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# Listening to the Prophets Lesson Two

A Study of Old Testament Major Prophets

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# LISTENING TO THE PROPHETS

## THEME:

- The prophet's words are as relevant today as they were 2600 years ago.
- “The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” Psalm 103:8<sub>[NLT]</sub>

# Lesson Two

## The Book of Isaiah (Chapters 1-37)

### Introduction

The book of Isaiah has two major divisions:

#### Denunciations

- Part 1- and prophecies for (about):
  - Judah (Ch. 1-12)
  - Other nations (Ch. 13-23)
  - The Tribulation and Kingdom periods (Ch. 24-27)
  - Israel and Judah (Ch. 28-35)
  - Sennacherib, King of Assyria, Ch. 36-39)

- Part 2 proclamation of **consolations**:
  - The greatness of God (Ch. 40-48)
  - The salvation of the Servant-Messiah (Ch. 49-57)
  - The program of God for peace (Ch. 58-66)<sub>5</sub>

# History

- Isaiah prophesied while in Judah. Judah was the **southern** kingdom while Israel was the Northern Kingdom.





- Isaiah ministered from 740 B.C.-680 B.C. during the kings of:

Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, and Manasseh.<sup>7</sup>

- Isaiah prophesied 20 years prior to the destruction of **Israel** (the northern kingdom) in 722 B.C. and 75 years before King Nebuchadnezzar's first invasion of Judah (the southern kingdom) in 605 B.C.



- King Uzziah was a godly king. Unfortunately, later in life, God punished him with leprosy due to pride (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26: 4-5, 15, 16-21). [★]
- Much of Isaiah's ministry took place during the reign of King Ahaz.



- King Ahaz sacrificed his son to a wicked heathen god-Molech (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:2-3). [✖]
- Ahaz did not trust God and made an alliance with the evil kingdom of Assyria (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:7). [✖]
- Isaiah warned Ahaz against such an alliance.



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- Hezekiah was a good and godly king. God gave him an extra 15 years to live after being struck with a terminal illness (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:1-6). [✱]

- Unfortunately, Hezekiah's pride caused him to show-off Israel's treasures to the nobles of Babylon (2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:12-19). [✱]



- Isaiah prophesied that the king of Babylon would eventually take all Israel's treasures.



- Many of Isaiah's prophecies tell of the first and second coming of Jesus, His role as Messiah, and His Millennial Reign.
- Isaiah's prophecies give parallel accounts of both his contemporary period and of future events (skipping stone theory-mervinism).



<https://reasonsforjesus.com/the-second-coming-of-jesus-metaphor-or-literal/>

# Part 1-The Denunciations

- Isaiah 1:1 gives a timeline summary of Isaiah's prophecies. [✱]
- Isaiah 1:2-9 states God's reasons for pronouncing judgment upon Israel. [✱]
- Isaiah 1:16-18 is a well quoted passage that tells of God's mercy and forgiveness toward one with a repentant heart. [✱]

