

Rendezvous–Presentation No. 10, continued

- A. Revelation 2 and 3 Seven descriptions of what our eternal inheritance through Jesus will be.
Notes:
- B. Revelation 5:6-10 (Ruth 4; Leviticus 25:25;) Jesus, our groom and next of kin, paid the ultimate price to give us back our true home with God.
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- C. Revelation 7:11-17 Eternally home with the great Shepherd
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- D. Revelation 15:1-4 Heaven's *all nations choir*
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- E. Revelation 19:6-13 Jesus' great wedding banquet for his bride, the people of God.
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- F. Revelation 21:1-4 *Operation cosmic capital relocation*
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- G. Revelation 22:1-5 Paradise restored
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God's rendezvous with people began in the garden with Him coming close to Adam's side as He gave him the kiss of life. The ending? There really isn't one for the people of God. They will live endlessly at the side of God. Imagine being forever in paradise restored. Imagine being in His presence and worshiping God forever. All because of Jesus' amazing grace! What a Rendezvous!



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**Presentation No. 9 (11a.m.):
"Our Ultimate Encounter – Part 1"**



Steps Jesus likely ascended to the Temple Mount
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During the past three months, we've trekked through ancient, sacred accounts that answer some of life's most basic questions. Over and over we've encountered that we're not alone in the cosmos; that God longs to come close to us! Today, through the means of Bible prophecy, we'll fast forward to the ultimate rendezvous—when Jesus returns to take us with Him to our eternal home.

Jesus wanted us to be prepared for His return. Therefore, when He visited the temple area during the week leading up to His crucifixion, He gave his followers some incredibly important information. During that visit, Jesus predicted that the second temple, which was started by _____ the Great in 20 B.C. would be completely destroyed.

Nearly 40 years later, Jesus' words came true when soldiers serving under the Roman general, _____, destroyed the temple in Jerusalem on August 10, A.D. _____. According to the Jewish historian _____, Titus ordered the temple be preserved. However, a soldier threw a torch into a room adjoining the temple. After the temple burned, Titus gave the order to completely destroy both the temple and city and to spare just the towers. Because Jesus accurately predicted Jerusalem's violent destruction, we can have greater confidence that His promise to return will also be fulfilled. (Blanks: Herod, Titus, 70, Josephus)



Massive stones dating back to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70
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- A. Matthew 24:1-35 Jesus describes conditions on planet earth with a warning–“the end is not yet.”

Notes:

–Jesus does not tease apart his answers to the disciples’ three questions in Matthew 24:3. Jesus _____ information about when the destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70) would take place with information relating to His return centuries later. (Blank: blends)

“Thus the pattern of Matthew 24 appears to be that the real signs are not signs of the nearness [of Christ’s return] but signs of coming. The less precise signs [wars, famines, earthquakes, etc.] are to encourage believers to keep watching, waiting and working.”

George Knight, *The Abundant Life Bible Amplifier–Matthew*, p. 237.

–Just as birth pains quicken and intensify as the hour of _____ nears, so, too, we can expect to see the world’s troubles increase in frequency and intensity as the day for the deliverance of God’s people approaches. (Blank: delivery)

–Church historian, Eusebius (A.D. 263-339) wrote that Christians living in Jerusalem escaped the destruction Jesus predicted. They heeded both Jesus’ warning in Matthew 24 to flee Judea as well as a prophet’s instruction. These early Christians fled to _____ which is located in the country of Jordan. Eusebius, *Ecclesiastical History*, 3.5.3. (Blank: Pella)

–Ellen White wrote, “the Saviour’s prophecy concerning the visitation of judgments upon Jerusalem is to have another fulfillment, of which that terrible desolation was but a faint shadow. In the fate of the chosen city we may behold the doom of a world that has rejected God’s mercy. . . . But in that day, as in time of Jerusalem’s destruction, God’s people will be delivered.” Ellen White, *Great Controversy*, p. 36, 37.

- B. Matthew 24:36-41 End-time lessons from the times of Noah

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Compare Matthew 24:36-41 with 2 Peter 3:3-13

- C. Matthew 24:42-25:46 Five parables about watching and being ready for Jesus’ return.

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–Jesus used more words describing *how* to live during the apparent delay of His return than he does in enumerating the signs of His coming. The big take away is that while we can expect a perceived delay, we will be held accountable for the use of our time and abilities in serving Jesus as we serve those in need.

- D. John 14:1-3 The ultimate love story–the Groom returns for His bride!

Notes:

Marriage customs in Jesus’ day included the following: The bride-to-be would stay at her father’s home for up to a year while her intended groom would go back to his father’s house and prepare their new home. The exact day and time of the wedding was not necessarily nailed down. Once married, the couple did not go on a honeymoon, but went instead to their new home where they welcomed guests during an open house—a period that lasted as much as a week.

Presentation No. 10 (5p.m.): “Our Ultimate Encounter – Part 2”

What will it be like to live with Jesus in our Father’s house? Our ultimate rendezvous takes us well beyond the return of Jesus. Come with us as we unpack some of the good things that await those who have said *yes* to Jesus.