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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST — PART 3

THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND

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Church - It is the Will of God that His people know and understand the days in which they live. It is also the Will of God that every generation of believers be looking ahead and anticipating the Imminent return of The Lord Jesus Christ to Earth as the Bible teaches.

(Which explains why 27% of the Bible is "eschatological" or "futuristic" or "prophetic in its message.")

Dr. Warren Wiersbe writes;

"Though we as believers today who make-up the bride of Christ, the church that will not experience the tribulation period, it is an exciting thing to see the shadow that is being cast by these coming events."

MATTHEW 24, LUKE 21, MARK 13

Record an overlay of the events of the **Second Coming** of Jesus Christ.

The topic is **mentioned 321** times in the Bible, more than any other doctrine except that of the doctrine of salvation!!!

The Doctrine of the **Second Coming** Appears in **1 out of every 30 verses** in the New Testament and out of the **27 books** that make up the New Testament, **23 of them teach His Second Coming**

Luke 21:5-28...

Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, :6 "These things which you see - the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down." :7 So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?":8 And He said: "Take heed that you not be **deceived**. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. :9 But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.": 10 Then He said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and **kingdom** against kingdom. :11 And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. :12 But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. :13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. :14 Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; :15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist. :16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. :17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. :18 But not a hair of your head shall be lost. :19 By your patience - possess your souls. :20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. :21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. :22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. :23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people :24 (And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.) :25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men's hearts failing them from fear and (at) the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. :27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. :28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near"

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE REAL JESUS CHRIST

Is That ...

1.) He expects you to know what time it is v.5-9

What Time is It On God's Prophetic Time Clock? - Israel!

2.) He expects you to discern the signs v.10-19

Signs Indicate That We're - Approaching The End Time Events!

3.) He expects you to be looking ahead v.20-28

Looking Ahead Allows Us to Have Confidence Now!

3a.) Looking ahead to get a better view v.20-22

:20 "But when you see **Jerusalem** surrounded by armies, **then know** that its desolation is near. :21 Then let those who are in Judea **flee to the mountains**, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. :22 For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. (this is something far greater than any time before)

Jesus Christ Speaks of Soon Coming Events in Their Lives As well as futuristic events that will come upon the last generation.

there is nothing in this Bible that is to be hidden, nothing to be kept secret from you!

How Sure Can We Be That These Things Will Happen?

"Looking ahead to get a better view"

The Fact Is; The Word of God, The Bible is not of this world – it was sent to this world!

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,

2 Peter 1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but by holy men of God spoke as they were **moved** by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:18

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

John 13:19

Now I tell you **before it comes pass**, that when it **does come to pass**, you may believe that I am

Verse 20-22

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The ancient 4th Century Historian "Eusebius"

comments that these words of Jesus Christ's were fulfilled literally as... "the believers in Christ took the warning seriously, as romans encircled Jerusalem like a tightening noose, the Christians fled united to Perea, (Jordan) thereby avoiding the fury".

Josephus wrote;

"Those of the Way left Jerusalem like a man leaves a sinking ship. But for many of the Jewish people, women were seen dead, clutching their dying children. Men were seen by the thousands taken captive as slaves and many more went to their doom or while others waited for their doom to come to them."

(98,000 Jewish men were taken captive. 1.1 million jews were killed.)

Daniel 9:26

.... the Anointed One will be cut off and will receive nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood:

War will continue until the end, desolations have been decreed.

The Applicable Point Here - Is This;

God's Word never fails!!!

"Looking ahead to get a better view"

Matthew's Gospel gives a more detailed account;

Matthew 24:14-21

And (1) this gospel of the kingdom (2) will be preached (3) in all the world (4) as a witness to all the nations, and (5) then the end will come. :15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, (at the mid-point of the tribulation period) standing in the holy place"

(whoever reads, let him understand),16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. :17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. :18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. :19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! :20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. :21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

"Where They Went Then / And Where They Will Go Again"

!!! The Christians First went In 70 A.D.!!!

the believers fled to **Perea** for shelter. This region was east of the Jordan river valley and in the mountainous canyons of today's Jordan.

It's going to Happen Again

But next time on a grand and final scale.