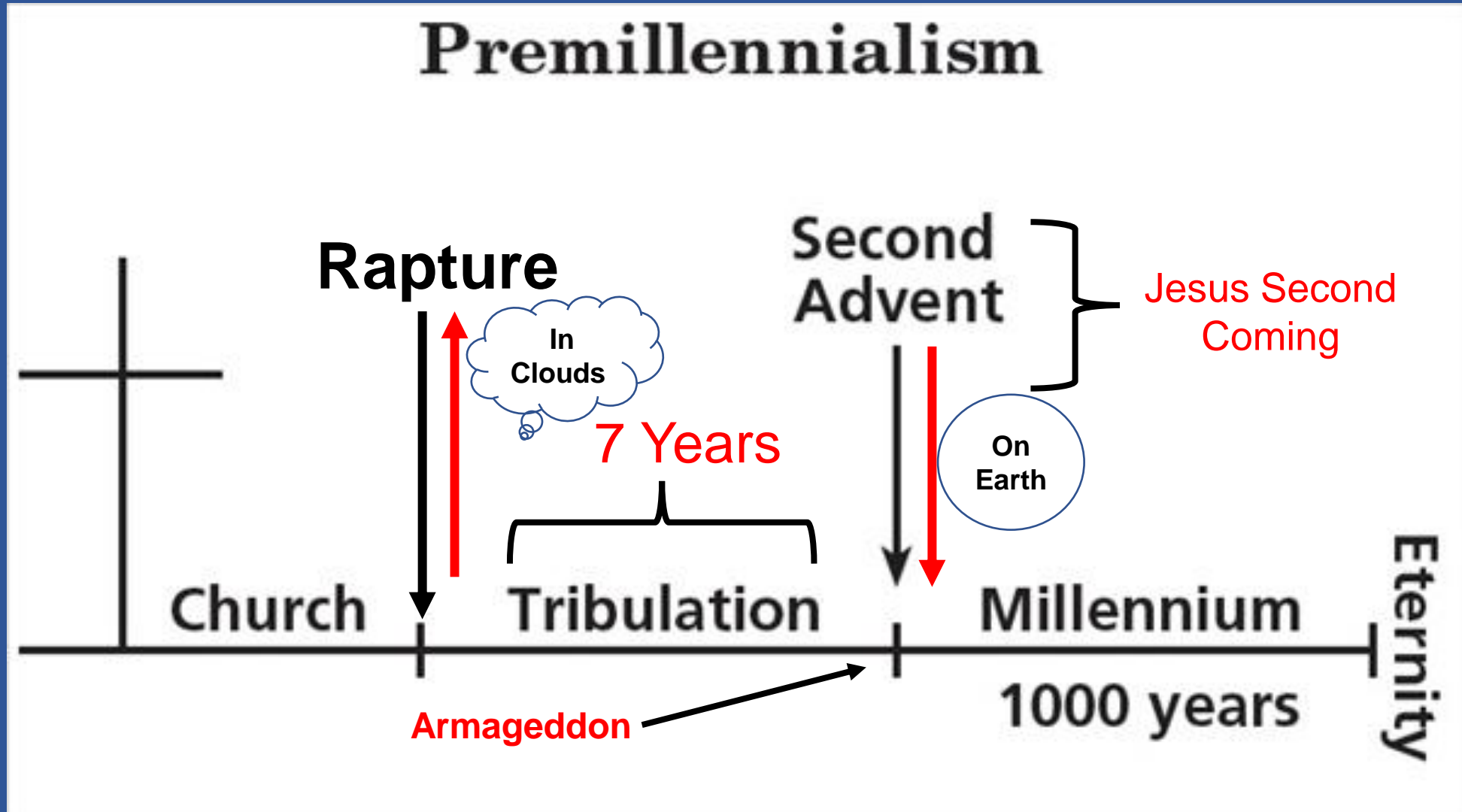


- Isaiah 1:24-28 mentions Christ's millennial kingdom. [\*]
- Isaiah 2:1-4 gives a further description of the Millennial Kingdom for both Jews and Gentiles (see Micah 4:3). [\*]

