

# 12 Foreshadows

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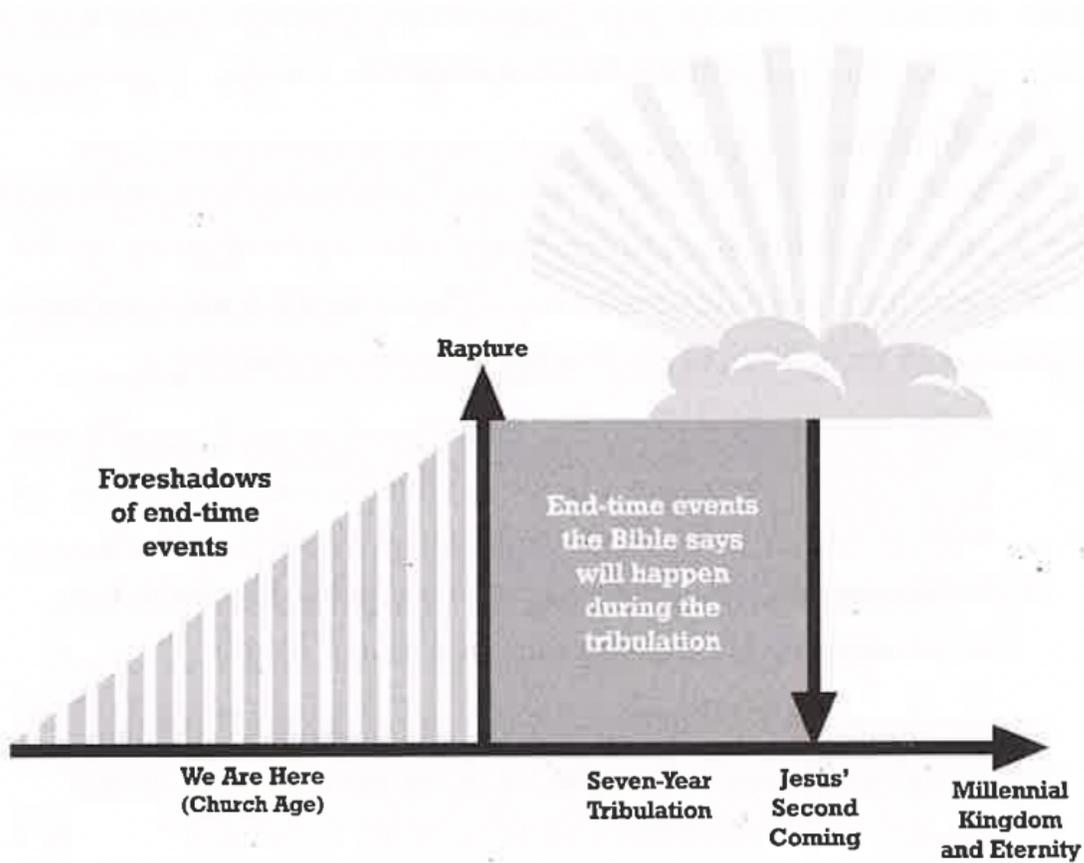
## Week 1

### The purpose of Biblical signs:

For us to wake up! (Days of Noah and Lot when Jesus will return). Look up! And speak up! But not be afraid.

Like driving to a city: you're going in the right direction. AND you're getting closer and closer to your destination.

### The Chronology of End Times



## **Pre/mid/post Tribulation Rapture theology versus the Rapture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming being the same**

### **The debate on the Rapture:**

- I Thessalonians 1:10:

***10** ...and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

- I Thessalonians 5:9

***9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,...*

- Revelation 3:10

***10** Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.*

- Romans 8:1

***8** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.[a]*

- Lot and Noah

- Key question: What's the point for Christians to go through the Great Tribulation (versus small "t" tribulations)

- Escapist or hustle theology?

### **Two other views need to be noted:**

1. Preterism (biblical prophecies are events that have already happened)
2. Amillennialism (the denial that an earthly millennium of universal righteousness and peace will either precede or follow the second advent of Jesus Christ)

Both I and the book are operating from a pre-tribulation, pre-millennial Rapture theological position

## The convergence of signs all around us. Let's begin:

1. THE one major, super sign staring at us: Israel being regathered in the land (a nation must have land)
2. Biblical history: The promise of God to Abraham and his descendants to the land:

- Genesis 13:14-15

**14** The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, **15** for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

- Genesis 17:8

**8** ...And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God."

- Genesis 17:19-21

**19** God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac.[a] I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. **20** As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. **21** But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year."

