

Prophetic Fall Feasts of The LORD

April 17, 2019 Lesson #15 75 Day Interval

The Millennium [Theocratic Kingdom or Messianic Kingdom] does not begin right away at the close of the Great Tribulation, Time of Jacob's Trouble.

Daniel and Revelation are often studied together, because their prophecies concerning the end times dovetail with each other. Both books mention a certain number of days during the Great Tribulation: Daniel mentions 1,290 days and 1,335 days; Revelation mentions 1,260 days. There is a total "discrepancy" of 75 days ($1,335 - 1,260 = 75$).

Revelation 11:3 "And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." They will preach and perform miracles.

Rev. 12:6 And the woman [Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there 1260 days.

➤ This corresponds with Daniel's prophecy of the abomination of desolation.

Daniel 9:27 The tribulation begins with the signing of a 7 year peace treaty between the Antichrist and Israel. This period will last 1260 days. Midway through the 7 years, the Antichrist breaks the treaty and sets up in the temple the "abomination that causes desolation". He ends all sacrifices and offerings. [II Thess. 2:3-4]

This is the trigger to begin the final 1260 days until the Great Tribulation comes to an end.

Note: When comparing several Scripture passages, that reference the Great Tribulation's duration, another specific time interval is noted.

1. This is a 75 day interval at the end of the Great Tribulation and prior to the establishment of the Messianic Kingdom.

2. The interval is described in Daniel, and the differences in numbers are intentional.

Daniel 12:11-12 And from the time that the continual burnt-offering [daily sacrifice] shall be taken away [midpoint], and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand and two hundred and ninety days [1290]. Blessed is he that waits, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days [1335]."

➤ Daniel gives us two additional figures: 1,290 days, or an additional 30 days, during which time the Abomination of Desolation, Antichrist's statue, will remain in the Temple before it is removed.

➤ The second figure is 1,335 days, which is another 45 days beyond the 1,290 and 75 days beyond the 1,260 days. [Dan. 12:12] $1260+30+45 = 1335$

A special blessing is pronounced upon those who survive to the 1,335th day. The blessing is to be able to enter into the Messianic Kingdom. Many will not make it that far, even though they made it to the end of the Tribulation. Many will fail and die during this time.

The *signs* that accompany Christ's return will occur "immediately after the tribulation" (Matt. 24:29) but the exact timing of His actual coming cannot be calculated, due to the 75 day gap of time that exists, between the official closing of the Tribulation Period and beginning of the Millennial Kingdom.

A number of events will transpire during the Seventy-five Day Interval, but it is impossible to determine the chronological sequence of these events. They will be studied thematically.

A. Judgment Of The Gentiles

Though a great many Gentiles will be killed throughout the Tribulation Period and Gentile armies will suffer slaughter in the Campaign of Armageddon, a number will still be living when Jesus Christ returns at His Second Coming.

All these will be gathered together for a judgment described in 2 Biblical passages.

Joel 3:1-3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, ² I will also gather all nations [Gentiles], and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. ³ And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.

- ❖ Timing of this judgment is given as being in conjunction with the final restoration of Israel. [v. 1]
- ❖ ALL the Gentiles will be gathered into the Valley of Jehoshaphat for the judgment.
- ❖ This is the very place where the Battle of Armageddon will end.
- ❖ Basis for the judgment will be their treatment of the Jews during the Tribulation.
- ❖ Sins against Israel in this indictment
 - Scattering the Jews in the middle of the Tribulation
 - Parting the land during the Campaign of Armageddon
 - Selling the Jews into slavery

Key: Each Gentile living at this time will be judged on their participation or refusal to participate in these deeds.

Note: The results of this judgment are recorded in Matt. 25:31-46.

- The judge is the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will sit on a throne encompassed by His glory in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. [Matt. 25:31]
- Living Gentiles will be gathered before Him. [Matt. 25:32]

During the Tribulation, the Jews become the dividing line for believers and unbelievers.

- ❖ Only believers will dare to violate the rules of the Antichrist and aid the Jews.
- ❖ They will demonstrate their faith by their works.
- ❖ Only believing Gentiles will enter the Millennial Kingdom.
- ❖ The Gentile Sheep will reach the 1,335th day and will be the ones who will populate the Gentile nations during the thousand-year reign of Christ.

Dan. 12:12 Blessed is he that waits, and cometh to the 1335th day.

B. The Removal of the Abomination That Causes Desolation - Daniel 12:11

Satanic Trinity:

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| 1. The Dragon | Counterfeit Father | Anti-God |
| 2. The Beast | Counterfeit Son | Anti-Christ |
| 3. The False Prophet | Counterfeit Holy Spirit | Anti-Spirit |

The event that will point to the beginning of the second half of the Great Tribulation will be the antichrist's takeover of the Tribulation Temple when he declares himself to be God.