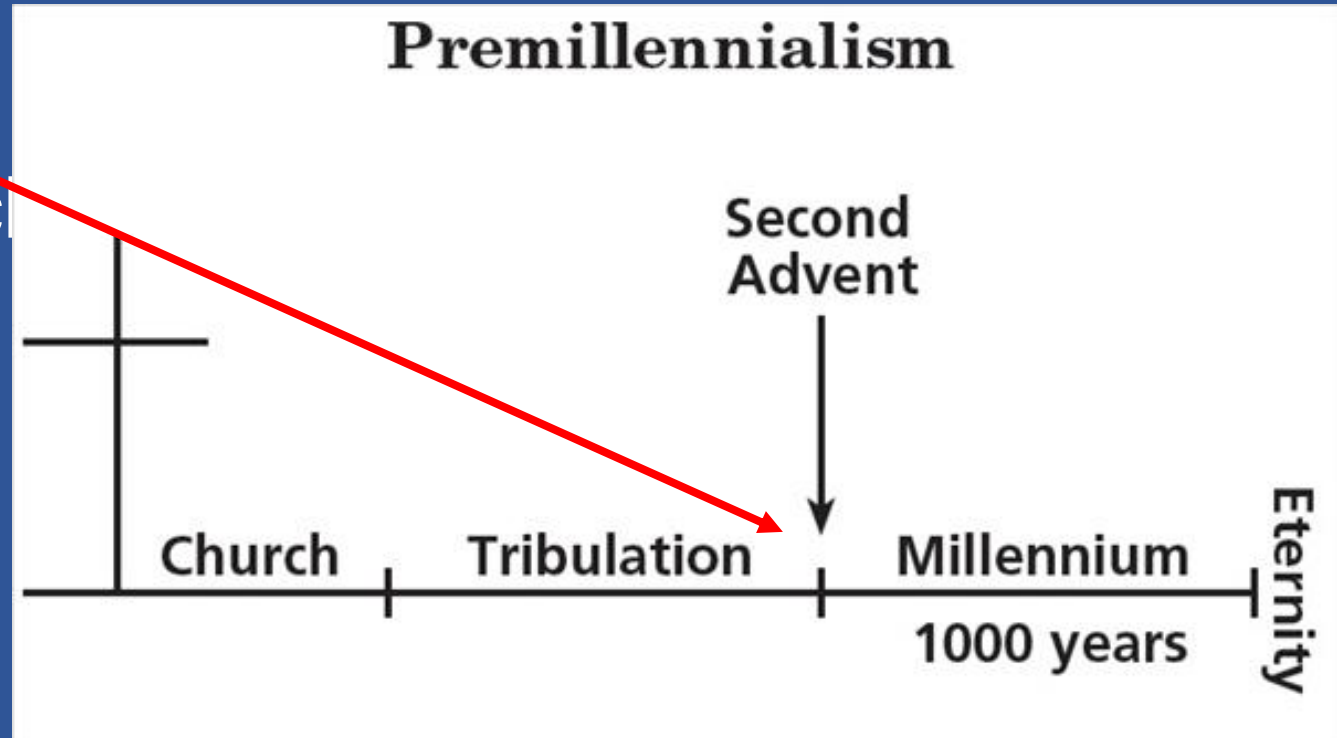




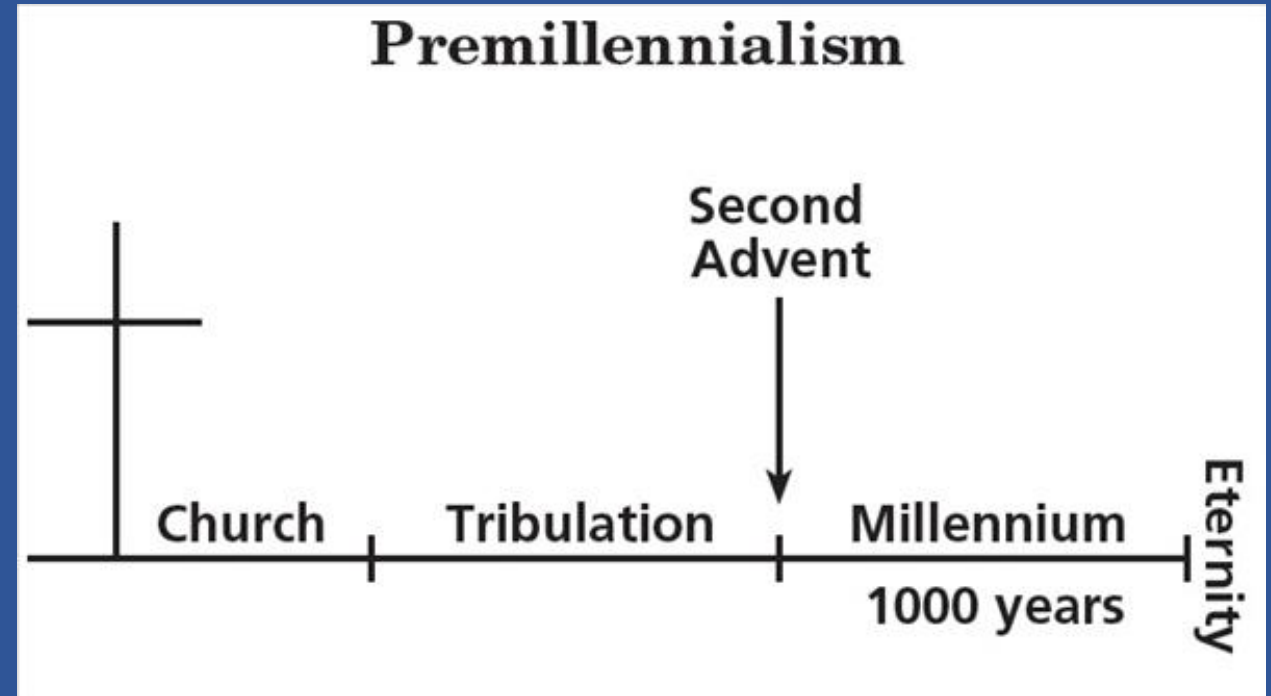
# The Battle of Armageddon



- Joel 3:10 explains a prophecy of swords and spears before the Battle of Armageddon. [ ]
- Isaiah 2:19-21 parallels Revelation 6:12-17 which references Christ's second coming. [ ]
  - Isaiah's prophecies often show a dual reference to the Babylonian captivity and the future judgment of Christ.



- The phrase, “In that day,” (4:2 and other passages) usually refers to a future event. [∗]
  - “In that day,” often refers to Christ’s millennial reign.



# Judah's Future

- “In that day,” was also used to announce a more immediate judgment, such as the Babylonian take-over.



# Judah's Return from Captivity

- **Isaiah 6:8-13** references Isaiah's calling to a life of **prophecy**. [ ]
- This passage further gives an account of Judah's return from captivity after 70 years.
  - Jeremiah also speaks of Israel's 70-year captivity. (Jeremiah 25:11) [ ]
  - Only a **tenth** of Judah's population would return from Babylon.



# Destruction of Israel

- Isaiah 7:8-9 foretells the destruction of Northern Israel and their Assyrian intermarriage. [★]
- This intermarriage would result in Israel's Samaritan culture (John 4:9). [★]



- Isaiah gives a parallel prophecy of Israel's destruction in 722 B.C. as shown by the birth of Isaiah's son (7:14). [4]
- This birth also referenced Christ's virgin birth.
- Israel's destruction occurred 12 years after this prophecy.<sup>8</sup>



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- Isaiah 9:6 tells where the Messiah would live and prophecies of His 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> reign. [★]
- Isaiah 11:6-8 gives a further description of the Messiah and the millennial reign. [★]
- Isaiah 11:12 alludes, not only to Zerubbabel's return from Babylon, but to Christ's second coming. [★]



