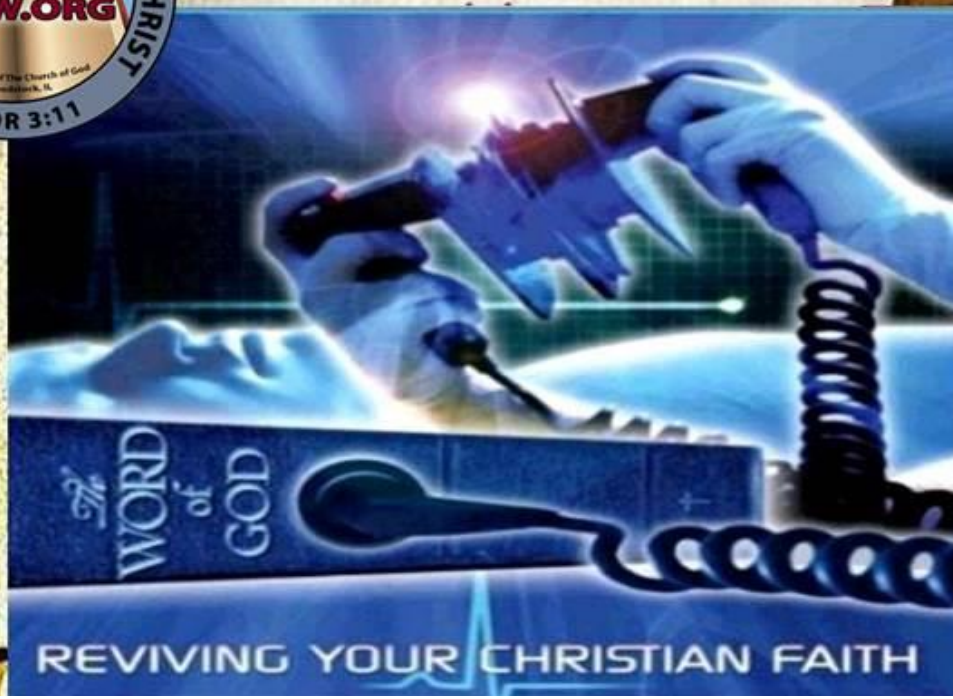
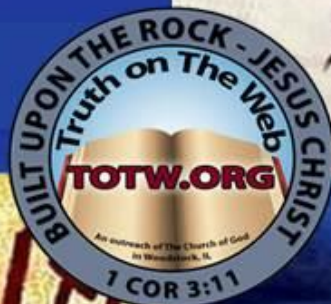


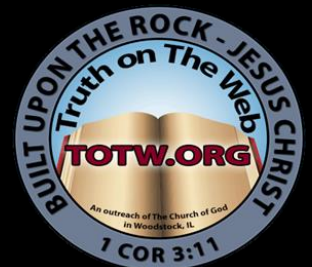
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A Prophecy Primer



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The Millennium

Four Main Views:

historic premillennialism

dispensational premillennialism

amillennialism

postmillennialism

Premillennialism - the second coming will occur before the millennium

Postmillennialism - the second coming will occur after the millennium

Historic Premillennialism

- At the end of the present age, the great tribulation will occur followed by the second coming of Christ
- At Christ's coming, the Antichrist will be judged, the dead in Christ will be resurrected, and Satan will be bound
- Christ will establish His reign on earth at that time, which will last for a thousand years
- At the end of the millennium, Satan will be released and lead the nations in a rebellion
- Satan will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire
- The rest of the dead will then be raised for judgment

Papias (2nd century CE)

“there will be a millennium after the resurrection from the dead,
when the personal reign of Christ will be established on this earth”

Fragments of Papias VI

Irenaeus (189 CE)

“[B]y means of the events **which shall occur in the time of the Antichrist** it is shown that he, being an apostate and a robber, is anxious to be adored as God, and that although a mere slave, he wishes to be proclaimed as king. For he, being endued with all the power of the devil, **shall not come** as a righteous king nor as a legitimate king in subjection to God, but as an impious, unjust, and lawless one . . . setting aside idols to persuade [men] that he himself is God, raising himself up as the only idol. . . . Moreover [Paul] has also pointed out this which I have shown in many ways: that the temple in Jerusalem was made by the direction of the true God. For the apostle himself, speaking in his own person, distinctly called it the temple of God [2 Thess. 2:4] . . . **in which the enemy shall sit**, endeavoring to show himself as Christ”

