Prophetic Update

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Introduction (Matthew 24:32-33, 36)

- 1. Middle East Peace (Daniel 9:27)
- 2. The Temple (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15; 2 Th. 2:3-4)
- 3. One World Government (Rev. 13:7; 17:12-13)
- 3A. Censorship—Part of Global Control (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
- 4. One World Economy (Rev. 13:16-18)
- 5. One World Religion (Dan. 9:27; 2 Th. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:8)
- 6. Babylon (Revelation 17-18)
- 7. Invasion from the North (Ez. 38-39)
- 8. Wars (Matthew 24:6-8)
- 9. Persecution of Christians (Mt. 24:9; Rev. 6:9)
- 10. Pestilence (Rev. 6:8)
- 11. Immorality (2 Tim. 3:1-5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3)
- 12. The Family Will Suffer (2 Timothy 3:1-2)
- 13. Lawlessness Will Increase (Mt. 24:12)
- 14. Primitive Warfare (Eze. 38:1-5)
- 15. Anti-Semitism (Rev. 12:12-13)

Perhaps it would be helpful to review some of the important features of the prophetic calendar of the Bible. The major parts of it are the following:

- (1) First, the course of the present age will be characterized by the growth of the true church (cf. Matt. 16:13-20), the growth of professing Christendom (cf. 13:1-52), and the growth of apostasy within the latter.
- (2) Second, the translation of the church, including the resurrection of the dead saints, the rapture of the living (cf. 1 Thes. 4:13-18), and the judgment seat of Christ (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10-11).
- (3) Third, the seventieth week of Israel (cf. Dan. 9:24-27), during which a series of prophetic events occur, including the rise of world government and the beast, or the Antichrist, the making of a covenant by the Antichrist with the Jews in the land concerning worship and other matters, and the breaking of the covenant by the beast in the middle of the week (Dan. 9:27).
- (4) Fourth, the second advent of Christ (cf. Rev. 19:11-16), with the judgment of Israel (cf. Ezek. 20:24-38; Matt. 25:1-13) and the judgment of the Gentiles (cf. Matt. 25:31-46).
- (5) Fifth, the messianic kingdom of Christ (cf. Rev. 20:4-6).
- (6) Sixth, the great white throne judgment, where all past accounts of the lost are settled permanently (cf. Rev. 20:11-15).
- (7) Seventh, the creation of the new heavens and the new earth, or the eternal state (Rev. 21:1-8).

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