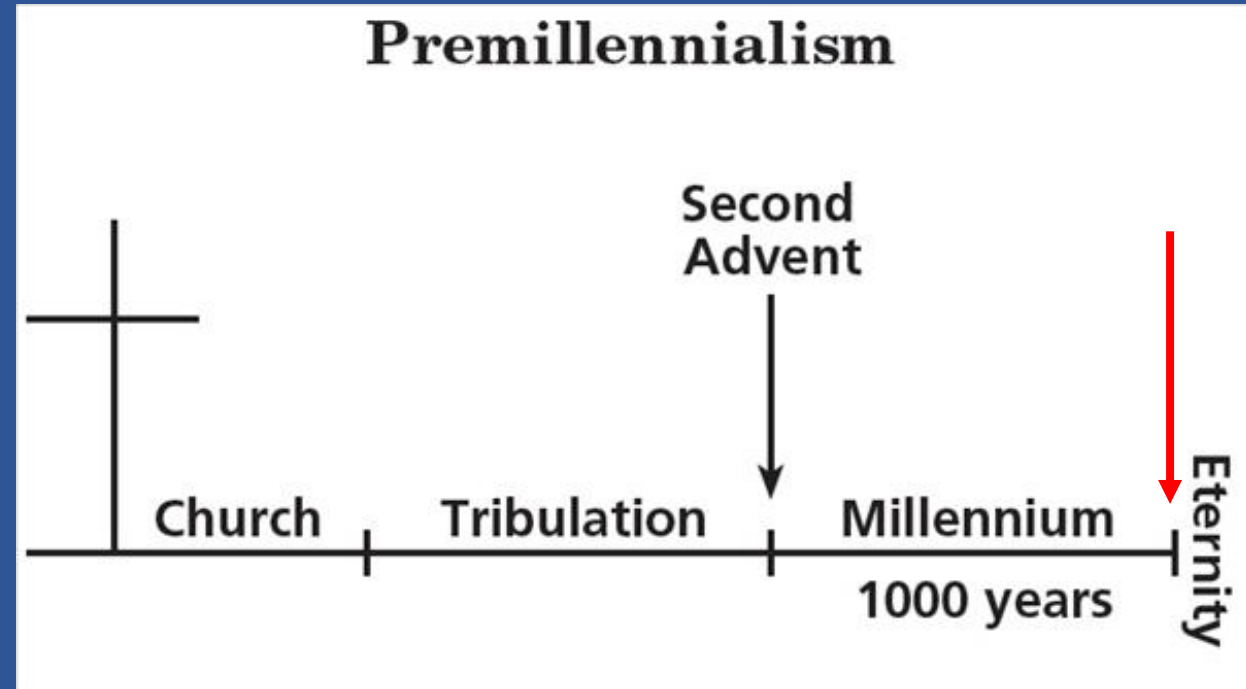


# Judgment

- Chapters 13-23 foretells God's judgment upon surrounding nations.



- Chapters 24-27 mentions:
  - God's judgments during the Tribulation period and judgment at the end of the millennial period (24:21), Revelation 20:14-15 [\*]
  - His blessings during the Millennial age, (24:14-16(a)). [\*]



- Isaiah 25:8-9, and Revelation 21:4 reference the blessings of the Millennial age. [✎]



"Peace" by William Strutt (1896). Based on Isaiah 11:6-9.

- The Jews did not understand that the Messiah would come at two different times (Luke 4:17-19 and Isaiah 61:1-2 (a). [<sup>\*</sup>]
  - The first time Christ would bring salvation and die for our sins.



<http://www.sainttimothy.org/jesus-is-lifted-up-on-the-cross-that-we-may-look-to-him-and-live/>

- Christ would reign as king during His second coming.
- The Jews only understood His second coming.



- Isaiah 26:19 explains that Old Testament believers will have a bodily resurrection when Christ returns the second time. [✘]
- Old Testament believers will not have a bodily resurrection at the rapture.

