

# Bible Extra 2019

## Revelation – Week 1

### Part 1

## The Second Coming in the Bible

## Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

# OT – The “Day of the Lord”

- Isa 34:1-4
- Zeph 1:14-18
- Joel 2
- Daniel 7
- Malachi 4
- Zech 14

*“There is something peculiar about the expectation of the Day of the Lord, for whenever it occurs in prophecy the statements culminate in an allusion to Jahweh’s coming in person.”*

G. Von Rad

# NT – the Gospels and Acts

- Parables of future crisis (eg talents, virgins)
- “Son of Man comes” sayings
- The “Q Apocalypse” (Luke 17:22-37)
- The Olivet Discourse (Mark 13 // Matthew 24 & Luke 21)
- Acts 1:11

# NT – the Epistles

- 1 Cor 15:23-58 - resurrection of the dead
- 1 Thes 4 - rapture
- 2 Thes 2 - man of lawlessness
- 2 Pet 3 - new heavens and new earth

So what do we do with all that?

1. Demythologise (eg Rudolf Bultmann)
2. Over-literalise (and some) (eg Hal Linsey)
3. Tread carefully (which is what we are going to do)

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The end according to Linsey

“When the plain sense of Scripture makes sense, seek no other sense; therefore take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise. This is the method [I] have diligently sought to follow.”

# The end according to Linsey

1948 – Israel restored to nationhood (fig tree gaining leaves), the countdown to Armageddon begins. *“This generation will not pass away until all these things take place.”* So the end will be May 1988.

The AntiChrist (not yet obvious to all) leads Western Europe and uses a world religion of watered-down Christianity served up by the Ecumenical Movement to lead the world astray.

# The end according to Linsey

The final seven years are the GREAT TRIBULATION, characterised by the brutal rule of the AntiChrist. Mark of the Beast etc. Pact signed between Israel and AntiChrist.

But the Church will not go through this time. She will be raptured at the beginning of the 7 years – a “secret snatch” by God.

After the removal of the church, the AntiChrist is fully revealed. Three and a half years into the period AC moves HQ from Rome to Jerusalem, breaks his pact and enters the (recently reinstated) Jewish temple and proclaims himself God. (Dan 9:27).

# The end according to Linsey

Egypt & Arabs (King of the South) invades Israel.

Russia (King of the North) in a pact with Egypt also invades Israel (Dan 11, Ezek 36 & 38), then double crosses Egypt and invades Egypt also.

Chinese army of 200 million will invade across the Euphrates in a pact with the AntiChrist.

The WEST, headed up by the AntiChrist who is leading a revived Roman Empire (United Europe), also joins the battle.

# The end according to Linsey

Russia is defeated by the use of tactical nuclear weapons (possibly lent to the AntiChrist by America).

The AntiChrist and the Chinese, who have double-crossed him and broken their pact, now meet in the final battle of Armageddon in the valley of Megiddo.

At this point one third of all Jews will be converted to Christ.

# The end according to Linsey

While AC and the Chinese are fighting in Megiddo, Christ will return and stand on the Mount of Olives, cleaving in two a geological fault so that the mountain splits in two (Zech 14:4).

The saved Jews will run into the resulting crevasse which protects them from the carnage God is about to drop on everyone else.

