

**Week #2**

# Old and New Testament Prophecies of the End Times

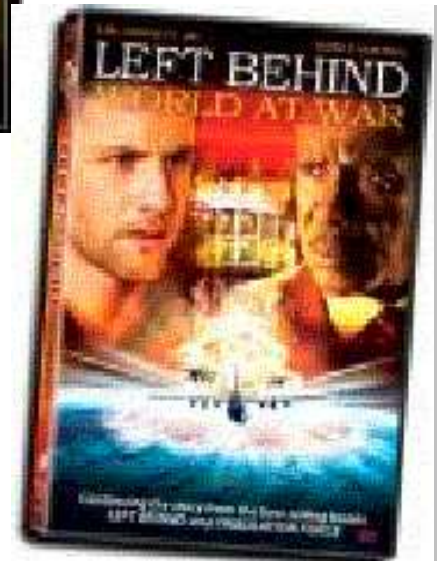
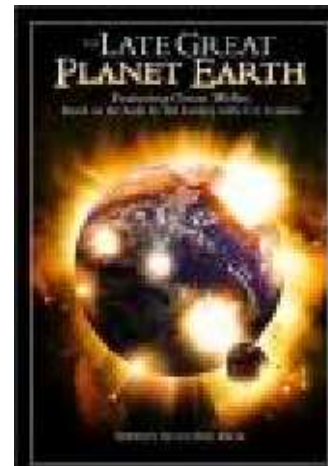
A 6-week Bible study on what the Bible says (and doesn't say) about this important subject.

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# Why this kind of study?

- First came Hal Lindsay's book "The Late, Great Planet Earth" -- **the #1 selling book in the US during the 1970s.**
- Then came the "Left Behind" series of novels by Jerry Jenkins and Tim LaHaye – **blockbuster best sellers in the US with movies following.**



# A popular & familiar subject



- The characters, events, and settings in these dramas are familiar to Christians: the Nation of Israel, the Rapture, the Antichrist, the Battle of Armageddon, and the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

# Do you have favorite bumper stickers?

As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools.

**Be Ye Fishers of Men - You Catch 'Em - He Will Clean 'Em**

**Lord, help me to be the person my dog thinks I am**

**Money can't buy happiness,**  
*but it can buy chocolate which is kinda the same thing*

**Are you as close to Jesus as you are to my bumper?**

**God Wants Spiritual Fruits Not Religious Nuts**

# Signs of the Times

Waiting for the RAPTURE?  
Please Go Now!

Come Rapture the world  
will be ours once again

*In case of rapture, this  
car will be unmanned*

Come the Rapture  
Can I have your Car?

I Support Israel

**REFUSE  
THE MARK**

# How did the Homework go for you?



- Did you learn from the diagrams (p. 3)?
- Was the overview of what we believe and teach (p 4-5) a good review?
- Was the overview of belief statements of dispensationalists (p 6-7) helpful?
- **Did you bring questions with you?**



# Major (false) assumptions of dispensationalists

- God deals differently with people in different time periods called dispensations.
- The Jews and the NT Church are never the same and never share divine promises. (And the Jews are the center of God's promises.)
- The End Times are only in the future.
- There will be multiple returns of Jesus and resurrections and judgments of people.

## Genesis 12:1-3, 17:7-8



As you read these passages, be asking . . .

- Is this really an “end time” prophecy?
- What are the words that especially need to be defined and understood?

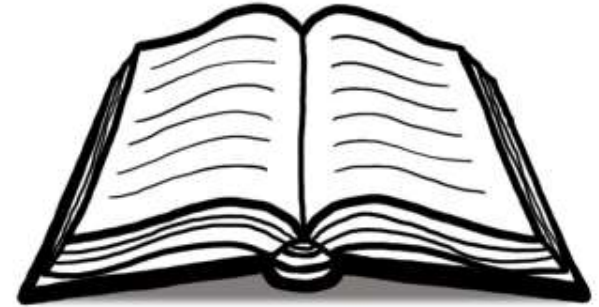


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- **What dispensationalists say:** *Can you see how they end up with their beliefs?*
- **What amillennialists say:** *Can you see how we end up with our beliefs?*

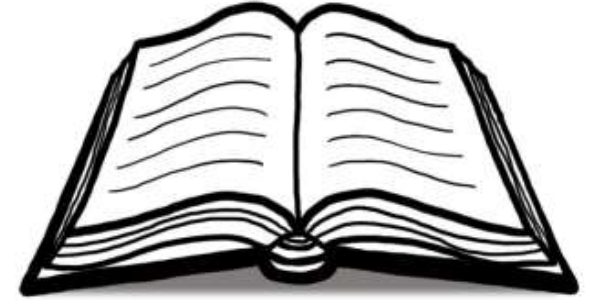
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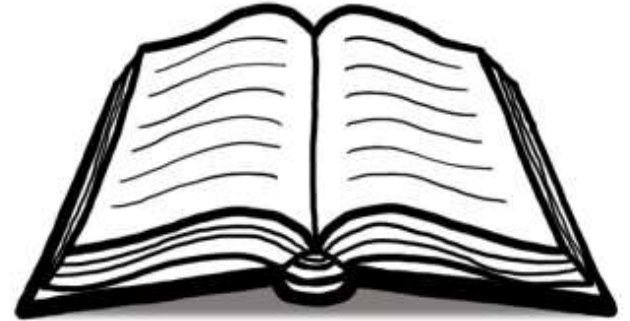
- Can we really say that these threats – and promises – have already been fulfilled? Or must they lie somewhere in the future?
- Can you identify any New Testament promise that emphasizes how the land of Palestine is the inheritance of God's people? Is this significant?

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## Isaiah 9:6-7



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- What does it mean, that Jesus “will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom”?
- How would you describe the nature of the Messiah’s rule as well as its duration?

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# Homework for this week:

- **Review the material we went through today.**
- Review the diagrams and belief statements of amillennialists and dispensationalists (p 3—7).
- **Read through the Principles of Interpretation on pages 23-24**
- Bring questions with you next week.





***Soli Deo Gloria***

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