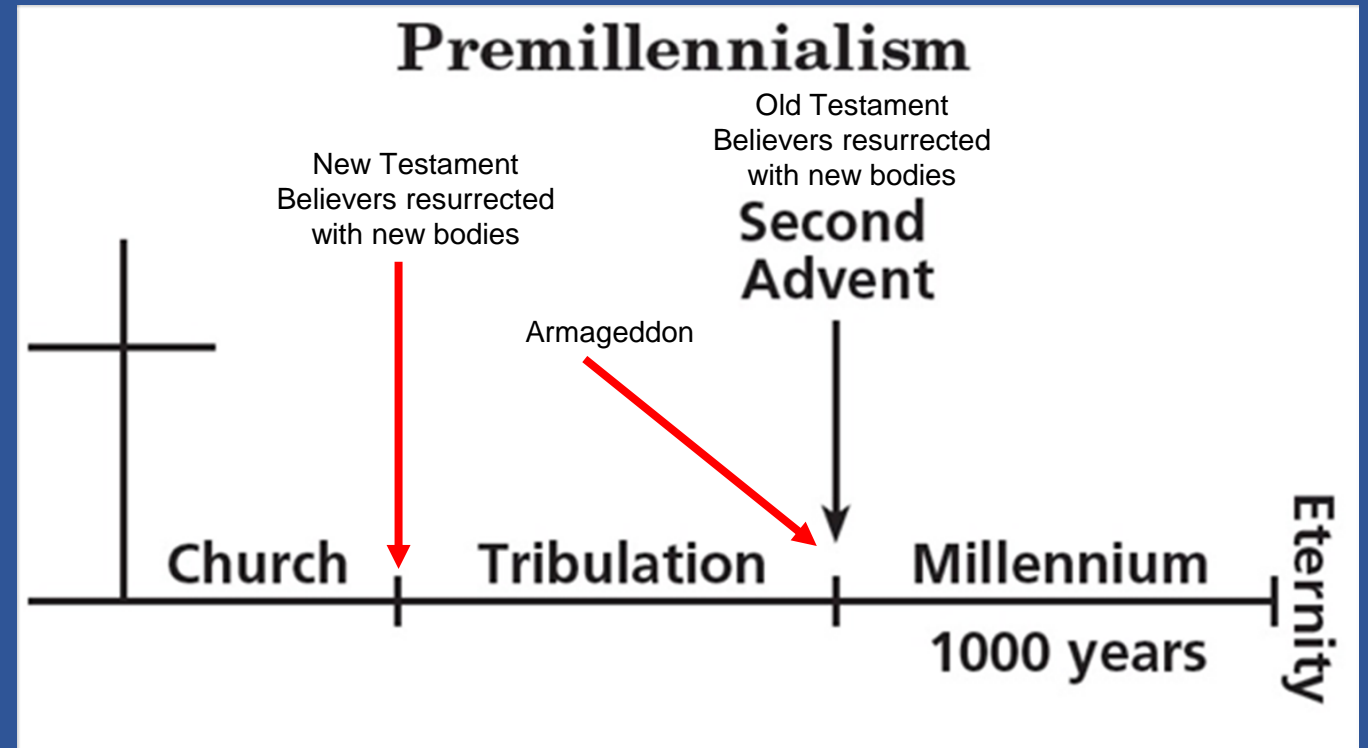


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- The rapture will only include New Testament believers (the Church-the Bride of Christ).



- **Isaiah 28:5** and 32:1 give another reference to the coming Messiah. [\*]
- Isaiah 30:18-20 describes the Millennial Reign. [\*]
- Chapter 34 gives an account of the battle of **Armageddon**.





Chapter 35 shows the blessings during the Millennium.

- Jesus quoted Isaiah 35:5-6 when validating His position as Messiah to John the Baptist (Matthew 11:5). [[\\*](#)]



- Chapters 36-37 tell of King Sennacherib's failure to take Judah after conquering Israel.
- This passage can be found in 2 Kings 18-19 and 2 Chronicles 32:1-23.



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# Summary

Even though God knew Israel and Judah would not follow His laws, God saw fit to tell of His punishment and of His great compassion. God's punishment was meant for their good.

Hebrews 12:11 states, "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." (NASB)

God will always speak to our hearts through the Holy Spirit to guide us in wise living.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 26:4-5,15,16-21

4 He did what was right in the sight of the Lord, in accordance with everything that his father Amaziah had done. 5 He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him successful...15 In Jerusalem he made machines of war invented by skillful workmen to be on the towers and the corners, for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Over---

So his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong. 16 But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was untrue to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. 17 Then Azariah the priest entered after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men.

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18 They opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron who have been consecrated to burn incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have been untrue and will have no honor from the LORD God.” 19 But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense. Over---

20 Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he *was* leprous on his forehead; and they quickly removed him from there, and he himself also hurried to get out because the LORD had stricken him. 21 King Uzziah had leprosy to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, afflicted *as he was* with leprosy, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And his son Jotham *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land. [✱]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:2-3

2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned for sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not do what was right in the sight of the Lord his God, as his father David had done. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and he even made his son pass through the fire, in accordance with the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had driven out before the sons of Israel. [✱]



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16:7

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser [teeg-lath pa-lee-zer] king of Assyria, saying, “I am your servant and your son; come up and save me from the hand of the king of Aram, and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me.” [✱]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:1-6