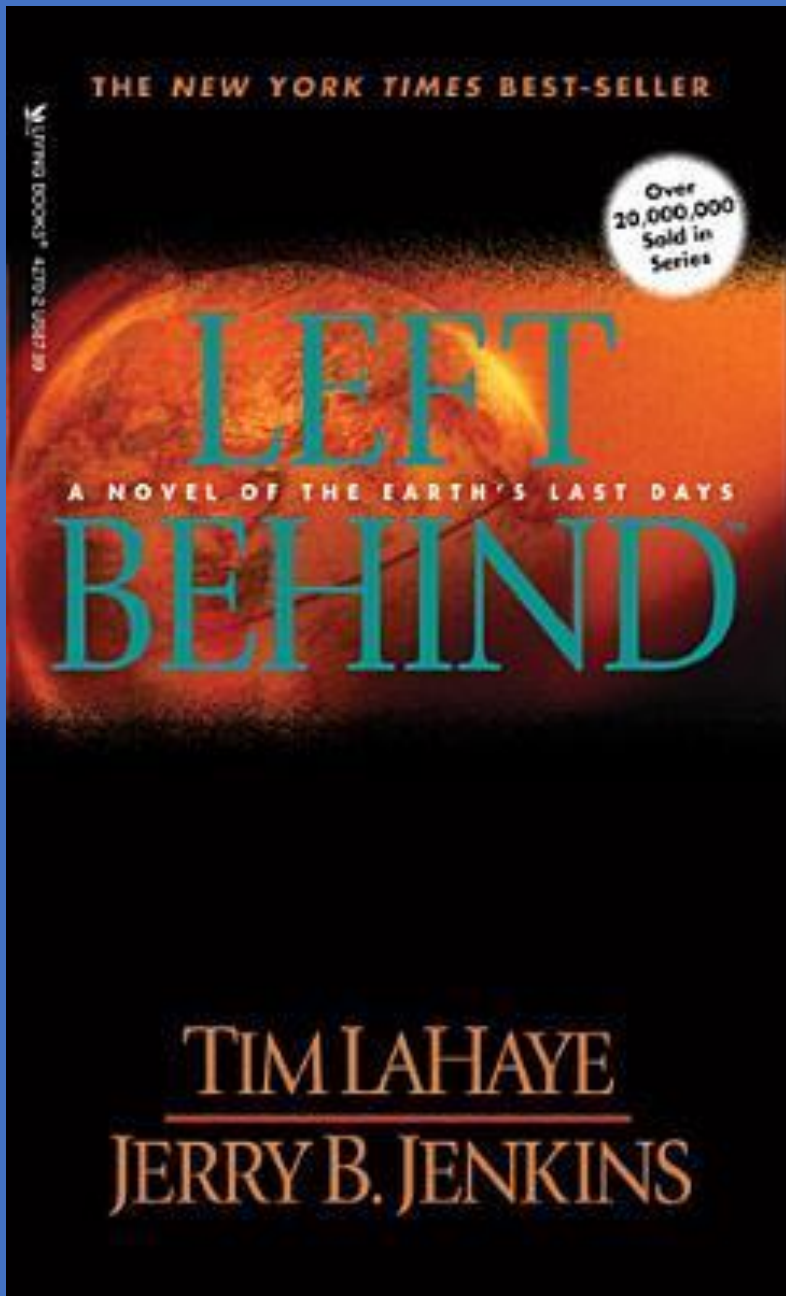
After bringing a swift end to Armageddon Christ begins a physical 1000-year reign from Jerusalem – the Millenium. Everyone will obey him and be happy.

# The end according to Linsey

Sadly after 1000 years of peace on Earth, some malcontents will start a little coup.

Jesus quickly sorts them out and enters into final Judgment before creating a new Heavens and a new Earth – final consummation of all things.

Ironically the citation of Demosthenes at the start of Linsey's book; "*we believe whatever we want to believe*", is just about the only thing that the discerning reader can take away from the book!





# The Clear Essentials

- **The Public and Powerful Return of Christ**

Mt 24:27,30

Acts 1:11

1 Thes 5:1-3

2 Thes 1:5-10

Col 3:4

Rev 19:11

# How will he come?

- **Personal and physical**      **Mt 24:30**
- **Public and visible**      **Mt 24:27**
- **Powerful & glorious**      **Mt 24:30**
- **Sudden & unexpected**      **Mt 24:36-41**
- **Decisive and final**      **2 Pet 3:10**

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- **The Rapture of the Church**

Mt 24:31, 40-41

1 Thes 4:13-17

1 Cor 15:51-52

- **Resurrection of the Dead**

1 Cor 15:12-58

Phil 3:20-21

Jn 5:24-29

Rev 20:12

# The Clear Essentials

- **Judgement**

2 Cor 5:10

Rom 2:6,16

1 Cor 3:11-15

Mt 25:31-46

Rev 20:11-15

# The Clear Essentials

- **New Heaven and New Earth**

2 Pet 3:10-13

Rev 21