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**1. This is the Rapture.**

- (a). I don't find the word rapture in my Bible.
- (b). I Thessalonians 4:17. "Then we which are alive, that are left, shall together with them be CAUGHT UP ..."
- (c). The word, caught up, in the Greek is "rapadzo" – in the Latin it was, "rapio"/"rapere" and came to English as rapture.
- (d). It means to "seize or snatch away".

**III. The Plan of His Coming.**

**A. It is Pre-Tribulational.**

**B. Understand Isaiah 61:1-3 (page 641).**

**1. Isaiah 61 is a prophecy showing that the Messiah will personally usher in 3 periods of time.**

- a. The Acceptable Year of the Lord – the Christian Dispensation of 2,000 plus years.
- b. Then He will usher in the "Day of Vengeance of our God" the 7 year Tribulation before the Rapture.
- c. After the Tribulation He will bring in the time of comfort - His 1,000 year millennial reign.

**C. Next lesson we will show you the order of events from 2 Thessalonians 2.**

**IV. The Purpose of His Coming.**

**A. To fulfill prophecy (remember over 2,000 reference to the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming).**

**Note: Matthew 2:23; 13:35; 21:4 and Jeremiah 1:12 (page 646).**

**B. To take us to be with Him. John 14:2&3.**

**C. To complete redemption.**

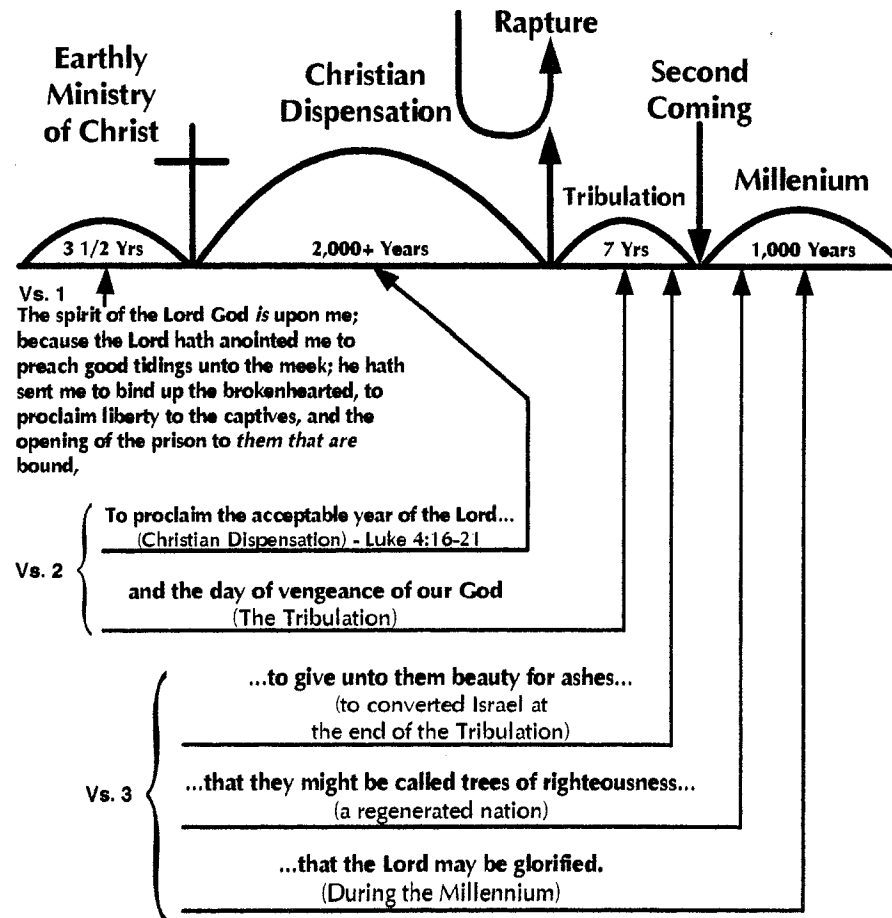
**1. Jesus purchased our redemption.**

# PREMILLENNIAL PROPHECY

## Isaiah 61

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1 The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me; because Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening [of the prison] to them that are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of Jehovah's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto praise to spring forth before all the nations. them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified. 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers. 6 But ye shall be named the priests of Jehovah; men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.