Against Heresies 5:25:1-2

“But **when this Antichrist shall have devastated all things** in this world, **he will reign** for three years and six months **and will sit** in the temple at Jerusalem; **and then the Lord will come from heaven in the clouds**, in the glory of the Father, sending this man and those who follow him into the lake of fire”

5:30:4

Irenaeus

"It is therefore more certain, and less hazardous, to await the fulfilment of the prophecy, than to be making surmises, and casting about for any names that may present themselves, inasmuch as many names can be found possessing the number mentioned; and the same question will, after all, remain unsolved. For if there are many names found possessing this number, it will be asked which among them shall the coming man bear. It is not through a want of names containing the number of that name that I say this, but on account of the fear of God, and zeal for the truth: for the name Evanthas contains the required number, but I make no allegation regarding it. Then also Lateinos has the number six hundred and sixty-six; and it is a very probable [solution], this being the name of the last kingdom [of the four seen by Daniel]. For the Latins are they who at present bear rule:(5) I will not, however, make any boast over this [coincidence]. Teitan too, (TEITAN, the first syllable being written with the two Greek vowels), among all the names which are found among us, is rather worthy of credit. For it has in itself the predicted number, and is composed of six letters, each syllable containing three letters; and [the word itself] is ancient, and removed from ordinary use; for among our kings we find none bearing this name Titan, nor have any of the idols which are worshipped in public among the Greeks and barbarians this appellation. Among many persons, too, this name is accounted divine, so that even the sun is termed "Titan" by those who do now possess [the rule]. This word, too, contains a certain outward appearance of vengeance, and of one inflicting merited punishment because he (Antichrist) pretends that he vindicates the oppressed.(6) And besides this, it is an ancient name, one worthy of credit, of royal dignity, and still further, a name belonging to a tyrant. Inasmuch, then, as this name "Titan" has so much to recommend it, there is a strong degree of probability, that from among the many [names suggested], we infer, that perchance **he who is to come shall be called** "Titan." We will not, however, incur the risk of pronouncing positively as to the name of Antichrist; for if it were necessary that his name should be distinctly revealed in this present time, it would have been announced by him who beheld the apocalyptic vision. For that was seen no very long time since, but almost in our day, towards the end of Domitian's reign."

Tertullian (ca 208 CE)

"[T]he man of sin, **the son of perdition, who must first be revealed before the Lord comes**, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped; and **who is to sit in the temple of God** and boast himself as being God. . . . According indeed to our view, he is Antichrist; as it is taught us in both the ancient and the new prophecies, and by the apostle John, who says that 'already many false prophets have gone out into the world,' the forerunners of Antichrist, who deny that Christ is come in the flesh, and do not acknowledge Jesus, meaning in God the Creator"

Against Marcion 5:16

Cyril of Jerusalem (350 CE)

"Having beguiled the Jews by the lying signs and wonders of his magical deceit, until they believe he is the expected Christ, **he shall** afterwards be characterized by all manner of wicked deeds of inhumanity and lawlessness, as if to outdo all the unjust and impious men who have gone **before him**. He shall display against all men, and especially against us Christians, a spirit that is murderous and most cruel, merciless and wily. For three years and six months only shall he be the perpetrator of such things; and then **he shall be destroyed by the glorious second coming from heaven of the only-begotten Son of God**, our Lord and Savior Jesus, the true Christ, who shall destroy him with the breath of his mouth [2 Thess. 2:8], and deliver him over to the fire of Gehenna"

Catechetical Lectures 15:12

Dispensational Premillennialism

- The “church age” will end with the rapture of the church
- Antichrist will appear and the seven-year great tribulation will begin
- The tribulation will end with the battle of Armageddon
- Christ will sit on the throne of David and rule the world from Jerusalem
- Israel will be exalted above the other nations
- The temple will be rebuilt and the temple sacrifices will be re-instituted

- Historic premillennialism teaches that the church was in the fore-vision of Old Testament prophecy, while dispensationalism teaches that the church is hardly, if at all, mentioned by the Old Testament prophets.
- Historic premillennialism teaches that the present age of grace was predicted in the Old Testament. Dispensationalism holds that the present age was unforeseen in the Old Testament and thus is a “great parenthesis” in history introduced because the Jews rejected the kingdom.
- Historic premillennialism teaches a millennium after the second advent of Christ but is not much concerned with classifying other epochs of history. Usually, dispensationalism teaches seven divisions of time. The present age is the sixth such dispensation; the last one will be the millennial age after the second coming.
- Historic premillennialism is posttribulational; dispensational premillennialism usually embraces the pretribulational view.

