In between the Great Tribulation Period and the coming Millennial Kingdom, Jesus Christ will come the second time. Jesus ascended to His Father (after His resurrection at His First Coming) from the Mt. of Olives just outside of the eastern wall to the city of Jerusalem. The angels who were with the men of Galilee who saw Him ascend, told them that Jesus would come back the very same way that they saw Him go. See Acts 1:10-11. When He comes back again, He will descend on the Mt. of Olives.

# Day 1 and 2 – The Second Coming of Christ – Matthew 24, Zechariah 14, Revelation 19.

Return to Matthew 24 and take a look at the chronology of events surrounding His Second Coming. In Matthew 24:29-30, the Scripture says, "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, 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."

Write down the chronology of this time recorded for you in Matthew 24. Remember to pay close attention to words like "after," and "then."

This chronology tells us that there will be great cosmic disturbances in between the tribulation and His Second Coming.

Read Zechariah 14:4 and write down where Jesus will touch down on the earth at His Second Coming.

Has Christ been any place else on this earth before touching down on the Mt. of Olives? See Isaiah 63:1-6.

What will He do when He does come the Second Time? See Zechariah 14:1-3 and Revelation 19:11-21.

Who will be waiting for Him on the earth when He comes and why? (Zechariah 14:12-15; Revelation 19:17-21)

Who will be with Him when He comes the Second Time? See Revelation 19:14.

What will happen to the beast and the false prophet at His Second Coming? See Revelation 19: 20-21.

What will happen to Satan? See Revelation 20:1-3.

When Jesus returns the second time, He will come as the conquering King. He will smite His enemies who have gathered in Israel from all the nations of the world. He will seize the beast and the false prophet of the anti-Christ's kingdom and they will be thrown alive into the lake of fire. Satan will then be thrown into the abyss and locked away for 1000 years. Jesus will set up His kingdom on this earth and He will rule for a 1000-year period of time. Revelation 29:16 says He will come as King of Kings and LORD of Lords at His Second Coming.

# Day 3 – Israel's Salvation – Zechariah 12:1-14, Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:21-38.

Where will the Jews be during this time? And what will happen to them as a result of His Second Coming? Obviously, we've already seen that Christ will defend them at Bozrah and then at Jerusalem. He will destroy His enemies as discussed above. These enemies will also be the enemies of Israel. Please read Revelation 12:6 first and then all of Zechariah 12:1-14 to answer the questions.

Why will the Jews mourn?

What will they realize "in that day?"

Please read Jeremiah 31:31-37. What will the Jews enter into on that day?

What will this new covenant be? How will it be manifested in their lives?

Has Israel ever ceased to be a nation? Will their sins be forgiven at His Second Coming?

Will all Israel be saved at His Second Coming?

Notice the time sequence in the passage of Ezekiel 36:24-38. What will God do for the people of Israel and the land of Israel? We've already covered this in another section. Refer to Ezekiel 37:21-28.

#### Days 4 - 5 - The Millennial Kingdom - various Scripture<sup>i</sup>

I promise that we will get back to Isaiah next week. But, in the meantime, we have come to the final portion of this week's chronological study of the end time events: the Millennial Kingdom or the Millennium.

Most of the following information comes from an article written by Renald Showers and printed in *Israel My Glory* magazine, April/May 1999.

In Genesis 1:26 (KJV), God says this, "...'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." From the beginning, God set up a form of government for Man in which God was the sovereign ruler of the universe, but made him (Man) to be His representative on earth, giving him dominion or authority over all of God's creation. As God's representative, Man was to be obedient to God in everything. This meant that in all Man was to do, he was to do it in accordance with God's will and on God's behalf. Genesis 2:16-17 (KJV) says this "...and the Lord GOD commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Sometime, after God gave this command to Adam, He made a helper suitable for him in the woman, Eve. Satan, in the form of a serpent, tempted this woman and she was deceived and ate of the fruit of this forbidden tree. Then she gave the fruit to Adam to eat. By this act of "disobedience" Adam not only "sinned," but he forfeited his dominion over all creation to the crafty serpent (Satan).

Why would Satan do such a thing? See Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28.

Satan, was at one time, one of God's highest-ranked, created, angelic beings, named Lucifer. At some point in eternity past, Lucifer became puffed up or prideful and decided that he wanted to be like God. We've already studied this character in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 of Isaiah, Part 2. In order for this Lucifer to be like God, he had to come up with a realm and subjects to serve him just like God had a realm and subjects to serve Him. Since Lucifer, himself, was a created being, he could not create his own subjects or his own realm. So, in order to accomplish his goal of being like God, Lucifer had to first persuade Adam to give his allegiance to him instead of God (subjects) and secondly, he had to persuade him to give over to him the dominion of God's earth (realm). Let's take a look at some of the other passages in Scripture that speak about this transaction having taken place. Write your thoughts in the spaces provided for you below.

Luke 4:5-6

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11

2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:3; Ephesians 6:11-12

1 John 5:19, Galatians 1:4

James 4:4, 1 John 2:15

Hebrews 11:13, 1 Peter 2:11, John 15:18-19, 17:14-18

But you ask, "Will God take back the reigns of power over His creation some day?" He must. "Do you think that He has a plan in place to do this?" Yes. He has a plan in place. Nothing has taken God by surprise. "What is that plan"? Read Genesis 3:15 and also, 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 and record your answer below:

Who is the second Adam (God's representative) and what did He do? Have the reins of power been returned to God? If He's already defeated Satan, why does evil still exist in the world?

This brings us to why the Millennial Kingdom of God has to come about in history. God has future plans in earth's history to restore His realm and His subjects to Himself. In Christ's first coming, God redeemed or purchased back Mankind from spiritual death and the consequences of sin and physical death. In Christ's second coming, He will come to

rid the earth of His enemies, vanquish Satan from the earth, and will set up His Kingdom reign on this earth, ruling over His subjects.