### Luke 4:16-22

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor: He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovering of sight to the blind, To set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears. 22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

2. When we believed, our souls were redeemed.
3. But at the Rapture our bodies will be redeemed. Romans 8:16-25 (page 146).
4. That's to make us LIKE HIM. Romans 8:29 & 30.

#### V. The People of His Coming.

- A. I Thessalonians 4:13 (page 195). "But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope."
- B. Only 2 Groups; those with Hope and those without hope.
- C. Vs. 14; "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again..." The Rapture is for believers ONLY.

#### VI. The Power of His Coming.

- A. I Thessalonians 4:14; "...even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him".
  1. The moment a believer dies his soul goes to be with the Lord. Philippians 1:23 (page 186).
  2. The body goes in the grave, but the soul with the Lord is given a temporary body. 2 Corinthians 5:1-4 (169).
  3. All the saved dead are now with the Lord in a conscious recognizable state.
  4. At the Rapture Jesus brings those souls with Him.
- B. Vs. 15; Jesus comes with them in the air, then raises their dead bodies to a ...
- C. Vs. 16; Glorified state (like Jesus' resurrected body).
- D. Vs. 17; Then catches up (raptures) all the living believers and takes us back to heaven before the Tribulation.
- E. I Thessalonians 5:1-9; Shows that we will be Raptured before the Tribulation – That Day of Wrath.
- F. Philippians 3:20 & 21 (page 188); We will be given new bodies like Jesus' resurrected body.
- G. I Corinthians 15:35-58 (page 165); Paul likens the resurrection to a seed or a bulb of a flower planted (death) then blossoms into a beautiful flower – The Resurrection.

1. **New bodies.**
2. **We will be with Jesus.**
3. **And all the redeemed – our loved ones and we will know one another.**
  - a. **Luke 16:19-31 (page 72); The rich man knew Lazarus.**
  - b. **I Corinthians 13:12 (page 162); “Then shall I know even as also I am known.”**

**VII. The Person who is Coming - Jesus.**

- A. **I will come again. John 14 (page 99).**
- B. **This same Jesus. Acts 1:10 & 11 (page 107).**
- C. **The Lord Himself. I Thessalonians 4:16 (page 195).**

**ARE YOU READY TO MEET HIM?**

## Rapture – Lesson 2

A. Last week we had the overview of the Second Coming and saw it as a great drama in 2 acts with an intermission.

1<sup>st</sup> Act: The Rapture

2<sup>nd</sup> Act: The Glorious Appearing

(with the “intermission” of the 7 year Tribulation in between)

B. Now we will discuss some criticisms of our Pre-Trib position and give our attention to II Thessalonians, Chapter 2.

C. In 1973 Dave MacPherson, a newspaper man, published a repudiation of Pre-Trib under the title, The Unbelievable Pre-Trib Origin, revised and expanded The Late, Great Pre-Trib Rapture, and in 1975, The Incredible Cover Up.

1. He claims that “the Pre-Trib wasn’t heard of anywhere on earth before the 1800’s”
2. And that Darby, who popularized it, got the pre-trib doctrine from a young lady – a Margaret McDonald, who in 1832 was given a ‘prophetic utterance’ of the pre-trib doctrine!
3. But from a careful examination of the Margaret McDonald ‘utterance’ it is clear that she was a one coming, post-tribber. She stated in that vision, “The trial of the church is from the antichrist”. A post-trib concept!
4. John Darby says he saw the 2-phase Second Coming from personal study of II Thessalonians 2 in 1826 and 1827. That was 5 years before the McDonald’s “prophecy.”

D. What about Manuel de La Cunza?

1. He was a Jesuit Catholic priest who wrote a book in 1790, in Spanish: The Coming of Messiah in Power and Glory. He sought to do this to offset the teaching of the reformers that the Pope was the Antichrist.
2. The book was not translated into English and published until late 1827. The first English translation was not available until after Darby had come to his pre-trib position.
3. He taught a two phase Second Coming:  
The Rapture, then for 45 days God’s judgments will be poured out; the antichrist destroyed; then Christ would descend with his saints.  
This is not pre-trib, it is MID-trib, or more like POST-trib, except for the 45 days. His great view was the glorious appearing with little understanding of the Tribulation.
4. He taught that the Antichrist would be on the earth for 1260 days, then Christ would appear for “a very few” Christians dead and alive, then Rapture them in heaven while he destroyed the earth then return with them to set up his Millennial Kingdom.

