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## **The End of History**

### **Read**

**Matthew 16:28**

**Matthew 24:1-44**

**Revelation 12:1-12**

**Revelation 21:1-8**

**Revelation 21:22-22:8**

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## **What Jesus Taught About the End of History**

### **Timeline:**

- 60 A.D. Peter is crucified upside down by Nero
- 66 A.D. Jewish Revolt against Procurator Florus' sadistic tyranny is sparked in Caesarea and quickly spreads throughout Judea
- 69 A.D. Gospel of Mark is written
- 70 A.D. Romans led by Titus sack and burn Jerusalem
- 73 A.D. Jewish defenders of the fortress of Masada commit suicide rather than surrender to the Roman Legions
- 75 A.D. Letter to the Hebrews is written
- 85-90 A.D. Gospels of Matthew and Luke and the book of Acts are written
- 90 A.D. Gospel of John is written
- 93 A.D. Josephus writes "Jewish Antiquities" which chronicles Biblical and post-Biblical Jewish events and history
- 95 A.D. The "Didache" is written: a guide to church order
- 95 A.D. John is exiled to Patmos and writes the book of Revelation

### **Rome Timeline:**

- 54-58 A.D. Nero is Emperor
- 68 A.D. Nero commits suicide
- 69-79 A.D. Vespasian is Emperor
- 80 A.D. The Colosseum is dedicated by Titus
- 81-96 A.D. Domitian is Emperor
- 98-117 A.D. Trajan is Emperor

## The End of the Old Covenant

- A Judean revolt against Rome led to civil war.
- The Christians of Jerusalem fled to the mountains and were saved
- Jerusalem fell in 70 A.D. and the Temple was destroyed
- With the Temple went the entire world of the Old Covenant

Florus becomes governor of Judea

Daniel's prophecy

Note: In the Greek, the word "generation" refers to a period of about 40 years

## The Vision of the Heavenly Liturgy

Read

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Revelation 1:1 to 11:18

Revelation 11:19 to 22:21

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- The Mass is literally heaven on earth
- The book of Revelation follows the pattern of the Mass

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| <p><b>Revelation 1:1 to 11:18</b><br/>Readings of letters to the seven churches<br/>(a call to repentance).</p> <p>The scroll sealed with the seven seals</p> | <p><b>The Liturgy of the Word</b></p> |
| <p><b>Revelation 11:19 to 22:21</b><br/>Pouring out the chalices.<br/>The marriage supper of the Lamb.</p>  | <p><b>The Eucharist</b></p>           |

## The Liturgy of the Word

Revelation begins with a vision of heaven

**“One like a son of man”**

**Christ dictated seven letters: one each to seven churches**

- **Ephesus**
- **Smyrna**
- **Pergamum**
- **Thyatira**
- **Sardis**
- **Philadelphia**
- **Laodicea**

**The Heavenly Eucharist**

**John sees the Arc of the Covenant**

**Woman clothed with the sun**

**The woman’s child will rule the nations**

**Crown of twelve stars**

**The Beasts**

**Horns**

**Diadems**

**Dragon**

**The second beast**

**The New Jerusalem**

- **The message of Revelation is one of consolation and hope**
- **Christ triumphs**
- **Jerusalem is the light of the nations**

**The warning and the promise**

**VOCABULARY REVIEW**

A. Apocalypse

B. Eschatology

C. Liturgy of the Word

D. Liturgy

E. New Jerusalem

F. Revelation

G. Scroll

H. Titus

I. Tribulation