Perea is Where Petra is and Sela is the Capitol of Petra in Jordan Revelation 12:13 // Isaiah 16:1

Now when the dragon (Satan) saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) who gave birth to the male Child. (Christ):14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a (3 1/2 years) time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. :15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. :16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

HE EXPECTS YOU TO BE LOOKING AHEAD

3b.) Looking ahead to see what's coming v.23-24

:23 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be **great distress** in **the land** and **wrath** upon **this people**. :24 (And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations.

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Ya See This...

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With Just 15 words, In One Sentence, Jesus Reveals a Truth That No man Can Deny - - "Jerusalem" is the epicenter of the past and the future

What are "The Times of The Gentiles"?

It is the non-Jewish occupation of the land of Israel.
It began in 586 B.C. with the Babylonian Invasion
by then, General Nebuchadnezzar and it has Continued to this day.
2,600 years of time have passed. – and we are close!!!

Jerusalem Belongs to the God of the Bible.

But where the Lord is **not wanted**, the Lord **does not stay**. And Jerusalem, Israel and the Jew suffer to this day for having rejected her prophets, her scriptures, and her messiah - - that is going to change in the future!!!

No other race of people

Have been hated, mocked, rejected, tortured, abused, and enslaved, Like the Jewish people – and yet, find me a country where there are no Jews?

(here a Jew, there a Jew, everywhere a Jew, Jew)

They Suffer Today Because They Rejected Him

Hosea 5:15-6:1

(720 years before the birth of Jesus Christ)

Thus says the Lord, I will return again to My place **Till** they acknowledge their sin. **Then** they will seek My face; **In their affliction** they will earnestly seek Me." **6:1** Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. **:2** After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. **:3** <u>Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.</u>

John 1:10-11

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. :11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. :12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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This is an awesome clue for us in the 21st century today.

how do we know if we're close to seeing the Lord's return?

Pictures of the Dome of the Rock Mosque

Answer...

:24 And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.)

Romans 11:25

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.... Rom. 11:26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; :27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

"Looking ahead to see what's coming"

There is going to be an explosion

among the Jewish people around the world as they will begin to see that Yeshua Messiah has always been and always will be Jesus Christ...

HE EXPECTS YOU TO BE LOOKING AHEAD

3c.) Looking ahead to get a greater understanding v.25-28

If you want to look ahead to get a better understanding, read Revelation chapters 15-19 for an even better understanding.

:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. :27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.: 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Of course, this never happened in 70 A.D. - This is yet to come!

This Allows Us to Get a Greater Understanding of God's Heart and Mind and Plan as Well.

Verse 25-26

This is a Far Cry from Creation.

In fact, this is creation coming apart. This is the world reaping from what it has sown – not environmental waste, but from the **result of being without God**. –

Romans 8:20-23

Against its will, creation became subjected to God's curse. :21 And now all creation anticipates the day when it will join God's redeemed children in glorious freedom from death and decay. :22 For we know that nature has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. :23 And even we, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a promise of future glory, we also groan to be released from pain and suffering that this creation is subject to.

Verse 27-28

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Note: It's Your Redemption That Concerns Him!

The Bible is like a manual on how to live your life. But the Bible is also a like a ladder, that allows us to see ahead into the future.

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Revelation 1:7

Behold, **He** is coming with clouds, and every eye will see **Him**, even they who pierced **Him**. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of **Him**.

Psalm 40:7

Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the volume of the book it is written of me.

Daniel 7:13-14 The Hebrew Prophet Daniel Recorded,

"I was watching and in a night vision, behold, *One* like **the Son of Man**, **Coming with the clouds of heaven!** He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought **Him** near before Him. **:14** Then to **Him** was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve **Him**. **His** dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And **His** kingdom is *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

"Looking ahead to get a greater understanding"

2 Peter 3:3-5

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, :4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? 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...

I want you to think for a moment about,

"the heart & mind that is behind all this"

We're talking about the Creator God of all matter,

both visible and invisible. We're talking about the Source, the Reason and the Explanation behind all there is...

His Chief Desire is That You Might Know Him

(But not for His benefit – but for yours, for ours)

End of Study