5. **Darby taught the rapture before the 7 years of Tribulation begin. He saw clearly that Revelation 4-19 was between the Rapture and the Glorious Appearing. While Darby is called the "father" of the rapture teaching, others before him clearly saw the Rapture.**
6. **JOSEPH MEDE (1586-1638) wrote using the term "rapture". That's 250 years before Darby!**
7. **MORGAN EDWARDS wrote in 1742-1744 about a two-phase coming of Christ.**
  - a) **He showed there will be 2 resurrections, separated by at least 1,000 years.**
  - b) **The first resurrection is at the Rapture, when Christ appears in the air (I Thess. 4:17)**
  - c) **This first resurrection would take place 3 ½ years before the Millennium. (He saw the Great Tribulation as 3 ½ years, not as 7)**
  - d) **Then Christ would return with his saints. (This is long before Lacunza and Margaret MacDonald)**
  - e) **His writings show a strong dispensational and futuristic interpretation of Bible prophecy.**
8. **The 1990 publication, The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church by Marvin Rosenthal.**
  - a) **Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week is 7 years long.**
  - b) **He divides it as follows;**
    - i. **First 3 ½ years, the beginning of sorrows.**
    - ii. **Next 21 months, "the Great Tribulation."**
    - iii. **The final 21 months, "The day of the Lord" in which is found "the wrath of God."**
  - c) **Just before the Day of the Lord at the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet, the Rapture will occur. Just before the outpouring of the Wrath of God.**
  - d) **Which would mean the church will be here to endure the:**
    - i. **Revelation of the Antichrist.**
    - ii. **The Seals**
    - iii. **The Trumpet Judgments.**

**NOW ON TO II THESSALONIANS, CHAPTER 2.  
LET'S SEE WHAT THE APOSTLE PAUL TAUGHT!**

## Seeing the Pre-Tribulation Rapture in New Testament Passages

I Thessalonians 1:9&10

9 For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God,  
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

I Thessalonians 5:1-9

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief:

5 or ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness;

6 so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night: and they that are drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God appointed us not into wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ

II Thessalonians 2:1-8

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; (the rapture)

2 to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord (the tribulation) is just at hand;

3 let no man beguile you in any wise: for [it will not be,] (the tribulation) except the falling away (the apostasy) come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, (the antichrist)

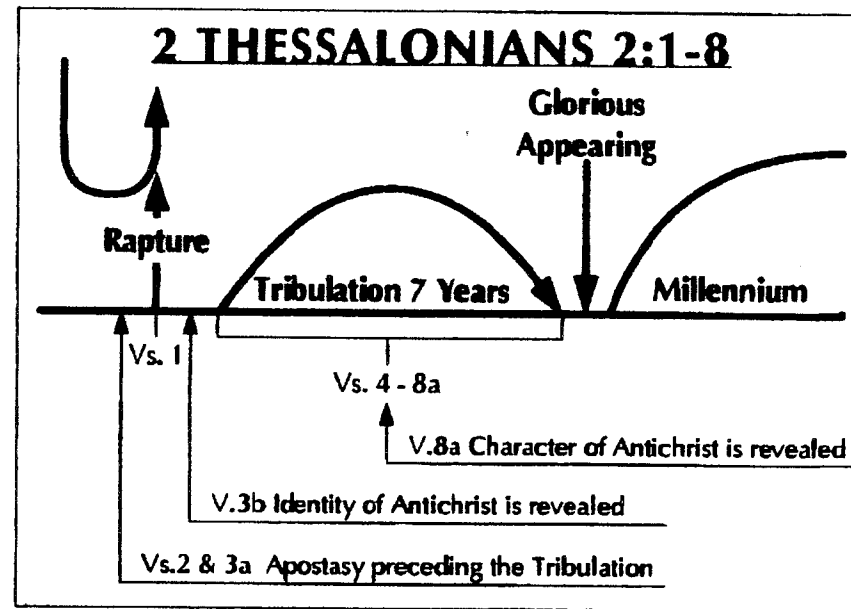
4 he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know that (neuter gender) which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only there is one (masculine gender) that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. (the restrainer-civil government-the 3 kings of Daniel chapter 7 & 11, that put the antichrist to death in the middle of the tribulation-they restrain him during the first half of the tribulation-When he comes back to life, he then puts down those 3 kings and the remaining 7 simply become rubber stamps to his power) 8 And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to naught by the manifestation of his coming; (his glorious appearing at the end of the tribulation)

Rev 3:10 Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.



## FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON II THESSALONIANS 2

1. II Thessalonians 2:2 in the King James, the term is, "Day of Christ."

2. Newer versions, our A.S.V. correctly give it as "Day of the Lord."

3. Why the difference?

The "Day of Christ" refers to the Rapture. (Phil. 1:6)

The "Day of the Lord" to the Tribulation.

That's a lot of difference!

4. Day of Christ = XRISTOU

Day of the Lord = KURIOU

They would abbreviate these names when copying to just the first and last letters:

Christ XU

Lord KU

If the copyist, when writing "Lord", KU, miss-copied and crossed his writing, the K could easily become a X CHI and that's how it happened. But, from Paul's teaching in I Thessalonians 4:13

-5:9 it is clear the subject is what he mentioned in I Thessalonians 5:1-9. The Day of the Lord.

They would not be deceived into thinking the Day of Christ, the Rapture, had already occurred.

The "HINDERER" (or restrainer of vs. 6 and 7) is given several interpretations:

5. The church. But the words are both first, vs. 6, NEUTER gender, then vs. 7, MASCULINE.

a. The pronoun must agree with its antecedent in person and number (are you as smart as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?)

b. The word of Church is FEMININE gender.

6. The Holy Spirit – but "Spirit" is NEUTER gender, so he could not be referring to either one.

7. Paul introduces the Restrainer by saying in verse 5, "remember ye not that when I was yet with you I told you these things."

a. When Paul was with them he told "these things" from Daniel 7 and 11.

b. Daniel shows that before the Antichrist comes on the scene, there will be 10 Kings...

c. And that 3 of them will restrain him until the middle of the Tribulation, go to war with him (Daniel 11), put him to death, then he comes back to life and puts those 3 down.

## The Rapture is Pre-Trib

Revelation 3:10 (page 238); “Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

**I. This promise is given to the church of Philadelphia – the last true church.**

**A. Each of these 7 churches were 7 literal churches in Asia Minor.**

**B. But God picked these 7 churches to represent 7 phases of the church during church history. (They are similar to the 7 parables in Matthew 13 which also picture the development of Christendom during the church age.)**

1. Ephesus represents the church from 70 – 170 A.D.
2. Smyrna; 170 – 312 A.D.
3. Pergamum; 312 – 606 A.D.
4. Thyatira; 606 – 1517 A.D.
5. Sardis; 1517 – 1792 A.D.
6. Philadelphia; 1792 – to the rapture . This is the church of the “open door”; 1792 – William Cary, the first foreign missionary went to India and it thus became the church of the open and closed door; Revelation 3:7; “he that opens and shuts.”
7. The Church of Laodicea is the liberal (unbelieving) church which began in about 1900 and will go into the Tribulation (there is an overlap with the Church of Philadelphia). Jesus’ invitation is not to the church, but Revelation 3:20; “...if any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him...” (to the individual not to the whole church!)

**II. It applies to the end-time church, because the next verse, Revelation 3:11 says, “I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.”**

**III. Verse 11 mentions rewards and the receiving of crowns, which will be given at the “Bema”, the Judgment Seat of Christ, which Peter says in I Peter 5:4 (page 226) will be given, “when the Lord comes.” The Crown of Glory given at the Rapture, I Thessalonians 2:19-20 (page 194); “For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jesus at his coming? <sup>20</sup> For ye are our glory and our joy.”**

**IV. The promise is to the end-time church because it is said to apply to “that hour which is about to come upon the whole world to test those who dwell upon the earth.” [Revelation 3:10 (page 238)]. This could only apply to Daniel’s 70<sup>th</sup> week – the Great 7 Year Tribulation.**

**V. What does “test” mean? Greek is PERIAZO – “to reveal the evil heart” of those who dwell upon the earth.**

- A. They are the ones who murder the Tribulation believers. Revelation 6:10.**
- B. The “3 woes” fall upon them. Revelation 8:13.**
- C. They rejoice over the murder of the 2 witnesses. Revelation 11:10.**
- D. The message of the 2 witnesses will torment them. Revelation 11:10.**
- E. They will worship the antichrist – their names are not in the Lamb Book of Life. Revelation 13:6, 8 & 12.**
- F. They are deceived by the miracles of the false prophet. Revelation 13:14.**
- G. They will be made drunk by the false church. Revelation 17:2.**

