

## Armageddon & the Mayan Calendar

- By now people aren't concerned with the **Mayan** calendar and the supposed prediction of the end of the world. As we will see in this lesson, no man will ever predict the end of time even though many have tried. So why are there so many gullible folks out there who search for answers in all the wrong places and who invest all their emotions on such lies? Ignorance! There is no desire for knowledge of the **Holy** and **Revered** or the real quest for truth.

**Pro 9:10** The fear (*Heb.3374- reverence*) of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**: and the **knowledge of the holy is understanding**. (*A person can have a PHD in just about any subject but without the knowledge of the Holy he's still ignorant!*)

**Psa 111:9** He sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever: **Holy** and **Reverend** is His name.

### The Very Beginning of the Patriarchal Age

**Gen 2:21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.

**Gen 3:16** Unto the woman He said, ... thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

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**Gen 6:1** And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, **2** That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. **3** And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: **yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years**.

- In verse **3** **God** outright stated how long the earth was going to exist under that, then current, environment. It was because of sin that **Adam** and **Eve** were cast out of their home in **Eden** and it was because of sin that **God** desired to cleanse the earth of that present evil condition.

**2Pe 3:1** This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days (*Here, the Christian dispensation. The Mosaic age ended at the cross but the sacrificial system continued until 70 AD.*) scoffers, walking after their own lusts, **4** And saying, Where is the promise of His coming (*His coming here was not to be taken as literal, which is what they, in their ignorance, understood. His coming was then to be in the form of judgment against Israel.*)? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation. **5** For this they **willingly are ignorant** of, (*There's nothing than a self-imposed lack of knowledge!*) that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: **6** Whereby the world **that then was** (*in Noah's day*), being overflowed with water, **perished**: **7** But the **heavens and the earth** (*physical creation*), **which are now, by the same word** (*the Word that spoke it into existence- Gen 1:3-31*) are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

- God had already put in motion His **ultimate** plan in order to cleanse the earth even before the world was created but first man needed to be prepared for that plan through the Patriarchal and Mosaic ages.

*Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as He hath chosen us (the church) in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:*

*Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

How God “cleanses” the earth today...

**Luk 11:1** And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. **2** And He said unto them, **When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.**

- By this we understand that the only way the will of God, which is that righteousness would exist, can be done on earth was/is through the kingdom (*the church*), which had not yet come at that time. But it did come, soon after, on the day of Pentecost.

**Gal 4:4** But when the **fulness of the time was come**, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman (*without a human sire*), made under the law, **5** To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

*Act 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. (The kingdom came thus beginning the last [Christian] age.)*

#### The Mosaic Age

- This age ran concurrent with the Patriarchal age. The law of Moses with its Levitical system only pertained to the nation of Israel.

*Rom 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:*

**Deu 6:4** Hear, O **Israel**: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: **5** And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. **8** And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. **9** And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. **10** And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, **11** And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; **12** *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. **13** Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve Him, and shalt swear (*Heb.7650- to be complete: -to take an oath*) by His name (*Heb.8034- authority*).

From the Mosaic to the (*final*) Christian Age

Col 2:9 For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In Whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision (*Thayer: the extinction of the passions and the removal of spiritual impurity*) of Christ: 12 Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, Who hath raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (Mosaic law)** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; ...

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of (*spiritual*) Israel (*made up of both Jew and Gentile*) **after** those days (*the Mosaic age*), saith the Lord; I will put My laws (*Gk.3551- of the Gospel*) into their mind (*Gk.1271- understanding*), and write (*Gk.1924- to inscribe [physically or mentally]*) them in their hearts (*Gk.2588- the thoughts or feelings [mind]*)\*: and (*as a Christian*) I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people : 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that He saith, A new *covenant*, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is ready to vanish away*.

- This happened in AD 70 with the destruction of Jerusalem after which no records existed of the Levitical genealogy which was necessary to establishing the Mosaic priesthood.

Ezr 2:62 These sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. 63 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

\*2Co 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart (Gk.2588).*

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Jesus prophesied the end of the Mosaic age.

Mat 24:1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and His disciples came to Him for to shew Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said unto them, **See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.** 3 And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, (1) when shall these things be? and (2) what *shall be* the sign of Thy coming, and of (3) the end of the world (*Gk.165- age; specifically [Jewish] Messianic period*)? (*All three questions focus on the same [then] future altering event.*)

(1) When shall these things be?

