

Brochure 1:

Future prospects and the end of time



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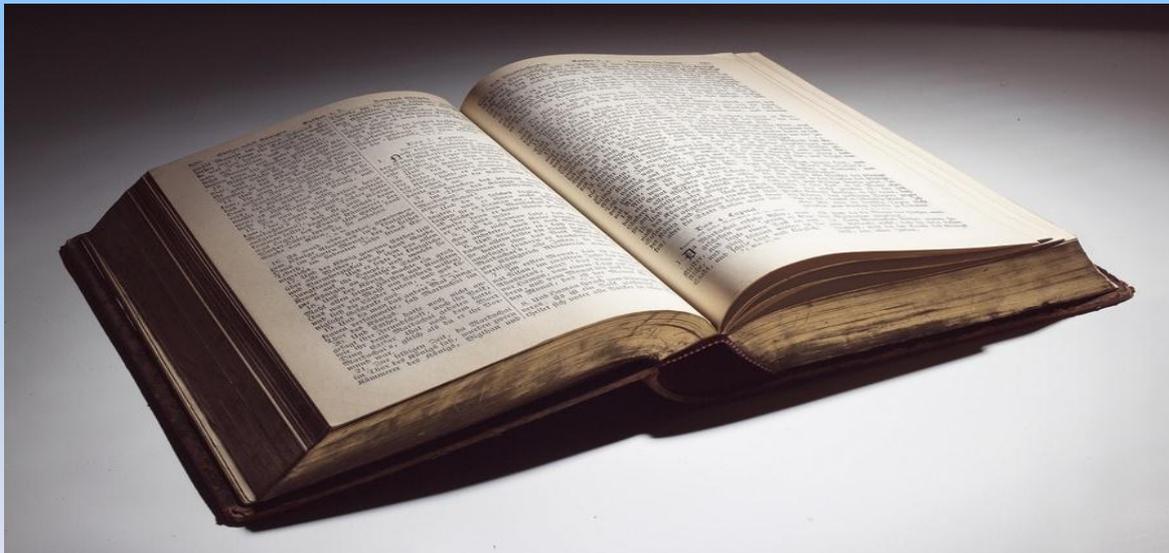
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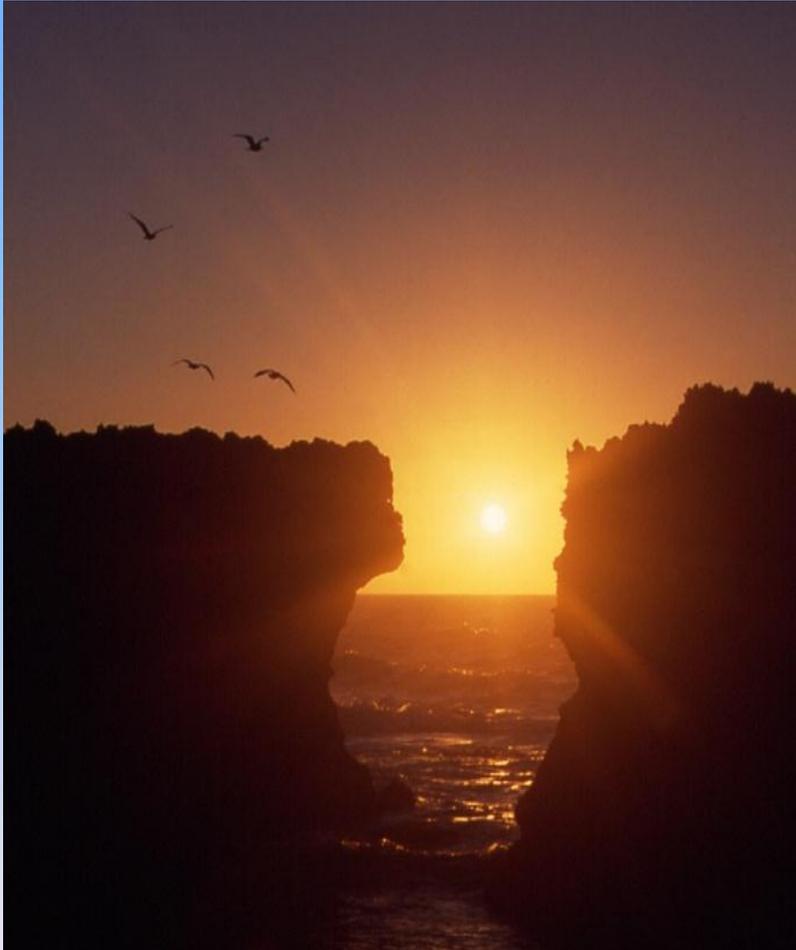
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What of a future can we look forward to?