**VI. NOTE: This (A-G above) is in opposition to “those who dwell in heaven.” Revelation 12:12; “Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them...”**

**A. Note He then says, “Woe for the earth... because the devil is gone down unto you...” We see, “heaven dwellers” (the church raptured in heaven) is rejoicing that they are not on earth during the Tribulation.**

**B. Here “heaven dwellers” are clearly seen as raptured saints.**

**C. This is a scene in heaven after “her man child” is caught up. Revelation 12: 4 & 5. The man child is the “Mystical Christ.”**

**1. Christ the Head and the Church the Body. I Corinthians 12:12-27 (page 162). Verse 27; “Now ye are the body of Christ.”**

**2. Thus the “dwellers in heaven” pictures the raptured church.**

**VII. To this True Church He says, “because you have kept the word of my patience – perseverance (concerning the patient expectation of me) Greek.**

**Three question:**

1. Keep you from?
2. The hour of testing? (Or time of testing.)
3. The time represented by the term hour?

**Answers: DOES IT MEAN PROTECTED WHILE FROM WITHIN THE TRIBULATION JUDGMENTS?**

A. "Keep you from," Greek; "EK" with the verb "TERO" only 2 times, "EK TERO" used here and in John 17:15 (page 102) "I pray not that thou shouldst take them (here just the Greek word "EK" form is used) from the world, but that thou shouldst keep (TERO) them (EK) from the evil one." Then He uses both words.

1. The Post-Tribbers say this "EK TERO" means to be protected through the Tribulation but note that cannot be the case. Note Revelation 13:7; "And it was given unto him (Satan) to make war with the saints, and to overcome them..." That is not being "protected from within the Tribulation judgments. Note the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal; Revelation 6:9-11.
2. "EK TERO" in John 17:15; Jesus prays to keep them from the evil one. That certainly does not mean to be kept while in the evil one – he prays for us to be "kept from" that is, "coming out away", from Satan's power. We are not in Satan.
3. Therefore the "EK TERO" of Revelation 3:10 would mean exactly how John used it in John 17:15; "to be kept away from the Tribulation judgments" by the Rapture.

B. The "hour or time" of testing. Thus He is saying that God will protect us from the time of testing not just the testing.

C. The time represented by the "hour" is the entire 7 Year Tribulation represented then in the Book of Revelation by the Seal, Trumpet and Bowl judgments. Revelation 6 – 16.

**VIII. The Search for the True Church in Revelation.**

A. Revelation 1-3; "Church" mentioned 19 times.

B. After Chapter 4, the "Church" vanishes and is not seen again till Chapter 19 when we come back with Christ.

C. The formula; "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22. When repeated in Revelation 13:9 it is to Tribulation believers and God says; "if any man hath an ear let him hear." No reference to the Church – WHY – the Church was raptured in heaven in Chapter 4 and is pictured there by the 24 elders. (The Rapture is the separation of church and State).

D. The Church is seen again in heaven at the wedding ceremony, Revelation 19:6-9 and are the "armies which are in heaven," the Church comes back with Him, Revelation 19:14, at the end of the Tribulation and sits on thrones and reigns with Him during the Millennium.

**IX. Revelation 20:4; 3 Groups of Saints.**

A. "I saw thrones and they sat upon them..." This is the armies of Revelation 19:14; that is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. "And I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and the word of God..." These are the \_\_\_\_\_.

C. "And such as worshipped not the beast or his image and receive not the mark upon their forehead or upon their hand..." These are the \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation 20:6; all are part of the First Resurrection.

**X. The First Resurrection is in 3 stages.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. The First Fruits; I Corinthians 15:23 (page 165) and Matthew 27:52 (page 30).

B. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Harvest.

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ - the gleanings, one thousand years separate the First and Second Resurrection..

