

WAS JESUS A REGULAR BAPTIST?



Lesson Six – Israel and the Church in the future?

1 - Israel's Disobedience

- Israel has stumbled (Romans 9:30-33).
- God has not cast them away, but temporarily allowed them to reject Him (Romans 11:1-2, 32).
- God is using the church age to begin drawing them back (Romans 11:11).
- Israel's disobedience will continue until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, then God will save Israel (Romans 11:25-32).
 - The Messiah will come to Jerusalem and lead the people to obedience (v. 26-27).
 - God's promises to them remain sure (v. 28-29).
 - Just like Gentiles were disobedient, then obtained mercy by God's grace, Israel will also receive mercy by God's grace (v. 30-32).

2 - The End of the Church Age (Rapture)

- Jesus will return to receive us to himself (John 14:1-4).
- Jesus comes for those who have died "in Jesus" or "in Christ" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 16).
- Then those alive "in Christ" will be raised to meet Him in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:17).
- This brings comfort because it precedes the Day of the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:18-5:1, 5:9-11).
- The rapture is a "mystery" for the church, not revealed in the Old Testament (1 Corinthians 15:51).
- Everyone (dead and alive) will be changed (1 Corinthians 15:51-53).

The Rapture Precedes the Tribulation

- It is imminent (*Philippians 3:20-21*; James 5:7-9; 1 Corinthians 1:7).
- The tribulation is for Israel (*Daniel 9:24*; Jeremiah 30:7; Joel).
- There must be “unglorified” humans to enter the Kingdom (*Isaiah 65:20*).
- The church is delivered from wrath (*1 Thessalonians 1:10*, 5:9; Luke 21:36; Revelation 3:10).
- The removal of the Restrainer (*2 Thessalonians 2:3-8*).
- There is no mention of the church in the tribulation (*Revelation 4-19*).

3 - The Tribulation

- Is most often called “The Day of the Lord.” (23 passages in the Old Testament). [Also called the Time of Jacob’s Trouble (*Jeremiah 30:7*), the Seventieth Week (*Daniel 9:27*), The time of trouble (*Daniel 12:1*, *Zephaniah 1:15*), The wrath of God (*Revelation 14:10*, 19; *15:1*, 7; *16:1*), The Hour of trial (*Revelation 3:10*), the wrath to come (*1 Thessalonians 1:10*), The Great Tribulation (*Matthew 24:21*; *Revelation 2:22*; *7:14*), The Tribulation (*Matthew 24:29*).]
- Is intended to judge wickedness on the earth (*Isaiah 13:9*; *24:19-20*; *Matthew 24:37*).
- Is intended to break the power of the holy people (*Daniel 12:5-7*).
- Is intended to bring Israel to repentance (*Deuteronomy 4:30*).

4 - The Second Coming of Christ

The Battle of Armageddon (Revelation 16:13-16).

- The Kings of earth will go to war with the Messiah (*Psalms 2*).
- From the valley of Armageddon, they will besiege Jerusalem (*Zechariah 12:1-11*).
- Many Jews will repent and turn to the Lord for deliverance (*Zechariah 12:10-13:1*).

The Return of Christ to the Earth (Revelation 19:11-16).

- He wins victory over His enemies (Revelation 19:17-21).
- He imprisons Satan for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-3).
- He raises the Old Testament and tribulation believers (Isaiah 26:19; *Daniel 12:2, 12-13*; Revelation 20:4).

Rapture	Second Coming
Believers meet Christ in the air (1 Thess. 4:16-17).	Believers meet Christ on earth (Mark 13:26-27).
All believers – both living and resurrected – receive glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15:51).	Resurrected believers receive glorified bodies, but living believers remain in mortal bodies (Rev. 20:4; Matt. 25:31-34).
Believers accompany Christ to the Father's house (John 14:3).	Believers inhabit a renovated earth (Amos 9:11-15).
There is no mention of a battle.	There is a bloody battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:11-15).
There is no mention of sun, moon, and stars.	There is a phenomena of sun, moon, and stars (Luke 21:25-27).

5 - The Millennial Kingdom

The Nature of the Kingdom (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:6-9; 65:20-24)

Roles in the Kingdom

- The Church
 - We will be with Jesus (1 *Thessalonians 4:17*, Revelation 9:14).
 - We will be His bride (Revelation 19:7-9).
 - We may have a ruling/governing role with Christ (1 *Corinthians 6:2*; Revelation 20:4).
- Resurrected Old Testament and tribulation believers.
 - They will live in the Kingdom (*Daniel 12:13*; *Isaiah 26:19*).
 - They will inherit the promise (*Jeremiah 30:9*; *Genesis 17:8; 26:3-4; 28:14-15*).
- National Israel

- Made up of Jews who survive the tribulation.
- They will be saved as a result of the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34).
- They will function as a nation under King Jesus in the promised land.
- They will receive the promises of the covenants.
- Gentile Nations
 - Believing and unbelieving Gentiles will be separated (Matthew 24:31-46).
 - Jesus will rule Israel, and many Gentile nations.
 - Everyone will be a believer in the first generation.

6 - The Eternal State

Rebellion after 1,000 years (Revelation 20:7-10)

- The unbelievers, born during the 1,000 years, will side with Satan and rebel against King Jesus.
- They will be defeated and Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire.

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

- All of the dead, not written in the book of life, are judged for their works.
- All of them are cast into the lake of fire.

The Kingdom is relocated to a New Heaven and Earth (Revelation 21:1-22:5).

- It is still a Kingdom with nations (21:24-26).
- It marks the final, eternal removal of sin and its evils (21:4, 8, 27).
- It lasts forever (22:5).

Conclusion

- The Bible teaches clearly about God's plan for Israel and the church in the future.
- Each entity serves a different purpose in the end times.