He will have the false prophet set up his image in the most holy place, which will result in the attempted genocide of the Jewish people. This action will cause the Jews much anguish and despair resulting in 2 of 3 Jews being killed.

- ❖ The antichrist will remain in power for 1,260 days.
- ❖ Then he will be killed by Jesus Christ in the Campaign of Armageddon.

II Thess. 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

- ❖ It seems the image that had been set up in the most holy place will be allowed to stand from the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.
30 days after the end of the Great Tribulation.
- ❖ At that time it will be destroyed during the seventy-five day interval.

C. The Beast [Antichrist] and False Prophet [Anti-spirit] are captured.

Rev. 19:20 And the beast [antichrist; false Jesus] was taken, and with him the false prophet [counterfeit Holy Spirit] that performed miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image.

These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

- Consider: The Holy Spirit teaches us the antichrist [beast] will be thrown ALIVE into the Lake of fire.
- Dan. 7:11 Daniel heard the boastful words of the little horn, and he saw the antichrist, or the beast, was slain and his body thrown into the blazing fire.
- II Thess. 2:8 states he will be killed as one of the first casualties of the Second Coming.
- Thus, this verse seems to require that he be resurrected during the 75 day interval and then thrown ALIVE into the lake of fire.
- It is for this reason that Isaiah 14:20 declares that his body will never be buried.
 - Ironic: happening in an opposite way to what is expected

Recall: The 1st resurrection applies to the resurrection of all the righteous.

It comes in several stages. Jesus Christ is the first fruits of the 1st resurrection.

- ❖ The 2nd resurrection applies to the resurrection of all the wicked and also comes in stages.
- ❖ Irony: The counterfeit son [beast; antichrist] will be allowed to act out the counterfeit role perfectly by becoming the first fruits of the 2nd resurrection. [all the wicked]
The result of his resurrection will be the Lake of Fire.

D. The False Prophet - Counterfeit Holy Spirit

Rev. 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

- ❖ Has a counterfeit gift of miracles by which he will do his work of deception
 - Calls men to worship the antichrist, to take the mark of the beast and to worship his image
- ❖ He is thrown alive into the lake of fire with the counterfeit Antichrist. [Rev. 19:20]
This is the first mention of the Lake of Fire.
- ❖ They are the first and only inhabitants of the Lake of Fire for 1000 years.
- ❖ They will be the first fruits of a great multitude who take the broad road that leads to destruction. [Matt. 7:13]

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.

- Convincing refutation of the false doctrine of annihilation = the belief that when sinners die, they are merely destroyed and do not face an eternity in the Lake of Fire.

Matt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

- Ultimate destination of Satan, his demons, and the lost.

Question: Will the fires ever go out?

Mark 9:48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Rev. 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

E. The Binding Of Satan: The Counterfeit Father

Rev. 20:1-2 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² And he laid hold on the Dragon, that Old Serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

1. Rev. 1:18 Jesus Christ has the keys of death and Hades

Same Four Titles Of Satan Used In War In Heaven

Rev. 12:7-9 And there was War In Heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹ And the Great Dragon was cast out, that Old Serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev. 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

- He will be released for a short time at the end to test mankind one last time.