1 In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him and said to him, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Set your house in order, for you are going to die and not live.’ ” 2 Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying, 3 “Please, Lord, just remember how I have walked before You wholeheartedly and in truth, and have done what is good in Your sight!” And Hezekiah wept profusely. 4 And even before Isaiah had left the middle courtyard, the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

5 “Return and say to Hezekiah the leader of My people,  
‘This is what the Lord, the God of your father David says: “I  
have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I  
am going to heal you. On the third day you shall go up to  
the house of the Lord. 6 And I will add fifteen years to your  
life, and I will save you and this city from the hand of the  
king of Assyria; and I will protect this city for My own sake  
and for My servant David’s sake.” ’ ” [✱]

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 20:12-19

- 12 At that time Berodach-baladan [ber-o-dak-bala-dan], a son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, because he heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the balsam oil, the scented oil, the house of his armor, and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was nothing in his house nor in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.
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- 14 Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, “What did these men say, and from where have they come to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come from a far country, from Babylon.” 15 *Isaiah* said, “What have they seen in your house?” So Hezekiah answered, “They have seen everything that is in my house; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them.”

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- 16 Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, “Hear the word of the LORD: 17 ‘Behold, the days are coming when everything that is in your house, and what your fathers have stored up to this day, will be carried to Babylon; nothing will be left,’ says the LORD. 18 ‘And some of your sons who will come from you, whom you will father, will be taken away; and they will become officials in the palace of the king of Babylon.’ ”
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- 19 Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good.” For he thought, “Is it not *good*, if there will be peace and security in my days?”

[\*]

## Isaiah 1:1

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah. [[\\*](#)]



## Isaiah 1:2-92

Listen, heavens, and hear, earth; For the Lord has spoken: “Sons I have raised and brought up, But they have revolted against Me. 3 “An ox knows its owner And a donkey its master’s manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand.”

4 Oh, sinful nation, People weighed down with guilt, Offspring of evildoers, Sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned the Lord, They have despised the Holy One of Israel, They have turned away from Him.

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5 Where will you be stricken again, As you continue in your rebellion? The entire head is sick And the entire heart is faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head There is nothing healthy in it, Only bruises, slashes, and raw wounds; Not pressed out nor bandaged, Nor softened with oil.

7 Your land is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; As for your fields, strangers are devouring them in front of you; It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers.

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8 The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard,  
Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a city  
under watch. 9 If the Lord of armies Had not left us a few  
survivors, We would be like Sodom, We would be like  
Gomorrah. [\*]

## Isaiah 1:16-18

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

(KJV) [ [\\*](#) ]

## Isaiah 1:24-28

24 Therefore the Lord God of hosts, The Mighty One of Israel, declares, “Ah, I will be relieved of My adversaries And avenge Myself on My foes. 25 I will also turn My hand against you, And will smelt away your dross as with lye And will remove all your alloy. 26 Then I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning; After that you will be called the city of righteousness, A faithful city.” 27 Zion will be redeemed with Justice And her repentant ones with righteousness. 28 But transgressors and sinners will be crushed together, And those who forsake the Lord will come to an end. [✱]

## Isaiah 2:1-4

1 The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. 3 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord

from Jerusalem. 4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

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## Micah 4:3

3 And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into Plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war. [✳]



Joel 3:10

10 Beat your plowshares into swords

And your pruning hooks into spears;

Let the weak say, “I am a mighty man.” [✱]

## Isaiah 2:19-21

19 Men will go into caves of the rocks

And into holes of the ground

Before the terror of the Lord

And the splendor of His majesty,

When He arises to make the earth tremble.

20 In that day men will cast away to the moles and the bats

Their idols of silver and their idols of gold,

Which they made for themselves to worship,

21 In order to go into the caverns of the rocks and the  
clefts of the cliffs

Before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His  
majesty,

When He arises to make the earth tremble.

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## Revelation 6:12-17

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Over---

- 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they \*said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” [\*

## Isaiah 4:2

2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth *will be* the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel. [[\\*](#)]

## Isaiah 6:8-13

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

9 He said, “Go, and tell this people:

‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive;

Keep on looking, but do not understand.’

