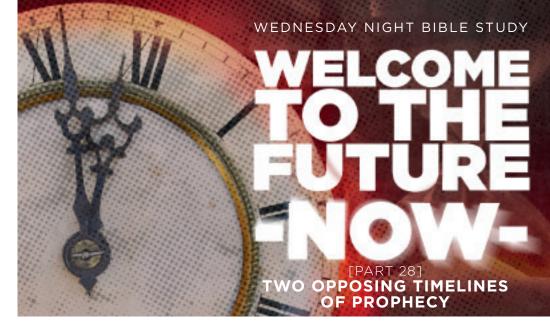
- **NB.** Many *'futurists'* say that God's prophetic clock stopped ticking at Calvary and won't start ticking again until the Rapture.
- It alleges that during the church age nothing in the book of Revelation was fulfilled.
- Futurism alleges a 'secret coming' of Jesus for His church to take them to heaven for 7 years.
- The Holy Spirit also withdrawn at the same time.
- At the end of the 7 years Jesus comes to earth visibly with His church to set up His Kingdom.
- Then the millennium and the 'eternal state' much the same as the Historicist view.
- 3 Futurists 7 Year Period (Indicated as YELLOW on the 2nd graph)
- Many Jews converted who evangelise the world. (144,000 Jewish Billy Grahams)
- The Jerusalem temple rebuilt and animal sacrifice for sin revived.
- The emergence of *'the antichrist.'* (the future Führer).
- Antichrist sitting in the temple to be worshipped.
- Terrible tribulation unleashed on those who refuse to worship him.
- Unlike the historicist position all this is yet future and nothing to do with the current church age.
- 4 Will The Jews Convert Half The World?
- How can it happen if the Holy Spirit has been withdrawn from the world as the futurist claims?
- Consider [1 Corinthinans 12:3].
- Will the Jews do more without the Holy Spirit in 7 years than the entire Christian church has done with the Holy Spirit in 2000 years?
- This gives a false hope that salvation can be obtained after the rapture.
- Next time we will see that *'futurism'* is also mistaken with regard to the identity of antichrist and the time and duration of the tribulation.

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Introduction

- 'There are 2 opposing camps on how Bible prophecy is understood. The 'Historicist' camp and the 'Dispensational Futurist' camp.
- 1 The HISTORICIST position (Shown on the first diagram)
- The **'church age'** began on day of Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Spirit and will conclude with the return of Christ and the **'rapture'** of His church.
- On the isle of Patmos God gave the apostle John a panoramic preview of the church age called *'the book of Revelation.'*
- It was given to show *"things which must shorty come to pass,"* NOT things that still haven't been fulfilled 2000 years later.
- Revelation is the story of what Christ's church would face and go through in the church age.
- Persecution by 'pagan Rome' and then for centuries, 'papal Rome.'
- **NB.** The church age is **ORANGE** in colour, the Millennium is **PINK** in colour and the eternal state is **BLUE** in colour.
- 2 The FUTURIST position (Shown on the second diagram)
- Up until the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church at Pentecost things are fairly similar to the Historicists.



