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Who Are the People of God - Part 1

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I. Who Are the People of God?

A. Old Testament and New Testament Relationship

1. Matthew 21:33-41,43
2. Isaiah 5:1-7
3. Matthew 19:27-28
4. I Peter 2:9 (Exodus 19:5)
5. Matthew 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24
6. Romans 11:13-24

Who Are the People of God - Part 2
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(A. Old Testament and New Testament Relationship – continued)

6. Romans 11:13-24 (cont.) (Jeremiah 11:16, Hosea 14:6)

7. Ephesians 2:11-19

8. Ephesians 3:3-6

9. Galatians 3:13-16 (Genesis 12:2-3)

Who Are the People of God - Part 3
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(A. Old Testament and New Testament Relationship – continued)

9. Galatians 3:13-16 (cont.)

B. Illustration

C. Two Viewpoints

1. Dispensationalism

2. Historic view

II. Summary

Panorama of World Empires - Part 1
Volume 8 – Unit 4

I. The Vision of Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2)

A. Daniel Recounts Dream

1. Statue with a head of gold
2. Breasts and arms of silver
3. Belly and thighs made of brass
4. Legs made of iron
5. Feet and toes made of iron and clay

B. Daniel Interprets Dream

1. Gold is the Neo-Babylonian Empire
2. Silver is the Empire of Media-Persia
3. Brass is the Greco-Macedonian Empire
4. Iron is the Roman Empire
5. Iron and Clay represent ten kingdoms

II. The Vision of Daniel (Daniel 7)

A. Daniel's Dream

1. A lion with eagle's wings – Babylon
2. A flesh devouring bear – Media-Persia
3. A leopard with four wings and four heads – Greco-Macedonia
4. A strong, dreadful beast – Roman Empire
5. Ten horns on the beast – ten kingdoms to follow the Roman Empire
6. The little horn

B. Summary

Panorama of World Empires - Part 2
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(A. *Daniel's Dream – continued*)

6. The little horn – continued
 - a. Military superiority
 - b. Cooperation of other nations

III. John's Vision

A. The Beast (Revelation 13)

1. Composite of beasts in Daniel 7
 - a. World ruler
 - b. Recognized as Deity
2. Roman Empire
3. Little horn – anti-Christ (II John, III John)
4. Deadly wound

B. The Beast (Revelation 17)

1. Same beast with a woman sitting on top

2. Anti-Christ characterized by false miracles

3. Scripture is the final criterion for truth

4. Seven heads
 - a. Five fallen empires – Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greco-Macedonia

 - b. Present empire – Rome

 - c. One to come out of which arises the Anti-Christ

5. Ten kings

The Second Coming and Related Events - Part 1

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I. The Beast (Revelation 17)

A. Seven Heads and Ten Horns

1. Rome
2. Empires of antiquities

B. Woman

1. Mystery, Babylon the Great
2. System or worldview of Rome

C. Gains Power

1. Use of force
2. Cooperation of other nations
3. Seems most likely to fulfill ambitions of the woman
4. Destroys the woman

II. Seventy Weeks of Daniel (Daniel 9)

A. Vision of the Angel Gabriel

B. Four Hundred and Ninety Years

1. Seven weeks (49 years)
2. Sixty-two weeks (434 years)
3. One week (7 years)

- a. Separated from the other weeks
- b. Begins with a covenant
- c. The covenant is broken after 3 ½ years
- d. Anti-Christ begins his reign

Summary

C. Characteristics of End Time

- 1. Political movement
- 2. Monolithic organizational religious body
- 3. Rule of Anti-Christ

D. Culmination of End Time

- 1. Second coming of Jesus Christ (Revelation 19)
- 2. The defeat of the beast
- 3. Further information (II Thessalonians 2)

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IV. Paul's Explanation (II Thessalonians 2)

A. Conjunction *kai*

B. Addresses Results of False Teaching

1. Causing instability
2. Causing people to quit working
3. Causing disorderliness

C. Addresses the False Teaching

1. Events before the Lord returns

- a. Falling away
- b. Man of sin revealed
 - 1) Rebuilding the temple is not necessary
 - 2) The restrainer is removed
 - a) The Holy Spirit
 - b) Civil government

2. Christ returns and the Anti-Christ is defeated

- a. One event (*parousia*)
- b. Teaching of two second comings – John Nelson Darby

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- V. Personal Inductive Study
 - A. Harmony of the Gospels
 - B. Chronological Study
 - C. Two Second Comings?