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.** 5 **For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.** 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, **but the end is not yet.** 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. 9 Then shall they deliver you up to

be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. **10** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. **11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **14** And **this gospel** (*good news*) **of the kingdom** (*the church*) shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto **all nations**; and **then shall the end come** \*. **15** When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand (*Gk.2476- abide*) in the holy place (*the church*), (whoso readeth, **let him understand** [*Gk.3539- heed*]:) (*Unlike the Jews who didn't believe in Christ, only Christians believed these warnings and heeded them.*)

*\*Rom 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.*

**Dan 9:26** And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself: and the people (*Rome*) of the prince (*Titus- general at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, later Emperor from 79-81 a.d.*) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be with a flood (Isa 8:7-8 speaks of the military might of the king of Assyria as a flood passing through Judah)*, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. **27** And He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease (*70 a.d.- Heb 8:10-13*), and for the overspreading of abominations He shall make *it* desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**Mat 24:16** Then let them (*Christians*) which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: **17** Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house: **18** Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. **19** And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck (*nurse*) in those days! **20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day (*Neh 13:15-22- the gates would be closed so no business could be done in order to keep the Sabbath holy*): **21** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be (*not even during the reign of terror under Antiochus IV Epiphanes [175-163 BC]*). **22** And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's (*1 Pet 1:2- speaking of Christians*) sake those days shall be shortened. **23** Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. **24** For **there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets**, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, **if it were possible**, they shall deceive the very elect (*unless the elect today know their Bibles we too can be deceived*). **25** Behold, I have told you before. **26** Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, He is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *He is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not.

(2) What shall be the **sign** of Thy coming?

**Mat 24:27** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west (*quickly without warning*); so shall also the coming (*in judgment on the Jewish nation*) of the Son of man be. **28** For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles (*vultures*) be gathered together. (*The historian Josephus recorded very graphic details of the carnage that went on inside the city of Jerusalem at that time. On August 10, AD 70 the temple was destroyed on the same day and month it was burnt by the king of Babylon. [Clarke]*) **29** Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

- This is prophetic language concerning the Jewish system of government. In Gen 37:9-11 Joseph dreamed of his parents and brothers as sun, moon and stars with his father

rebuking him asking “*Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?*” In Dan 8:10 concerning the Jews then, Antiochus IV Epiphanes “*cast down some of the host of heaven and of the stars to the ground*”. And there are other passages throughout the Bible that confirm this representation.

Mat 24:30 And then shall appear the **sign** of the Son of man in heaven (*The destruction of Jerusalem served as a sign of God’s vengeance and the authority of His Son.*): and then shall all the (*then in existence, Jewish*) tribes of the earth mourn (*at least Benjamin, Levi and Judah- Ezra 1:5*), and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory (Mat 28:18). 31 And He shall send His angels (“*His messengers, the apostles, and their successors in the Christian ministry*”- Adam Clarke) with a great sound of a trumpet (*the gospel’s call*), and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- Jesus will not “send” His angels at the resurrection. They will come “with” Him. This is where the apostle Paul, along with others, preached the gospel to the Gentiles. No longer was it to be preached to only the Jews. (Rom 1:16)

Luk 13:28 ... when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you *yourselves* thrust out. 29 And they shall come from the east, and *from* the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. (*Gentiles were to become part of the Israel of God.-Gal 6:16*)

Mat 24:32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: 33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. 34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation** shall not pass, **till all these things be fulfilled**. (*The Gentiles becoming part of “spiritual” Israel [Rom 2:29] and the destruction of Jerusalem by Rome in AD 70.*)

Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in**.

(3) What shall be the sign of the end of the (Mosaic) age?

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, (*a yet future event- \*2 Pet 3:10*) but My words shall not pass away. 36 **But** (*If He was continuing His thoughts on the end of the world He would have said “and”.*) of **that day** (*Through 20/20 hindsight we now understand that day as the day of the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.*) and hour **knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, (“neither the Son” -Mk.13:32) but My Father only**. 37 But as the days of Noah *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be (*v. 30*). 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away (*thus destroying the pre-flood world- 2 Pet 2:5*); so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken (*Gk.3880- to received near*), and the other left. 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (*The Christians watched, the Jewish unbelievers didn’t. -2Pe 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.*) 42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. 43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. 44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46

Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. 48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; 49 And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; 50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*\*2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

- We know that God flooded the earth 120 days after making the statement that He would through the deluge (*Gen 6:3*). And we know that the destruction of Jerusalem, thus the Jewish sacrificial system, is recorded in history as factually to have taken place in AD 70. And the “supposed future” battle of Armageddon (*Rev 16:16*) was a spiritual battle between good and evil, Rome and the kingdom of God, the church, that happened mainly during the persecution in first century. But as those who lived in Noah’s day and in the days prior to the destruction of Jerusalem didn’t know when exactly their time would come, so neither do we know when the end of the last dispensation will take place.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a **mystery**; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 **In a moment**, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? 56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. 57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord**, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (*Always be ready for Christ’s return!*)

Hear: Romans 10:14 ... "how shall they believe in Him Whom they have not heard?"

Believe: Heb 11:6 ... "for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: Act 3:19 ... "Repent ... be converted, that your sins may be blotted out..."

Confess: Rom 10:9 ... "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Be baptized: 1 Pet 3:21 "...baptism doth also now save us..."

Remain faithful: 1 Cor 6:20 ... "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s."

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