

The blood of those gathered there will be as deep as the horses bridles. (Revelation 14:14-20)

The Devil's Doom

After Armageddon, when the nations are judged and cast into the eternal lake of fire, so also will the beast and the false prophet be cast alive into the lake of fire (ref. Revelation 19:20)

Then Satan will be chained in a bottomless pit for the duration of the 1000 year reign of Christ. (remember, he knew he had but a short time; 3 ½ years.)

Then, he will be loosed for a short time and deceive a multitude who will follow him to their final destruction. (Revelation 20:1-3 and 20:7-10)

Final Judgment The Second Death

Finally, all humanity throughout history, that has rejected the truth, and believed Satan's lie, will be gathered at the great white throne judgment of Jesus Christ the Lord. (Revelation 20:11-14)

This is called the second death. (Jude calls it 'twice dead' Jude 12)

They will be given their new bodies, and cast into the lake of fire for eternity. (ref. Revelation 20:14 with Daniel 12:2 John 5:29)

Completion

After the white throne judgment the heavens and earth will be cleansed by fire, and the new heavens and earth will be brought into place. (2 Peter 3:10-14 Revelation 21:1 – 22:21)

All prophecy will then be complete.

Summary

There is no prophecy for the church age, which began on the day of the Jewish feast of Pentecost, and will end with the rapture.

The events recorded in the gospels are either history, or future.

The gospels are literally Old Testament events, recorded in the New Testament.

The only thing that reflects the time we are living in is recorded as the latter days, and reveals the antichrist mind set of humanity.

Example..... "In the last days perilous times shall come." 2 Timothy 3:1-13 2 Timothy 4:3,4 1 John 4:1-3

Remember, there are three things evident throughout history and recorded in the Bible.

1. The truth: which is "Thus saith the Lord."

- 2 The lie: Which is founded on the four words of Satan; "yea hath God said?"
- 3 The judgment of God upon all who reject the truth.

Definition of Words

The following is a definition of some of the words used in this short booklet.

Armageddon – Comes from the Hebrew words *Har Megiddo*; which means, *the hill, or city, of Megiddo*. Armageddon is the place, and the battle is the event.

Zechariah uses the term "the Valley of Megiddon." The word 'valley' means lamentation and wailing. (Zechariah 12:11)

Church – The word church = *Ekklesia*; *a called out assembly. (a calling out)* The church age is the sixth dispensation in Biblical history and began on the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:1----)

The church is not a denomination. It is made up of Jew and Gentile who believe the gospel.

Dispensation – A time period in history in which man is tested in respect to some specific revelation to the will of God. We believe there are eight Biblical dispensations.

Gospel - The word gospel = *Euangelion a good news message*. The good news message is.... Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sin. Forgiveness of sin and eternal life is by believing in Christ, or, faith in the fact that He paid for our sin. (John 3:15,16 6:47 Acts 10:43 13:39 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

Mystery - *musterion = a truth concealed until the time revealed; a previously concealed truth*; The church age was a mystery concealed in the Old Testament, but now revealed in the New Testament.

Prophecy – *propheteia* = *speaking forth the mind and counsel of God; to forth tell; proclaim;*

In the Greek there are nouns, adjectives, and verbs. They have different endings, but all mean the same thing.

Biblical prophecy is the forth telling of the Word of God.

Rapture - The word rapture is not a Biblical word. It is derived from the words “caught up,” in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, which means to pluck, or snatch out. The word rapture is from the Latin meaning the same as to catch up.

Revelation – *apokalupsis* = *an unveiling, uncovering, to reveal.* Therefore, the word Apocalypse is transliterated as Revelation, which means to reveal.

NOTE: The words apocalypse and Armageddon do not mean destruction and annihilation as some seem to think.

Further Notes on Prophecy

Since the church age was a mystery to the Old Testament prophets, and there is no prophecy for this age, the accounts given in Matthew 24 and 25, Mark 13, and Luke 21, are not for the church.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

This verse relates to the redemption of Israel as a nation when they enter the kingdom, or, the 1000 year reign of Christ.

Those living during the church age cannot look to present day events, such as wars, and see the future.

We may however, see the actions of society and expect the soon return of Christ for the Church.

**Literature From
Christian Bible Press**

The Curse The Cause and The Cure

**In God's Image and the Importance of
A Resurrection**

Devils and Demons and Ghosts Oh My

Eternity Sealed

Let It Be Written

**The Antichrist Mentality That rules Our
World vs. The Kingdom of God**

**The Disease That Plagues Our Society
Today**

The Mysteries of The New Testament

**Plus various Bible study books and answers
concerning the rapture, Bible baptism,
and many more**