10 Render the hearts of this people insensitive,

Their ears dull,

And their eyes dim, Over---

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

Hear with their ears,

Understand with their hearts,

And return and be healed.”

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11 Then I said, “Lord, how long?” And He answered,  
“Until cities are devastated and without inhabitant,

Houses are without people

And the land is utterly desolate,

12 The Lord has removed men far away,

And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

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13 Yet there will be a tenth portion in it,  
And it will again be subject to burning,  
Like a terebinth or an oak  
Whose stump remains when it is felled.  
The holy seed is its stump.” [\*, ]

## Isaiah 7:8-9

8 For the head of Aram is Damascus and the head of  
Damascus is Rezin (now within another 65 years Ephraim  
will be shattered, so that it is no longer a people), 9 and the  
head of Ephraim is Samaria and the head of Samaria is the  
son of Remaliah. If you will not believe, you surely shall not  
last.” ’ ” [✱]

## Isaiah 7:14

14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. [✱]

## Isaiah 9:6

6 For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us;

And the government will rest on His shoulders;

And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. [\*]

Isaiah 11:6-8

6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb,

And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,

And the calf and the young lion and the fattened steer will  
be together;

And a little boy will lead them.

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7 Also the cow and the bear will graze,

Their young will lie down together,

And the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,

And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

[\*]

## Isaiah 11:12

12 And He will lift up a flag for the nations

And assemble the banished ones of Israel,

And will gather the dispersed of Judah

From the four corners of the earth. [✳]



Isaiah 24:21

21 So it will happen on that day,

That the Lord will punish the rebellious angels of heaven  
on high,

And the kings of the earth on earth.

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## Revelation 20:14-15

14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. [✎]

## Isaiah 24:14-16(a)

14 They raise their voices, they shout for joy;

They cry out from the west concerning the majesty of the Lord.

15 Therefore glorify the Lord in the east,

The name of the Lord, the God of Israel,

In the coastlands of the sea.

16 From the ends of the earth we hear songs: “Glory to the

Righteous One... [\*]

## Isaiah 25:8-9

8 He will swallow up death for all time,

And the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces,

And He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the  
earth;

For the Lord has spoken.

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9 And it will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that  
He might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
Let’s rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

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## Revelation 21:4

4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” [✱]

Luke 4:17-19

17 And the scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He anointed Me to bring good news to the poor.

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He has sent Me to proclaim release to captives,

And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set free those who are oppressed,

19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”[Jesus ended the reading of Isaiah at this point]

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## Isaiah 61:1-2

1 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

Because the Lord anointed me

To bring good news to the humble;

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

To proclaim release to captives

And freedom to prisoners;

2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord

And the day of vengeance of our God;

To comfort all who mourn...<sup>\*</sup>

Isaiah 26:19

19 Your dead will live;

Their corpses will rise.

You who lie in the dust, awake and shout for joy,

For your dew is as the dew of the dawn,

And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits. [✱]

Isaiah 28:5

5 On that day the Lord of armies will become a beautiful crown

And a glorious wreath to the remnant of His people...

Isaiah 32:1

1 Behold, a king will reign righteously,

And officials will rule justly. [✎]

## Isaiah 30:18-20

18 Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you,  
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.

For the Lord is a God of justice;

How blessed are all those who long for Him.

19 For, you people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will certainly be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.

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20 Although the Lord has given you bread of deprivation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher, will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will see your Teacher. [✱]

## Isaiah 35:5-6

5 Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened,

And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.

6 Then those who limp will leap like a deer,

And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for  
joy.

For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,

And streams in the desert. Over---

## Matthew 11:5

*5 those who are* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT *and those who* limp walk, *those* with leprosy are cleansed and *those who are* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, and *the* POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM. [[\\*](#)]



## Jeremiah 25:11

11 This entire land will be a place of ruins and an object of horror, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years. [\*]

John 4:9

9Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. [<sup>\*</sup>]