

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

TEXT: Rev. 10:1-7

THESIS: To give an overview of prophetic events.

INTRO.: A. Time is God's accommodation to finite beings. As long as we are in this body we are confined to time. We are creatures of watches and calendars in our earth life. But our text tells us that time is running out – literally. One day the universe will enter a timeless state. Time and eternity are separate entities – one has to do with flesh and the other with spirit. Since we are not only fleshly beings, but also spiritual beings God has designed men destined for eternity and blended them into time. ***Presently we are eternal beings with wrist watches!***

B. God is using time to prepare us for eternity. Time is man's testing ground. Are you passing or failing? Time is a temporary device for testing eternal beings. If man chooses to accept Christ (proving his positive love-response to God) he shows he is suitable for an eternal relationship with God. If he rejects Christ he will be eternally separated from God in the lake of fire. Since we are still bound by time, let's begin with NOW...

I. NOW TILL HEAVEN:

A. Death Before the Rapture: *"...absent...present"*

1. The good news first: if we are saved our "last enemy" has been conquered.
2. Death is no longer an enemy for the believer, it has become a friend instead.
3. After taking our last breath here we will suddenly wake up in heaven.

NOTE: Like a bee without a stinger death holds no more fear for the believer. A bee has only one stinger. If it stings once it is no longer a danger it is just a bothersome insect. *"O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"*

B. Rapture Before Death: *"...the dead in Christ will rise first"*

HYMN: *"O joy O delight should we go without dying, no sickness, no sadness, no dread & no crying, Caught up thro' the clouds with our Lord into glory, When Jesus receives His own."*

1. On the way up to heaven our fleshly, sinful bodies will be transformed for an eternal heavenly existence.
2. We will don our eternal space suits for the beginning of our outer space adventure.

HYMN: "O Lord Jesus, how long, how long – Ere we shout the glad song, Christ returneth!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen, Hallelujah! Amen."

C. Judgment Seat Before the Marriage Supper:

1. We need to be "cleaned up" of dead works at the J.S. of Christ before our marriage is consummated.
2. We will not only have our new bodies, but our spotless wedding garments.
2. The Marriage Supper is the reception after the wedding & may last for 7 years!

II. HEAVEN THROUGH THE MILLENNIUM:

A. Returning With Christ:

Rev 19:11-16 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a*

rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

B. Ruling with Christ:

Rev 1:6-8 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

1. Kingdom saints & those faithful now will rule over the unsaved during these 1000 years.
 - a. Those born during the Millennium with natural bodies and old natures.
 - b. Glorified saints (us) evangelizing and ministering to the lost.
2. Kingdom saints and angels reigning with Christ...
 - a. ...over those with unbelieving hearts and secret rebellion who will fight with

against the Lord's righteous reign when Satan is loosed from the bottomless pit at the end of the Millennium.

b. ...over those who get saved because of Christ's righteous reign.

III. AFTER THE MILLENNIUM THROUGH ETERNITY:

A. Satan & the All the Lost will be Defeated Physically at Armageddon.

1. They will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever along with their evil king.
2. Satan will end up where the beast and the false prophet have been for 1000 yrs.

Rev 20:10 *And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*

B. Finally All the Lost and Death and Hell Will Be Cast Into the Lake of Fire at the Great White Throne Judgment Seat:

Rev 20:12-15 *And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the*

sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

1. There will be no more sin for eternity.
2. All the barrooms, brothels and blasphemy will cease forever.
3. All the hospitals, doctors, funeral directors and cemeteries will be closed forever.
4. All the watchmakers, calendar producers and almanac authors will be out of business for eternity.
5. There will be peace, harmony and bliss forevermore.

CONCL.: **"And time shall be no more...!"** Here then is an encapsulated vision of what the Bible says is about to come to pass in ***"...an hour when ye think not."***

Unsaved: are YOU ready?

Believer: are YOU ready?