### Five Names for the tribulation

#### 1. The Great Tribulation

**Rev. 7:14** And I say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

#### 2. Day of Wrath

**Zeph. 1:14** The great day of Jehovah is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of Jehovah; the mighty man crieth there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

#### 3. Time of Jacobs trouble

**Jeremiah 30:7** Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

#### 4. Daniels 70's week

**Daniel 9:27** And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate.

#### 5. The Day of the Lord

**Isaiah 2:12**

12 For there shall be a day of Jehovah of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low;

### Three Purposes of the Tribulation

1. 1 <<A Psalm of David.>> Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall not be.

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2. **Daniel 12:7** And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when

they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

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3. **Rev. 7: 4** And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of [all] tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands;

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## RAPTURE OF BELEIVERS

Pre-tribulation rapture – Old Testament

### 1. Psalms 7:

6 Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger; Lift up thyself against the rage of mine adversaries, And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgment.

7 And let the congregation of the peoples compass thee about; And over them return thou on high. *(the Lord comes in the air – catches up raptures His church with him and returns to heaven.)*

8 Jehovah ministereth judgment to the peoples: Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and to mine integrity that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish thou the righteous: For the righteous God trieth the minds and hearts.

10 My shield is with God, Who save the upright in heart.

11 God is a righteous judge, Yea, a God that hath indignation every day.

12 If a man turn not, he will whet his sword; He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; He maketh his arrows fiery [shafts.]

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity; Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. *(the antichrist.)*

15 He hath made a pit, and digged it, And is fallen into the ditch which he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, And his violence shall come down upon his own pate.

17 I will give thanks unto Jehovah according to his righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of Jehovah Most High.

### Isaiah 56:

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.

11 Yea, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter.

12 Come ye, [say they,] I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be as this day, [a day] great beyond measure.

### Isaiah 57:1

1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, *(Hebrew word awsaf-suddenly "taken up" in the rapture)* none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. *(The great tribulation)*

2 He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightness. *Then the antichrist and the world church comes on the scene during the tribulation after the rapture.*

3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot.

### Joel 2 Prohecy of the millennial reign of Christ

21 Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for Jehovah hath done great things.

22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth its fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God; for he giveth you the former rain in just measure, and he causeth to

come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, in the first [month.]

24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmer-worm, my great army which I sent among you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Jehovah your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be put to shame.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am Jehovah your God, and there is none else; and my people shall never be put to shame.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *(after the millenium begins)* that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and *(but a disjunctive noting a change in subject-now discussing events before the tribulation begins)* your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit.

30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah cometh. *(before the tribulation.)*

32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered; *(by the rapture)* for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, *(by the rapture as Jehovah hath said, and among the remnant those whom Jehovah doth call.*

**Zeph. 2:**

1 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation that hath no shame;

2 before the decree bring forth, [before] the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Jehovah come upon you, before the day of Jehovah's anger come upon you.

3 Seek ye Jehovah, all ye meek of the earth, that has kept his ordinances; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye will be hid (*Hebrew word "zathar" kept from*) in the day of Jehovah's anger.

**Micah 7:**

1 Woe is me! (*the Jew left on the earth after the rapture*) for I am as when they have gathered (*Hebrew word "awsaf" - same word as in Isaiah 57:1&2 translated "taken away"*) the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat; my soul desireth the first-ripe fig.

2 The godly man is perished (*Hebrew word "abad" - has disappeared out of the earth - He has been raptured*) out of the earth, and there is none upright among men: (*only the unsaved are left*) they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. (*during the tribulation.*)

3 Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asketh, and the judge [is ready] for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth the evil desire of his soul: thus they weave it together.

4 The best of them is as a brier; the most upright [worse] than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen, even thy visitation, is come; now shall be their perplexity.

5 Trust ye not in a neighbor; put ye not confidence in a friend; keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

6 For the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look unto Jehovah; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will

hear me. (*the Jews who turn to the Lord during the tribulation.*)

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Jehovah will be a light unto me.

9 I will bear the indignation of Jehovah, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, [and] I shall behold his righteousness.

10 Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her who said unto me, Where is Jehovah thy God? Mine eyes shall see [my desire] upon her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

11 A day for building thy walls! in that day shall the decree be far removed.

12 In that day shall they come unto thee from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and [from] mountain to mountain.

13 Yet shall the land be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

15 As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I show unto them marvellous things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth; their ears shall be deaf.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places; they shall come with fear unto Jehovah our God, and shall be afraid because of thee. (*the last 3 days of the tribulation the Jewish Nation turns to the Lord, confesses it's sin, pleads for His return, is forgiven and redeemed. Messiah then returns and sets up his Melennial Kingdom.*)

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his

anger for ever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness.

