

Back to the Future

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible on Wednesday night, it was my first opportunity to speak since the 2026 Feast of Tabernacles and the 8th Day. For the Wednesday-night study, I resurrected a concept that I had given on the 8th Day of the Feast back in 2013. The title was “Back to the Future.”

The premise of the Bible study was to look at events from the perspective of the future.

I began with the following statements.

- It is important to look forward.
- And it is valuable to look back.
- What if you could project yourself into the future – and then look back on events that are still to come?
- That is what we are going to do tonight.

So, I divided the presentation into 10 events. I listed the scriptures on the handout, but I didn't turn to any of the scriptures mentioned in the first nine events. Oh, I talked about them – but from the point of view that they were history and that they had already occurred.

When I got to the 10th event, I chose to read those five verses. But I still talked about them as if they already occurred.

First – time of the end

Do you remember the time of the end?

- Matthew 24:21-22—Days shortened. No flesh saved. Shortened for the elect's sake.
- Revelation 6:1-17—The Lamb opened the seven seals.
- Revelation 8:1-13—The seventh seal had seven trumpets – this chapter mentioned the first four trumpets.
- Revelation 9:1-21—This chapter mentioned the fifth and sixth trumpet (also called the first and second woe).
- Revelation 11:15-18—This chapter mentioned the seventh trumpet – which involved the third woe and the coming Kingdom of God.

Second – the resurrection

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16—The shout, voice of the archangel, the trump of God and the dead in Christ rising first.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:17–Those who are alive rise to meet the Lord.

Third – the marriage supper

- Revelation 19:7–The marriage of the Lamb, and His wife has made herself ready.
- Revelation 19:8–The wedding dress.
- Revelation 19:9–An angel said: “Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper.”

Fourth – the war

- Revelation 19:11-19–The beast, the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the Faithful and True.

Fifth – the binding of Satan

- Revelation 20:1–An angel had a key to the bottomless pit.
- Revelation 20:2-3–That angel bound Satan and threw him into the bottomless pit. People say that Christ and Satan are in an even struggle, but an angel can handle that assignment.

Sixth – the restoration

- Isaiah 58:12–Rebuilding the old waste places.
- Micah 4:1-3–People flowing to the Lord’s house and learning the way of peace.

Seventh – Satan leading a rebellion

- Revelation 20:7-9–Satan released from his prison with his goal to deceive the nations.

Eighth – white-throne judgment

- John 12:47-48–The way of God has always been to judge people based upon their understanding.
- Revelation 20:11-12–The books will be opened to people.

Ninth – new heaven and new earth

- Revelation 21:1-2–The new Jerusalem prepared as a bride.
- Revelation 21:3–God will dwell with His people.
- Revelation 21:4–No more death, sorrow, crying and pain.

Tenth – the Christian race

At this point in the presentation, I read the following five sections of scripture as I was making my comments from a perspective of looking back.

- Daniel 11:35—Some people of understanding fell – to refine them, to purify them and to make them white.
- John 16:2—The Son of God foretold disciples facing serious times – some being thrown out of the synagogue and some being martyred.
- Proverbs 24:16—Children of God may fall many times, but they get back up.
- Psalms 37:23-24—The Lord delights in His children. When they fall, the Lord reaches out His hand to help them back up.
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Son will reign until He puts down all rule, authority and power. Then, He continues to put Himself in subjection under the Father – that God may be all in all.

Keep looking forward. And understand that the Father's plan will unfold as He told us it would.