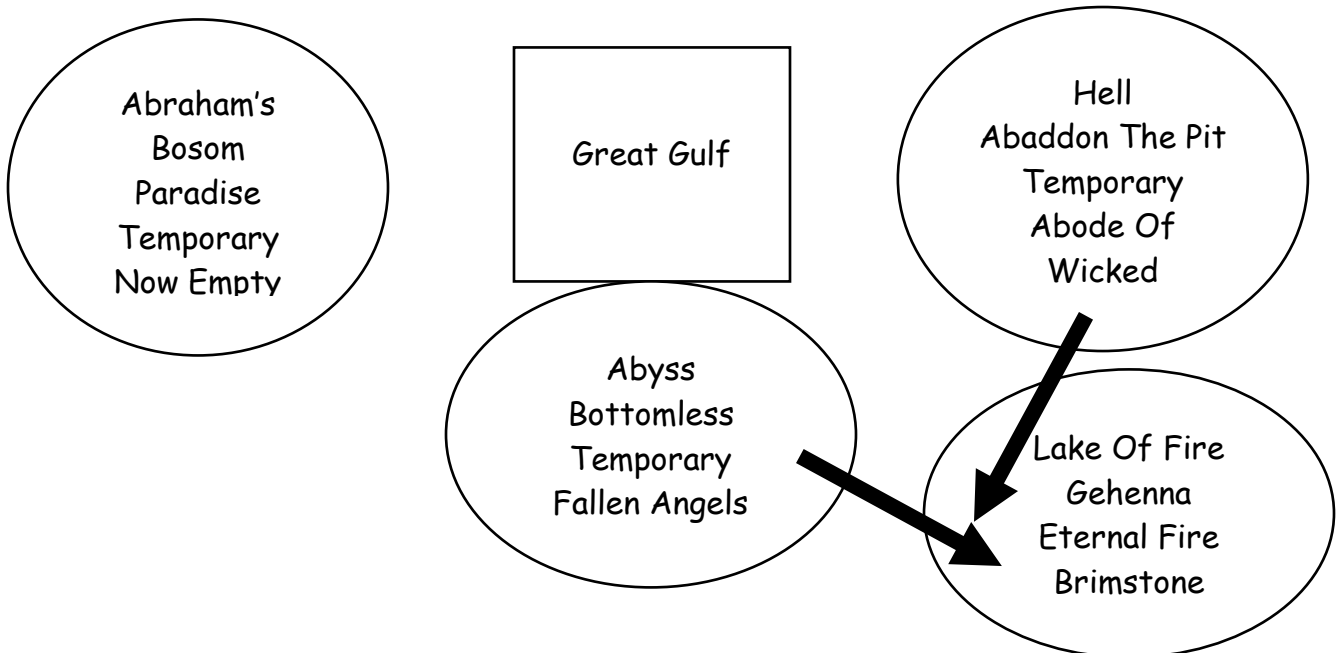
After The 1000 Years of Confinement & The Final Battle

Matt. 25:41 Eternal Lake of Fire was prepared, and designed by God, for the devil and his angels

- ❖ Satan is the chief prisoner of The Lake Of Fire. [Rev. 20:10]

The Place of The Dead: The Unseen World

1. Sheol = 64 references = Found only in the OT = the abode of the dead
 - ❖ Place where righteous and unrighteous expected to go down upon death
 - ❖ Sheol has different compartments - references talk of the lowest Sheol [Deut. 32:22; Ps. 86:13]
 - ❖ Those who went down to Sheol were in a state of consciousness [Jonah 2:2]
2. Hades = 10 references = Found only in the NT = abode of the dead
 - ❖ Hades is the same place as Sheol
 - ❖ Place for the righteous and the unrighteous - It had 2 main compartments
 - ❖ Unbelievers were in Hades [rich man]. They are still there in torment. Temporary
 - ❖ OT Believers were taken to Abraham's Bosom [Paradise; it is now empty]
 - ❖ It was a place of consciousness
 - ❖ Temporary holding place; it is not the eternal state.
3. Hell
 - ❖ What people call HELL, is what the OT calls Abaddon or The Pit.
 - ❖ It is the unrighteous side of Sheol or Hades. It contains humans only.
 - ❖ Place separated from God - It is not the Lake of Fire
4. The Abyss
 - ❖ 9 NT passages. Seven are in Revelation. [Luke 8:31; Rom. 10:7]
 - ❖ The abyss, bottomless pit, is a temporary place of confinement for fallen angels.
 - ❖ It is never associated with humans.



5. Gehenna

Interesting Background: Isaiah mentions that Topeth was already prepared for the Assyrian king of his day.

Isa. 30:27, 30-31, 33 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: ³⁰And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod. For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

- Isaiah prophesies that God will defeat the Assyrians.
- Topeth was prepared for the king of Assyria.
- Topeth, Valley of Hinnom, was a valley on the southern side of Jerusalem.
- In Greek = Topeth = Valley of Gehenna
- It became associated with eternal torment [lake of fire] because detestable infant sacrifices were made there by the kings of Judah to Molech.
 - II Kings 23:10; II Chron. 28:3, 33:6; Jer. 19:4-6; Ezek. 16:20-21

Jer. 7:31-32 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. ³² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.

Historical Context:

I Kings 11:1-7 Initiated by his love of "foreign" women as wives and concubines, King Solomon established shrines for the worship of pagan gods about "high places" or hilltops.

- Two pagan gods were particularly detestable, Chemosh the pagan god of the Moabites and Molech the pagan god of the Ammonites, because their worship called for the sacrifice of infants.
- Topheth, meaning "place of fire," was a site of worship for Molech; however, it's primitive root word "toph" meant "playing or beating a percussion instrument such as a timbrel, tambourine, or drum". Scholars believe that it was possible that percussion instruments were used to drown out the sounds of infants as they were burned alive.
- Molech had the head of a bull with two horns and the body of a man.
The idol's stomach was hollow and was the furnace for the fire used during the sacrifice. When hot enough, the infant was placed into the arms of the idol.

