

KEY TO THE “*BIBLE PROPHECY OVERVIEW*” DIAGRAM¹

1. **Creation.** The Bible teaches that creation was by God in 6 days & we are not products of evolution—& *the facts of science agree!* cf. books by Michael Denton, William Dembski, Stephen Meyer, Michael Behe, Philip Johnson, etc. Even evolutionists are now writing books admitting the theory is bankrupt!
2. O.T. saints were saved by *looking forward* in faith to the lamb (Messiah) **who was to come** (Ex. 12:1-13; Lev. 17:11; Heb. 11:13; etc.). The yearly sacrifice on the Day of Atonement was a picture of God's lamb, the Messiah (i.e. the Lord Jesus Christ), who would eventually come and shed His blood for our sins (cf. Jn. 1:29). **All OT saints were saved by grace through faith, just like NT saints. No one has ever been saved by keeping the law or by their good works!** (e.g. Gen. 15:6 cf. Rom. 3:28; 4:1-25; Gal. 2:16; Titus 3:5; etc.) Actually we have no good works! (cf. Isa. 64:6)
3. N.T. saints are saved by *looking backward* in faith to the lamb (Messiah) **who has come!** Jn. 1:12, 29; Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9, 13; etc.
4. The Hebrew word "*sheol*" (translated “hell” in some Bible versions) is a broad Old Testament term that sometimes confuses people. *Sheol* can mean several things: 1) it may refer to the grave, 2) it can simply mean “death,” 3) it can refer to the abode of all of the dead (i.e. the place of the spirits of the dead) or, 4) the place of the spirits of the unsaved dead, i.e. hell. The word often implies conscious existence after death.
5. The New Testament church began at Pentecost (Acts 2). The time from then until Jesus comes back to take believers home at the “*Rapture*” (lit. “*catching away*”) is called the “*Church Age*” or the “*Times of the Gentiles*” (Rom. 11:25).
6. The bodies of *Christians*, both those who have already died, as well as those who are still living at the time the Rapture occurs, will be raised &/or reconstructed when the Rapture takes place. - Jn. 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:51-58 & I Thess. 4:13-18.
7. The *bodies* of all the *unsaved* will be raised/reconstructed **after the Millennium** (Rev. 20:13) to appear before the *Great White Throne* judgment.
8. The *spirits* of all the unsaved dead will leave *Hades* (i.e. hell) after the millennium to be joined with their bodies.
9. The body & spirit of each unsaved person will be reunited & each unsaved person will then appear before God (Jesus Christ – Jn. 5) at the “*great white throne*” judgment - Rev. 20:11-15
10. The “*Rapture*,” (i.e. “*catching away*” or “*snatching away*”) when Christ comes to the clouds for believers - I Thess. 4:13-18
11. Believers will go to the “*Judgment Seat of Christ*” after the Rapture occurs. This judgment is for ***Christians only***. It is ***NOT*** for determining salvation. Rather it’s for the giving of rewards to those who have served Christ faithfully. cf. I Cor. 3:11-15 & II Cor. 5:10
12. Some believe that the *Marriage Supper of the Lamb* will occur at this time, others that it will occur at the start of the Millennium. Rev. 19:6-9.
13. Some passages that refer to the “*Great Tribulation*” include: Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24; Rev. 6-19; etc.

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14. The war of Armageddon - Rev. 19:19-21

15. The final battle - Rev. 20:7-9 (Note: Armageddon is *not* the final battle. There is one more battle at the end of the Millennium).

16. "**Hades**"—(Gk. word translated "**hell**" in many English Bibles). It is similar to a police cell. When a criminal is arrested, normally he first goes to a police "cell" then later comes out of there to appear in court to be judged. After that he is sent to prison if found to be guilty. In a similar fashion, when an unsaved person dies, his body goes into the ground & his spirit goes to *hades* (i.e. like a temporary hell-see Luke 16:19-31). Later on he will be resurrected & go to "*court*" (i.e. the "*Great White Throne*" judgment). Then after being found guilty he will be cast into "**Gehenna**" (the permanent hell, i.e. the lake of fire)! The main difference between *hades* & *gehenna* is that *hades* is temporary while *gehenna* will be permanent!

17. Before Christ's death & resurrection, the spirits of *ALL* dead people went to *Sheol* (Heb.) or *Hades* (Gk.), i.e. the place of the departed dead. **It appears as though it had two compartments: 1) a "good" side ("Paradise" or "Abraham's bosom"), & 2) a "punishment" side (i.e. hell)** -cf. Lk. 16:19-31; 23:43. After Christ's resurrection all the spirits of people in "Paradise" were able to go to heaven, since the payment for sin had been paid by Christ. So the paradise side is now **empty** and it will remain that way (Eph. 4:8). The spirit of every Christian who has died ever since Christ's resurrection has gone **IMMEDIATELY** to heaven (II Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:21-23; I Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 6:9-11). The spirits of all unsaved continue to go to *hades* (i.e. the "temporary" hell -Lk. 16:22-23). **NOTE: NO** spirits of the dead—whether of believers or unbelievers—"hang around" inhabiting rocks, trees, water, etc. When voices or manifestations (e.g. "jumbies," *spirits*, "masalai," etc) appear or come out of such objects & places, I believe they are actually the voices or images of demons impersonating dead people, in order to keep people bound by fear and in subjection to sorcerers, etc.

18. Satan is cast into the bottomless pit (lit. "*The Abyss*") for 1000 years during the Millennium. (Rev. 20:1-3)

19. The *Beast* (i.e. the *Antichrist*) & the *False Prophet* are cast into hell. (Rev. 19:20)

20. Satan is cast into the lake of fire (*Gehenna*). Note: **hell is forever**. That's obvious, since the "*Beast*" and the "*False Prophet*" who were cast into hell in Revelation 19, are **still** there when Satan is thrown into hell a thousand years later! (Rev. 20:10 cf. 14:9-11; Mt. 25:46; II Thess. 1:7-9; etc.)

21. The *Great White Throne Judgment* (Rev. 20:11-15). All the unsaved of all the ages will appear here to be judged & then cast into hell forever.