Postmillennialism

- the millennium is an era (not a literal thousand years) consisting of the entire period of time between Christ's first and second advents.
- the millennium of Revelation 20 occurs prior to the second coming of Christ
- At the end of the present age, Christ will return, there will be a general resurrection of the just and the unjust, and the final judgment will take place.

Amillennialism

- the millennium is an era (not a literal thousand years)
- Revelation 20 describes the reign of Christ with the saints throughout the entire present age.
- the present millennial age will be followed by the second coming of Christ, the general resurrection, the last judgment, and the new heavens and new earth.

“I should first point out that prior to the twentieth century ‘amillennialism’ was not a term even in use among Christians. All amillennialists were called postmillennialists. This isn’t difficult to understand, insofar as amillennialists also affirm that the second coming of Christ occurs after (‘post’) the millennial kingdom. All amillennialists also agree that the term itself is of recent origin, although they are insistent that the doctrine to which it points is as ancient as the church itself. Jack Van Deventer points out that the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)* had no reference for the word amillennialism in its 1915 and 1929/1930 editions. Some have insisted that the term was coined by Abraham Kuyper (d. 1920). Van Deventer believes the earliest use of the label should be attributed to dispensationalist Charles Feinberg in the title to his book, *Premillennialism or Amillennialism*, published in 1936. In any case, the term amillennialism was likely employed to differentiate its view from that of the more optimistic version of postmillennialism.

Some have jokingly referred to postmillennialism as ‘*optimistic* amillennialism’ or to amillennialism, conversely, as ‘*pessimistic* postmillennialism’! There is a measure of truth in this, for the critical question is whether or not one conceives of the church age as a time of ever-increasing gospel prosperity. Will Christianity experience both worldwide growth and influence, such that it gradually becomes the rule rather than the exception among the majority of mankind? Amillennialists say No. Postmillennialists say Yes.

Thus what is really at stake is the question of the future prospects for the kingdom of God that is already established on the earth. As far as postmillennialism is concerned, its essential distinctive, its *sine quo non*, is its expectation of gospel prosperity for the Church during the *present* age. Whatever else may be said about it, postmillennialism requires a consistent and confident, biblically grounded assurance that the gospel will be victorious around the globe before the second coming of Christ and the end of the age. Clearly, then, postmillennialists affirm that the Church of Jesus Christ will prosper, in *this* age, both in terms of numerical size and spiritual vitality. Through the gracious power of the Holy Spirit, the vast majority of the human race will be brought to faith in Christ, resulting in worldwide obedience to his kingdom rule. The postmillennial expectation, therefore, is for a Christian world comprised of explicitly Christian nations and peoples.”

Sam Storms, *Kingdom Come* , pp. 374-75

The Thousand Years

Revelation 20:1-10 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years**, 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. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ **a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years**. And when **the thousand years** are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 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.

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BEFORE the Millennium begins:

the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan is chained/bound and cast into the bottomless pit, shut up and sealed.

DURING the Millennium:

Satan is prohibited from deceiving the nations

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought 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.

Revelation 12:5-9 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* His throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and **Satan, which deceiveth the whole world**: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 13:11-14 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. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, **And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast**; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

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AFTER the Millennium:

Satan is loosed for a short time, and allowed to deceive the nations again

The First Resurrection

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The beast rose and was worshipped. He made war with the saints and overcame them. The 2nd beast gave life to an image of the 1st beast, and caused the world to receive the mark of the beast.

The Age To Come

Ephesians 1:18-21 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set *Him* at His own right hand in the heavenly *places*, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only **in this world, but also in that which is to come:**

Matthew 12:32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, **neither in this age, nor in that which is to come.**

Mark 10:28-30 Then Peter began to say unto Him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed Thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold **now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; **and in the world to come eternal life.**

Luke 18:28-30 Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee. And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more **in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.**

Hebrews 2:5-9 For unto the angels hath He not put in subjection **the world to come**, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 6:4-6 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the **powers of the world to come**, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