What does the word, "millennium" mean? Use your dictionaries.

The word "millennium" comes from two Latin words, *mille*, which means one-thousand, and, *annum*, or year. So "millennium," means 1000 years. The "Millennial Kingdom" thus means a reign over a kingdom for 1000 years.

How do we know that this Millennial Kingdom will be a 1000-year reign? See Revelation 20:1-4? Also, read Isaiah 24:21-23.

In Renald Showers' article on the Millennium, he says this about discerning God's ultimate purpose for world history, "Satan's purpose is to overthrow God and usurp His place as the ultimate sovereign of the universe. God's purpose (and, therefore, the ultimate purpose) is to glorify Himself by demonstrating that He alone is the ultimate sovereign." Showers goes on to say that God must fulfill His purpose for history by accomplishing three things before the end of earth's history. Firstly, He must crush Satan by removing him from the earth and removing Satan's rule. He will do this by throwing him into the abyss for 1000 years. Also, God must destroy all of God's enemies (Satan's subjects) or those who are against Him. This will happen when Christ comes the second time with a sword to slay His enemies. Secondly, once Satan is vanguished and his followers are gone from the earth, God must restore His own rule over this earth by placing His representative, the Second Adam, Jesus Christ, in power over the entire world (realm). This too, will come about at Christ's Second coming, when He sets up His throne in Jerusalem, and reigns as king for 1000 years upon the earth. Thirdly, to fulfill His purpose for history, God must remove the curse of sin off of nature. Christ will restore the plants and animals to the way they were at the beginning of creation before Man's fall into sin.ii

Now let's answer the question, "Who will <u>be here</u> and who will <u>not be here</u> during this 1000 year reign?" See Matthew 24:37-41.

It is apparent from the Matthew 24 passage of Scripture (Jesus is speaking) that the order of events after the Great Tribulation and into the Millennial Kingdom will be the same as they were in Noah's day. What can we discern the days of Noah were like? Who died as a result of the flooding- those who were saved or those who were not saved? Who were on the ark – the saved or unsaved?

Matthew 24:40-41 says that there will be 2 in the field, one taken and one left. Who will be taken and who will be left?

So, who will enter into the Millennial Kingdom at its beginning? Who will not enter?

Who else will be on the earth at the Millennium? Check out the following Scripture:

I Thessalonians 4:17, II Timothy 2:12

Revelation 20:4

Daniel 12:1, Daniel 12:13

Jeremiah 30:19-20, Ezekiel 47:22

What will the government of the Millennial Kingdom be like? See Revelation 19:16, Psalm 72:8-11, Zechariah 149-11, Isaiah 9:6-7, 10:20, 11:1-10, 19:18-25, 25:6-9. Remember, God's rule over his realm and subjects will be restored.

What will the condition of the earth and nature be during the Millennial Kingdom? Acts 3:19-21, Isaiah 2:1-4, 4:2-6, 11:6-10, 12:1-6, Zechariah 13:1, 14:8-11, 16-17, 20-21.

During the Millennial Kingdom, the climate will not be harmful to Man and will be perfect for growing food in abundance. Longevity of life will be the norm because all diseases and deformities will cease to exist. There will also be much animal life and it will be tame, not antagonistic against Man.

iii Renald Showers, *Lecture: The Millennium*, 2005 Prophecy Conference Highlights, The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., 2005.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Renald Showers, 1999, *Jesus Christ and the Future Kingdom of God*, The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc, <u>Israel My Glory</u>, Volume 57, Number 2, pages 27-29. <sup>ii</sup> Ibid.

### ISAIAH -THEME-SUMMARY SO FAR Isaiah 1-24

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### THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

the Thessalonians Two Troubles		
Have we been left behind? 2 Thess. 2:1-10	What about those who have died before us? 1 Thess. 4:13-18	
What specific event did they think they had missed (vs.3)? the gathering together of them to Christ- or the Rapture  What did Paul tell them about the "day of the LORD?" the day of the LORD will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction  What is the man of lawlessness like?  he will not be revealed until restrainer (HS) is taken out he opposes, exalts himself above q. so-called god, object of worship  will take his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as God the mystery of lawlessness is already at work the lawless one will be slain w/ LORD's breath he will be brought to an end by 2nd coming of Jesus his coming will be w/ power, signs, false wonders & deception	What does fallen asleep mean? they had already died What happens to a Believing Saint when the body dies? the body is severed from the spirit at time of death. The spirit of person went to be w/ the LORD immediately after death. At the Rapture, Christ will resurrect the Believing Saint's body from the grave (new body) & will join that body w/ the spirit of the Believing saint What will Jesus do in the Rapture? He will descend from heaven w/ a shout w/ the voice of the archangel & w/ the trumpet of God Who will Jesus bring w/ Him to meet the Living Believers at the time of the Rapture? those who have already fallen asleep Who will meet Him first? the already dead believers or the living believers? the already dead believers What will happen to the living Believers at the gathering? after the dead Believers rise first to meet Him, then those who are alive will be "caught up together w/ Christ & the already dead Believers and meet them "in the air." What will happen to both the dead & living Believers "caught up" in the air w/ the LORD? they will live forever w/ the LORD Where will we possibly be in Revelation 4, 5? in the throne room of God w/ all the other saints, the four living creatures, the 24 elders & the Lamb who was slain & the One who sits on the throne view- ing the opening of the seal judgments What did the Lamb do that warranted His being worthy? He pur- chased for God men from every tribe & tongue & people & nation to be a kingdom and priests to our God	