In the Bible prophecy plays an important part. Many biblical passages are of a prophetic nature. We can say today that already a great many of the prophecies of the Bible have been fulfilled. For example, the birth of Jesus was foretold, as was the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, 70 years after Christ, and the gathering together of the Jews from all over the world to form the State of Israel, which was founded in 1948. The Bible is a completely topical book. And the most important events predicted by the Bible are yet to come.



What believing Christians can expect in the future?



Is it not wonderful that we are privileged to experience Jesus Christ already today, and that he wants to give us a glorious future in communion with him – something that cannot be described in human terms?

The Bible states in 1 Corinthians 2,9: "...* **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.***"

In Revelation 21 the Bible speaks of the fact that there will be a new heaven and a new earth, and God will dry all tears from our cheeks. Death will have no more dominion. Suffering, lamentation and pain will no longer exist.

Revelation 21,5 tells us:

"And he that sat upon the throne said, *Behold, I make all things new.*"

Let us praise him and give him glory!

The sequence of events in the Last Days

As I understand it, Jesus will first come to rapture believing Christians, that is, take them to himself.

The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 4, 16 - 18:

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

We will meet Jesus. He is going to fetch us home. We will be with him in his glory for all time. What a gift!

After this begins a tribulation lasting seven years, by which the whole world will be affected. There will be a time of tribulation which will be greater than any in the past or future (for biblical confirmation, see Matthew 24,21). Here it is also worth looking up Matthew chapters 24-25. At the end of this time, Jesus will return to the earth in power and glory (see Revelation 19,11 - 21). He will sit in judgment on the people who are still alive (cf. Matthew 25, 31-46).

Jesus will then establish the Millennial Kingdom of peace, lasting a thousand years (cf. Revelation chapter 20). At the end of this period the Last Judgment will take place (Revelation 20, 11-5), in which all the living and the dead will be judged, before eternity begins.

What a comfort it is that Jesus will save all those who believe in him from the coming judgment, and that none of them will be lost.

(For biblical confirmation, see 1 Thessalonians 1,10: “ Even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”



The prophecies in the Bible about the Last Days

The Word of God, the Bible, tells us clearly that the time of the Second Coming of Jesus cannot be dated. As the Bible says in Matthew 24, 36: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.”

But the Bible also tells us that we should observe the signs of the times, and heed the prophetic words of the Bible itself. 2 Peter 1,19 states: “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.”

What important signs does the Bible mention as signs of the Last Days?

The return of Israel and the foundation of the state of Israel in the year 1948 (biblical reference: Ezekiel 36-37)

=> This event has all the appearance of a miracle. It is astonishing that after some 2000 years the scattered remnants of the people of Israel were able to return to the Holy Land.

The increase of moral corruption in society (biblical reference: 2 Timothy 3, 1-5)

=> We have daily proof of this in the press and on television.

Increasing frequency of global catastrophes, like plagues, earthquakes etc. (biblical reference: Matthew 24, 1-8)

=> In every period of history catastrophes have increased.

The growth of occultism (biblical reference: 1 Timothy 4,1-5)

=> The occult is now even socially recognised, as in Halloween.

The falling away of the faithful (biblical reference: 1 Timothy 4,1)

=> The number of Christian believers is in decline.

The coming into being of a world government (biblical references: Daniel 2; Revelation 13, 7 - 8)

=> All developments in the political and economic sphere are tending in this direction.

The preaching of the gospel to the world (biblical reference: Matthew 24,14)

=> Worldwide evangelisation is far advanced.

The appearance of scoffers (biblical reference: 2 Peter 3,3-4)

=> See current developments in the media.

Problems on the financial markets and the labour market (biblical reference: James 5,1-6)

=> See current developments on the labour market and in the world of finance.

I beg you to decide for Jesus !

With all these events of the last days, we who believe in Jesus can take comfort, because Jesus has promised, in Matthew 28,20:
“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I [Jesus] with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”



**Jesus is going to come again!
That is news to lift our spirits!**



Let us live according to the example Jesus has given us, and long for Jesus' imminent return to earth!

The Bible tells us in Titus 2, 11-13:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”

Please see also to my internet site:

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