



Pine View
Baptist Church
Augusta, GA

Wednesday Night Service

"Questions About Prophecy – Part VI"

1. *Will Jews accept Jesus as the Messiah?*

The answer is yes. After the rapture, the judicial blindness of the Jews will be removed from Israel. (II Cor. 3:13-15) They will be able to perceive the true identity of Jesus as their Messiah. The gospel will be preached and thousands will be saved.

The Bible speaks about the 144,000 who will be sealed or saved. (Rev. 7:4) These 144,000 will be twelve thousand people from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. According to Romans 11:26-27, it says "All of Israel will be saved."

2. *What are the different views of the 144,000?*

There are many unscriptural and heretical views of this number. The Seventh Day Adventist apply this number to the faithful of their communion, based on their faithful observing of the Jewish Sabbath at the Lord's return. The Jehovah Witnesses teach that the 144,000 include only their "overcomers". This teaching is referred to as "Millennial Dawnism". There are other religious groups that believe that they are part of the 144,000 but there will not be a Gentile in this group of people. The Bible teaches that the 144,000 are composed of only Jews.; 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

These are the Jews that will be saved after the church has been raptured to Heaven. They will be converted during the tribulation. (Rev. 14:3-4)

3. *Who are the two witnesses mentioned in Revelation 11 and what do they do?*

During the first half of the tribulation, two special witnesses begin to preach. Although they are not clearly identified, they do have the power of God to perform miracles similar to those of Moses and Elijah. (Rev. 11:3-6) Some think these men could be Elijah and Enoch. But others don't think of them as men but witnesses of the two components of the divine revelation of God, the law and the gospel, The Old Testament, and the New Testament. In this passage, it says that they will prophesy for 1,260 days. They will proclaim God's word about sin. It says that "they will be clothed in sackcloth." This is a symbol of humility and sorrow over the sins of the world. They will minister during a time of great suffering and will be empowered by the Spirit of God. In verse 6, it says "they will shut up the sky." In other words, it will not rain during the time they are preaching. They will also turn the rivers into blood and strike the world with plagues just like the plagues found in Exodus 7-12.

4. *What is the battle of Gog and Magog?*

During the latter half of the Tribulation, an alliance between Gog and his allies will invade Israel from the north. These nations will fail in great confusion in their attempt to destroy Israel. The Bible says in Ezekiel 39:12 that "it will take seven months to bury the dead." The geographic regions included in Ezekiel's vision of allies are occupied by Russia. This battle may be fought with allies attacking from the east. Today, mainland China is the only nation in the world that has an army the size of what is described by John.

5. *When will the battle of Gog and Magog take place?*

There are many that believe it will take place during the tribulation. It takes place:

- 1.) When Israel is dwelling in their own land (Ezekiel 38:8)

- 2.) When Israel is dwelling in peace in the land (Ezekiel 38:11)
- 3.) Ezekiel 38 says the time of the battle will take place in the “latter years” or “on that day”. (Ezekiel 38:10)
This period of time is during the tribulation.