19 He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, [and] the lovingkindness to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

## Rapture – Lesson 4

### REVIEW OF LAST WEEK:

1. We went to the “Lord’s Prayer” and noted the prophetic significance of it.
2. “Thy Kingdom come” – we pray for Christ’s Millennial Kingdom to be brought on earth, when and only when; “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
3. Until that happens we pray for daily bread and for God to be forgiving of us as we are of or toward others.
4. Then we pray, “keep us from ‘PEIRASMOS’ and deliver us from the evil one.”
5. What is this time of testing? “PEIRASMOS” it is to be delivered from the Great Tribulation by the pre-tribulation rapture and from the evil one – the antichrist!
6. We saw then that Jesus promises to answer this prayer in Revelation 3:10, when He says “I also will deliver you from the “PEIRASMOS”, that hour of trial which is to come upon the whole habitable world – which He will do in the Rapture pictured in Revelation 4, “Come up hither!”
7. We then saw the church was in heaven from Chapters 4 - 19. Then Jesus comes back with His saints (that’s US of Revelation 19:14) and we reign with Him for 1,000 years, Revelation 20.

**WE WILL NOW LOOK AT LAST WEEKS NOTES! Pages 14-16**

### NOW: WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

- I. In the Old Testament all who died went down to Sheol (Old Testament Hebrew word); Hades (New Testament Greek word).
- II. The is pictured in Luke 16:19-31 (page 72).
  - A. This was an actual event not a parable.
  - B. Vs. 19; “Now there was a certain rich man...” and the poor man is named Lazarus (even the name of the dog – “rover”).
  - C. They both died – their bodies went to the grave – their souls to Sheol/Hades.
  - D. Note that they are given temporary bodies [2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (page 169)].
  - E. They can see – the rich man sees Abraham and Lazarus and he feels pain.

**F. Sheol/Hades is a place of 2 apartments: one PARADISE or ABRAHAM'S BOSOM; the other, the place of TORMENT.**

**G. When Jesus dies on the cross His body went to the grave.**

**III. IN HIS SPIRIT, He then went down to Hades [I Peter 3:18 – ff (page 225)].**

**A. He made an announcement, vs. 19. He preached "KERUSO (to make an announcement) " NOT "ANGELLAO (to preach the gospel)." He simply announced to the Spirits in person – the fallen angels of Genesis 6 ("Sons of God") that their doom was sealed.**

**B. He then snatched the keys of death and Hell from Satan – opened the Apartment of Paradise and [Ephesians 4:8-10 (page 183)] "He led a host of captives..."**

**C. This was prophesied in Isaiah 61:1 (page 641), "...the opening of the prison to them that are bound."**

**D. He then took this group to Paradise (only believers) back to Heaven with Him when He ascended to Heaven.**

**IV. SO TODAY – when a believer dies he goes to be with the Lord in Heaven; Philippians 1:23 (page 186) and 2 Corinthians 5:8 (page 170).**

**V. The dead then come back with Christ at the Rapture, I Thessalonians 4:13 (page 195), their bodies are raised from the grave and we with them are caught up together and are changed in a moment...to be like Jesus, I Corinthians 15:51- ff (page 166).**