- Jeremiah 7:7

**7** ...then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.

- Jeremiah 31:35-36

**35** Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar— the Lord of hosts is his name: **36** "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever."

- Romans 11:29

**29** *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.*

3. Dispersion from the land because of their sin in 70 AD and the promised regathering (almost 2,000 years of waiting). The importance of May 14, 1948:

- Isaiah 66:8

**8** *Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment? For as soon as Zion was in labor she brought forth her children.*

- Ezekiel 36:10

**10** *And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt.*

- Jeremiah 30:3

**3** *...For behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it."*

- Matthew 24:15-16

**15** *"So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),* **16** *then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains....*

In unbelief (since May 14, 1948) and the reformation of a secular Israel  
In belief (in the Tribulation)

4. Once regathered in the land, God's promise to prosper Israel from a destitute land to a world power

- Ezekiel 36:8-10

*8 "But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. 9 For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. 10 And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt....*

5. Prospering in:

- Technology
- Medicine
- Transportation and Smart Transportation
- Agricultural technology
- The percentage of Nobel prize winners

**Now let's go to the first four of the 12 increasing and intense foreshadows and clues (like a woman in childbirth), alongside the formation of Israel that point, that point to Jesus's imminent return:**

1. The Rise of Globalism

- The World Economic Forum and the Great Reset
- Revelation 13:7-8

*7 Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them.[a] And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, 8 and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain.*

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4

*4 ...who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.*

- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8

*6 And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

- The rise of Advanced Technology
- Powerful global corporations (and the elimination of nationalism/open borders)
- The UN and connected organizations
- G20
- The objective: a one world government (deconstruct to reconstruct)
- Fewer people govern and control
- Freedoms are lost mostly when a crisis occurs (think Covid)
- The globalists' problem: sin (devolution)
- 2 Timothy 3:1-4

*3 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,...*

- Reminder: For Christians, our citizenship is not here but in heaven!

## 2. Trends Toward a One -World Government

- The decline in the number of nations with democracies
- Trends toward a one-world government governed by elites (not “we the people”); the desire for the USA to be deconstructed
- The need for 100% agreement politically (our two political parties right not)
- Greater dependence on the government to meet our needs (think health care control, food, water, etc.)
- Tightening of powers (think executive orders, speech, indoctrination versus education)
- Aggressive military operations led by a dictator (think Russia/Ukraine; China/Taiwan)
- A few who control all technology (think online misinformation claims; Ministry of Truth—a few deciding what is “true,” and should be known, freedom of speech/cancel culture)
- Reminder: We are still here for a purpose: IN the world

### 3. The Struggle to Build a United European Empire

- Robert Schuman, called “the father of Europe, in 1950 wanted this to happen
- The EU
- A common currency with 27 members
- Daniel’s prophecy in chapters 2 and 7: From Babylon (gold) to Medo-Persia (silver) to Greece (bronze) to Rome (iron) to the EU (iron and clay)
- The present EU will always be held together by “clay mixed with iron”—the economic and resource disparities equal two tiers
- The refugee crisis and the rise of conservatism (think Hungary, Italy, and Sweden right now)
- Immigrants and the low birth rates in Europe
- EU, Covid and people, out of fear, wanting government to possess more power
- Iron and clay holding EU together by force—an Antichrist who comes to power?
- How Antichrist, from the old Roman Empire, will come into power

- Revelation 13:7

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- The shift of economic power from the world to Europe
- Where is the U.S.A? A division in our nation? United we stand, divided we fall? 44% recently said they think there could be an impending secession of states from the union?
- Where is Russia and China as the world’s other two super powers?
- Reminder: Don’t forget the large stone in Daniel 2: Jesus! And reread Daniel 7:25. One day, he will set up a kingdom that will never end. EVER!

Daniel 7:25

*25 He shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.*

#### 4. The Spread of All-Invasive Technology and Surveillance

- Daniel 12:4

*4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”*

- The reality of CCTV’s
- The all-knowing Internet
- Smartphones
- Digital control and oversight
- Fear of being turned in
- Religious minority groups persecuted (think Uyghurs in China)
- AI and surveillance technology
- Control is the goal
- Reminder: God sees all! And it’s the wicked who should live in fear, not us
- Matthew 10:28

*28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.[a]*

**Remember: if the Rapture is true, it’s not escapism, but a hustle theology! Like the last two minutes of a very important game. Look up! Speak up! Share Jesus! Take the gospel to the world.**

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**Next week: next three foreshadows: 5,6, and 7. Please read. Be prepared. No spoon-feeding!**