



Session 2

Positive Trends, People & Events

Welcome

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I. Positive Trends, People, Events

A. The Day of the LORD

1. Joe_2:11 The LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it?
2. Joe_2:31 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.
3. Zep_1:14 Near is the great day of the LORD, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.
4. 1Th_5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
5. 2Th_2:2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
6. 2Pe_3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.
7. 2Pe_3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!
8. Rev_16:14 for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.
9. Timing
 - a) Spans a period of time
 - b) A specific day
 - c) Lesser day(s) of the LORD
 - d) Great Day of the LORD
 - e) Luk_17:24 "For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

B. Great Day of the Lord

1. Great day for those who call on Jesus
2. Mal_4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

C. Trends

1. Greatest Revival in history

- a) Joel 2 - I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh...

2. Greatest Harvest in history

- a) Rev 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;
- b) Rev 7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" Rev 7:14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. (You can't come out of something unless you were in it to begin with).
- c) Rev 14:14-16 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was one like a son of man, having a golden crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. And another angel came out of the temple, crying out with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is ripe." Then He who sat on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. (Context is within the final 7 years)
- d) Mat 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He *said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

3. Salvation of Israel

- a) Ezek 37 – Dry bones will live
- b) Rom 11:1-2 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?
- c) Rom 11:25-26 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery--so that you will not be wise in your own estimation--that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

4. Church embraces its identity as the Bride

- a) Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come."
- b) Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, Eph 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, Eph 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

- c) Eph 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. Eph 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
- d) Joh 3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.
- e) Son 5:8-16 "I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, If you find my beloved, As to what you will tell him: For I am lovesick." Son 5:9 "What kind of beloved is your beloved, O most beautiful among women? What kind of beloved is your beloved, That thus you adjure us?" Son 5:10 "My beloved is dazzling and ruddy, Outstanding among ten thousand. Son 5:11 "His head is like gold, pure gold; His locks are like clusters of dates And black as a raven. Son 5:12 "His eyes are like doves Beside streams of water, Bathed in milk, And reposed in their setting. Son 5:13 "His cheeks are like a bed of balsam, Banks of sweet-scented herbs; His lips are lilies Dripping with liquid myrrh. Son 5:14 "His hands are rods of gold Set with beryl; His abdomen is carved ivory Inlaid with sapphires. Son 5:15 "His legs are pillars of alabaster Set on pedestals of pure gold; His appearance is like Lebanon Choice as the cedars. Son 5:16 "His mouth is full of sweetness. And he is wholly desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem."

5. Authority in Prayer & Worship will crescendo

- a) Luk 18:7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
- b) Rev 5:8-9 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they *sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.
- c) Rev 8:3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.
- d) Rev 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come."
- e) Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning. (Jesus)
- f) Isa 62:6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Calling the Church to intercede night & day)
- g) Isa 25:9 And it will be said in 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 us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."
- h) Isa 42:10-13 Sing to the LORD a new song, Sing His praise from the end of the earth! You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it. You islands, and those who dwell on them. Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voices, The settlements where Kedar

inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing aloud, Let them shout for joy from the tops of the mountains. Let them give glory to the LORD And declare His praise in the coastlands. The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies.

- i) Joe 2:11-17 The LORD utters His voice before His army; Surely His camp is very great, For strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome, And who can endure it? Yet even now," declares the LORD, "Return to Me with all your heart, And with fasting, weeping and mourning; And rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness And relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent And leave a blessing behind Him, Even a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God? Blow a trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room And the bride out of her bridal chamber. Let the priests, the LORD'S ministers, Weep between the porch and the altar, And let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not make Your inheritance a reproach, A byword among the nations. Why should they among the peoples say, 'Where is their God?'"

6. Divine provision of food & water, etc.

- a) Manna & water in the wilderness – Exodus
(1) Famine, Drought, Natural disasters,
- b) Elijah & drought
(1) 1Ki 17:1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." The word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook.
- c) Elijah & widow
(1) 1Ki 17:7-10 It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink."
(2) 1Ki 17:14-16 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'" So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.
- d) Mat 14:16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!"

7. Spirit of Prophecy operating in the whole church

- a) 1Co 14:1-5 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries. 1Co 14:3 But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation. 1Co 14:4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church. 1Co 14:5 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying.
- b) Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD'S people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"
- c) Joe 2:28-29 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days."
- d) 1Th 5:19-21 Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

8. Divine Direction

- a) Prophetic revelation
 - (1) Joe 2:28-29 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. Joe 2:29 "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.
 - (2) Rev 11 - Two witnesses
- b) Angelic intervention
 - (1) Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?
 - (2) Hagar – Gen 16; 21
 - (3) Lot – Gen 19
 - (4) Mother of Samson – Judges 13:6
 - (5) Daniel 7,8,9,10
 - (6) Joseph – Matt 1:20; 2:13,19,22
 - (7) Mary – Luke 1:26-28
 - (8) Zechariah – Luke 1:11-25
 - (9) Jesus – Luke 22:23
 - (10) Disciples – John 20:11f; Luke 24:4; Mk 16:5; Matt 28
 - 1) Acts 1:10-11; 5:19; 12:6-19; 8:26; 27:23
 - (11) The Book of Revelation
- c) Voice from heaven
 - (1) Isa 30:21 Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.
 - (2) 2Pe 1:17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"
- d) Dreams/Visions
 - (1) Joel 2, Acts 2
 - (2) Notable increase in the last 30 years

9. Divine protection - pockets of mercy

a) Perhaps...

- (1) Joe 2:14 Who knows whether He will not turn and relent And leave a blessing behind Him, Even a grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God?
- (2) Jon_3:9 "Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish."
- (3) Amo 5:14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; And thus may the LORD God of hosts be with you, Just as you have said! Amo 5:15 Hate evil, love good, And establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
- (4) Zep 2:3 Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden In the day of the LORD'S anger.

b) Cities of Refuge

- (1) Gen 19:19-22 "Now behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have magnified your lovingkindness, which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, for the disaster will overtake me and I will die; Gen 19:20 now behold, this town is near enough to flee to, and it is small. Please, let me escape there (is it not small?) that my life may be saved." Gen 19:21 He said to him, "Behold, I grant you this request also, not to overthrow the town of which you have spoken. Gen 19:22 "Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar. Gen 19:23 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar.

c) Goshen

- (1) Exo_8:22 "But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are living, so that no swarms of flies will be there, in order that you may know that I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.
- (2) Exo_9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail.

D. People

1. Jesus! The Returning Bridegroom King!

- a) The King of kings, Beautiful, Majestic
- b) It's all about Him! It's about the fulfillment of what has been in His heart from the foundations of the world.

2. Two witnesses

- a) Specifically 2 men
- b) Generally, the prophetic church

3. 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel

- a) Israel plays an important role in this Day

4. The Church

- a) Victorious, Persecuted, raptured

E. Positive Events

1. Rapture – 7th Trumpet
2. Heaven on earth - Millennium
3. Marriage supper of the Lamb
 - a) Son 3:11 "Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And gaze on King Solomon with the crown With which his mother has crowned him On the day of his wedding, And on the day of his gladness of heart."
4. The Bema Judgment Seat
 - a) Rewards
 - b) Loss
 - c) 2Co 5:9-10 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.