It is not known when the Israelites started sacrificing their children; however, God clearly prohibited such forms of worship and indicated that sacrificing innocent children was murder ("blood on their hands"). Infanticide began with idolatry.

There is Biblical evidence prohibiting the worship of Molech or its practices.

- II Kings 16:1-3 King Ahaz of Judah, the 12th king from King Solomon, sacrificed his own sons to Molech in his attempt to seek military aid from the pagan god.
 - II Kings 21:1-6; II Chron. 33:1-6 King Manasseh of Judah, the 14th king from King Solomon, sacrificed his own sons by burning them to death in the worship of Molech.
 - II Kings 23:1-14; II Chron. 34:3-7 King Josiah of Judah, the 16th king from King Solomon, was a godly king and in his reforms, abolished all idol worship, pagan priests, destroyed pagan shrines and specifically destroyed Topheth.
 - Jer. 19:1-6; 32:35 By spreading human bones about, King Josiah defiled the former high places of idol worship and rendered them ceremonially unclean. It is not known if King Josiah was entirely successful as Jeremiah makes repeated calls against Topheth.
 - It wasn't until after 70 years of exile that the Jews were allowed back into Israel to rebuild. Upon their return the Valley of Slaughter was re-purposed from a place of infanticide to an ever-burning rubbish heap (II Kings 23:10). Child sacrifice and other forms of idol-worship ceased in Israel. This valley became a place where corpses of criminals, dead animals, and all manner of refuse were thrown to be destroyed.
 - This Valley was thus a place of burning sewage, burning flesh, and garbage. Maggots and worms crawled through the waste, and the smoke smelled strong and sickening [Isa. 30:33]. It was a place utterly filthy, disgusting and repulsive to the nose and eyes.
 - The OT concept of the burning of humans physically moves into the NT concept with the word Gehenna and describes the eternal burning of humans.
 - The people of Jerusalem dumped their garbage there and burned it. Therefore, it was a place of continual burning. Later, the homeless dead, with no one to claim their bodies, were thrown in the fire.
 - In Jesus' time, it was a full-fledged garbage dump with its wretched rotting aromas, howls of scavenging wild animals and smoldering, perpetual fires.
 - It was associated with desecration, death, eternal fire and waste.
 - It presented such a vivid image that Christ used it as a symbolic depiction of The Lake Of Fire: a place of eternal torment and constant uncleanness, where the fires never ceased burning and the worms never stopped crawling [Matthew 10:28; Mark 9:47-48].
 - Topheth eventually became a symbol of the Lake of Fire. [Isa. 30:33].
 - The Lake of Fire is not a temporary holding place.
6. Lake of Fire: Found only in 4 passages in Revelation
- ❖ Eternal abode of angels and all lost humans
 - ❖ Death and hell [Abaddon, The Pit] will be cast into the Lake of Fire
 - ❖ Same as Gehenna which is the proper name. Lake of Fire is descriptive of Gehenna.
 - ❖ Fire and brimstone are the source of torment.

Isa. 66:23-24 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. ²⁴ And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

- This is in the Millennial Kingdom.
- The people who come to Jerusalem to worship will go outside the city to the "garbage dump" and be reminded that God is a consuming fire. [Jer. 7:32]
- Gehenna is the Valley of Slaughter that will be used in the end times as a place of slaughter, flames and punishment for the wicked.

Jer. 19:6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The Valley of Slaughter."

Gehenna, the place of post-resurrection torment (judgment), refers strictly to the everlasting abode of the *unredeemed* where they experience divine judgment *in their individual resurrection-bodies*. Each of the unredeemed receives a body at the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev 20:11-15).

❖ 12 References: 11 are in the Gospels; 1 is outside the Gospels

Matt. 5:22... and whosoever shall say, You fool, shall be in danger of hell [Gehenna] fire

Matt. 5:29 ...not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. [Gehenna]

Matt. 5:30 ...not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. [Gehenna]

Matt. 10:28 but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [Gehenna]

Matt. 18:9 rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. [Gehenna]

Matt. 23:15 ye make him twofold more the child of hell [Gehenna] than yourselves.

Matt. 23:33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Mark 9:43 it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, [Gehenna] into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mark 9:45 it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, [Gehenna] into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mark 9:47 it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: [Gehenna]

Luke 12:5 Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; [Gehenna]

James 3:6 setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. [Gehenna]

- ❖ Gehenna is the eternal abode of the lost: both some fallen angels and men
- ❖ An eternal place of punishment that includes both body and soul.
- ❖ It is eternal torment and associated with fire.