Luke 20:27-36 Then came to *Him* certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection; and they asked Him, Saying, Master, Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having a wife, and he die without children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died without children. And the second took her to wife, and he died childless. And the third took her; and in like manner the seven also: and they left no children, and died. Last of all the woman died also. Therefore **in the resurrection** whose wife of them is she? for seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering said unto them, **The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead**, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

Ephesians 2:5-7 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus: That **in the ages to come** He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved **this present world**, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

Mark 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And **the cares of this world**, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

The End Of This Age

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and **they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.**

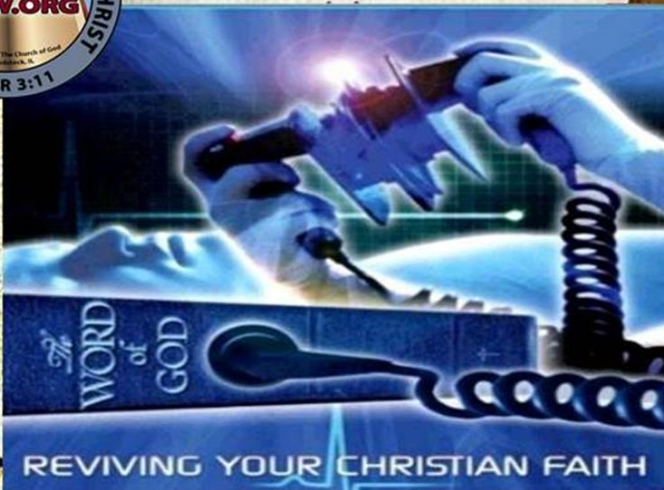
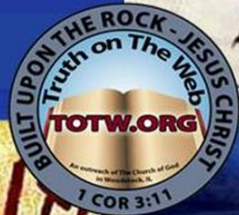
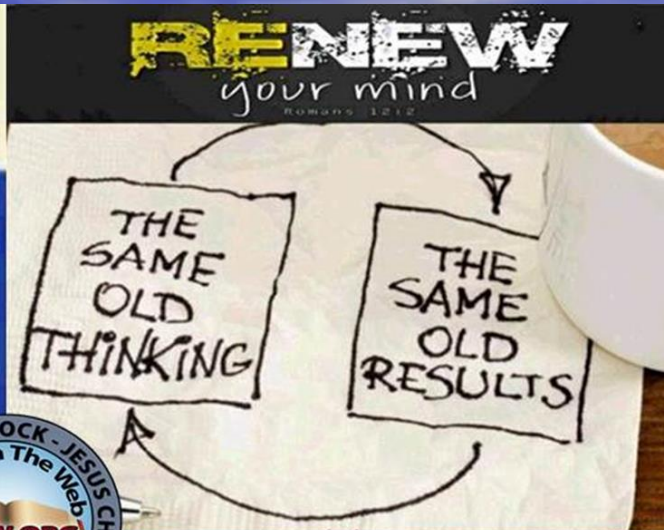
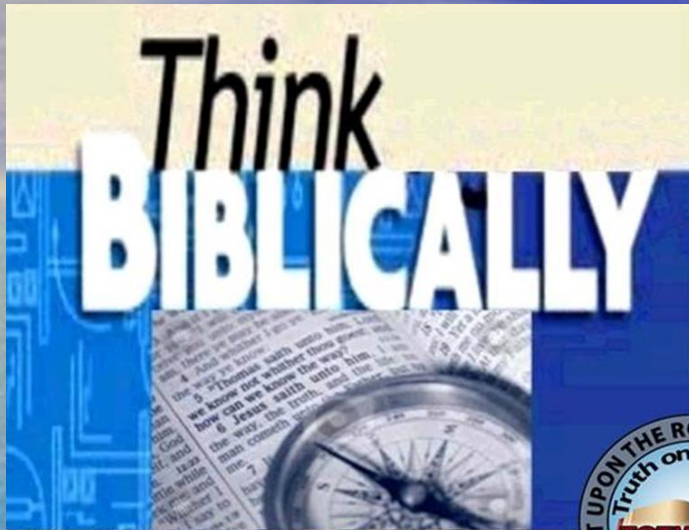
Hebrews 9:26 For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but **now once in the end of the world** hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Matthew 13:36-43 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and His disciples came unto Him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world**; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; **so shall it be in the end of this world**. The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 24:3-8 And as He sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of Thy coming, and of **the end of the world**? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but **the end is not yet**. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:9-14 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. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But **he that shall endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.**

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.



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