- VI. Second Coming for Believers (I Thessalonians 4)
 - A. Question About Those Who Die Before the Second Coming
 - 1. Feast of First fruits (I Corinthians 15:17-23)
 - 2. Dead in Christ raised first
 - a. Soul goes to the presence of God at death (II Corinthians 5)
 - b. Body goes to the grave
 - c. They will be reunited at the second coming
 - 3. Shout of the archangel
 - 4. Sound of the trumpet
 - 5. Caught up in the air (I Corinthians 15:50-51)

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B. Question of Those Alive at Second Coming (I Corinthians 15:50-57)

1. Paul's references to death as "sleep"
 - a. Positive connotations of rest
 - b. Associated with awaking from the sleep
2. Corruptible bodies
3. Resurrection bodies
 - a. The dead will receive theirs at the second coming of Christ
 - b. The living will receive theirs without death at the second coming of Christ
4. Welcoming party
5. Comfort

VII. When Will It Happen? (I Thessalonians 5)

- A. The Unbelieving World Not Prepared
- B. Christians Need to Watch
- C. Signs of the Second Coming

1. Movement toward a one-world government
2. Movement toward a great monolithic religious system
3. Development of nuclear energy
 - a. Nuclear weapons will wipe out populations
 - b. Biblical description fits nuclear fission (II Peter 3:10-12)
4. Closer to the great apostasy than ever before
5. Little significance to the events in the Middle East today in light of prophecy

What Happens at Death - Part 1

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I. Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15-18)

A. Dead Will Be Raised

B. Judgment Seat of Christ (Romans 14:10, II Corinthians 5:9-10)

1. Not a judgment concerning sin or the validity of salvation (Romans 8:1)
2. A question of reward (I Corinthians 3:5-15)

Second Coming of Christ

C. Rapture of Church – Welcoming Party

D. Judgment Seat of Christ

II. Millennium (Revelation 20)

A. Differing Views

1. Actual period of time following the second coming (Premillennialism)
2. No thousand year reign of Christ (Amillennialism)
3. Christ returns after the millennium (Postmillennialism)

What Happens at Death - Part 2

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B. Reasons for Premillennial View

1. Revelation chapters 19 and 20 are chronologically sequential
2. Satan still deceives the nations, so is not already bound (II Corinthians 4:4)
3. The two resurrections
4. Gog-Magog rebellion (cf. Ezekiel 38-39) occurs after the second coming

C. What Will Happen?

1. According to dispensationalists, a return to Old Testament Judaism
2. Promises of Old Testament fulfilled in New Jerusalem (cf. Hebrews 11:8-16)

D. What Is the Purpose of the Millennium?

1. The judgment seat of Christ
2. Evangelistic activity (cf. Isaiah 66)
3. An interim period or transition
4. Populated by believers and unbelievers
5. Believers before the second coming will reign with Christ

IV. Second Resurrection (of Unbelievers)

The Great White Throne and the Eternal State

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I. Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

A. For Unbelievers

B. No One Will Escape

C. Given Opportunity to Show Righteousness

1. On the basis of own works

2. On the basis of accepting Christ by faith

D. Cast into Lake of Fire for Eternity

II. The Eternal State (Revelation 21-22)

A. The Curse on Nature Lifted

B. The Tabernacle of God

1. Shekinah glory in the Old Testament

2. Holy Spirit in the New Testament

3. Very presence of God in the New Jerusalem

The New Jerusalem

- C. Old and New Testament Saints Present
- D. Holy of Holies Expanded Infinitely
- E. Absolute, Total Protection
- F. God in the Midst of His People
- G. God and the Lamb Are the Light of the City
- H. Water of Life, Salvation
- I. Most Beautiful, Most Desirable Place

Summary

Questions