**VI. The rest of the dead (unsaved) are not raised till after the Millennium, Revelation 20:5–15 (page 250).**

**VII. They are brought back to life, that's the 2nd resurrection and cast forever and ever into the Lake of Fire.**

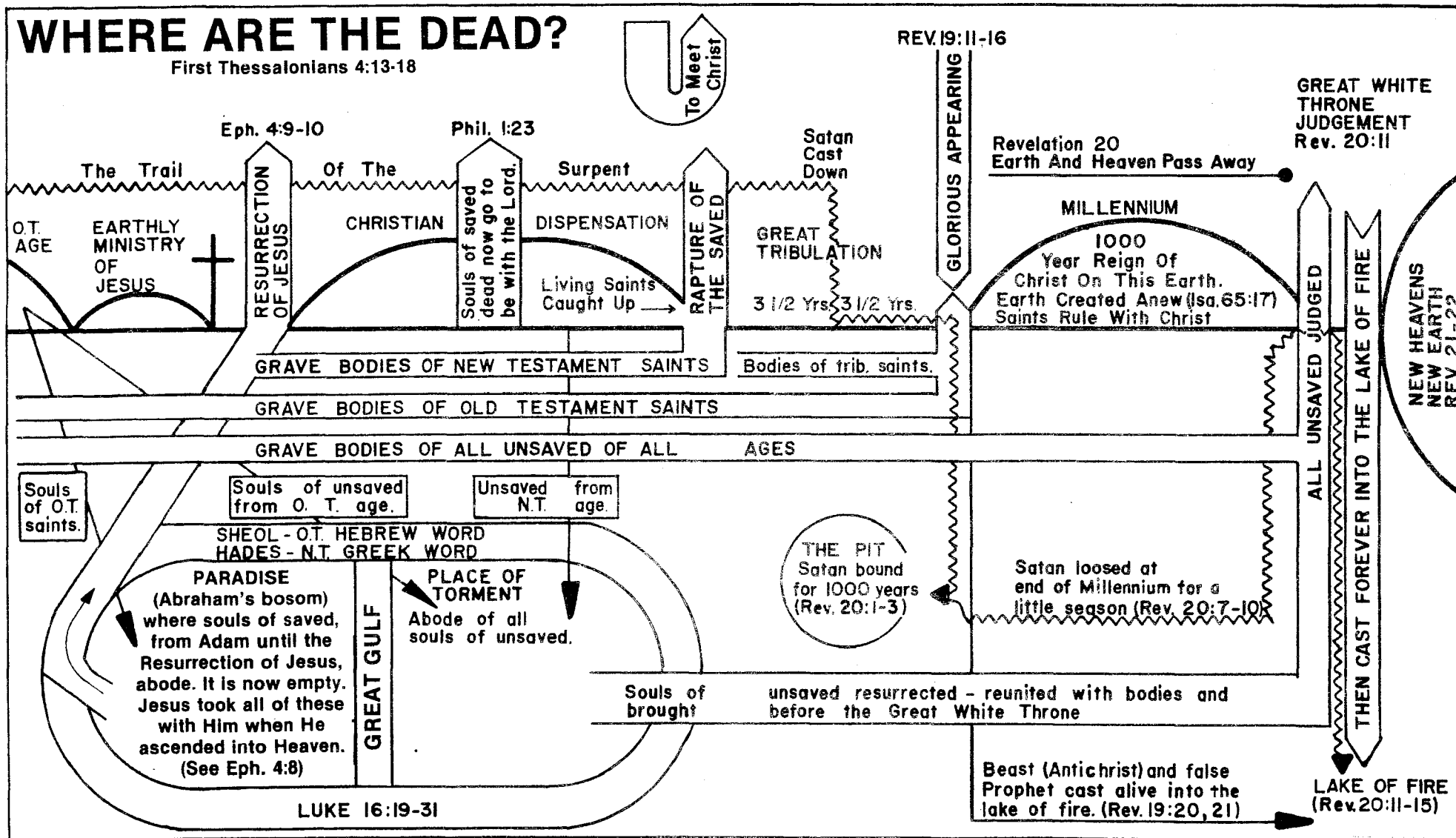
**VIII. Note Revelation 20:13 - ff; Hades is cast into the lake of fire. That is only the unbelievers, remember.**

**IX. "Those whose names were not found written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire," Revelation 20:15.**

**IS YOUR NAME WRITTEN IN THE BOOK???**

# WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

First Thessalonians 4:13-18



## **THE NATURE OF THE RESURRECTION (RAPTURED) BODY!**

1. **Philippians 3:21** (page 188); “who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.”
2. **I Corinthians 15:49** (page 166); “And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.”
3. **I John 3:2** (page 231); “Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.”
4. **2 Corinthians 3:18** (page 169); “But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.”

### **I. WHAT IS MAN?**

**A. Genesis 1:26;** “...Let us make man in our image after our likeness...”

**B. Genesis 2:7;** “And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became (HAYAH) a living soul.”

1. **Man does not have a soul – he is a living soul.**

2. **He is in the image of God as to his:**

a. **Eternality.**

b. **Self-consciousness.**

c. **Self-determination – that is, he is a free moral agent.**

3. **But he is “EARTHY” at that point. He must depend on earth produce, air and water to live physically.**

4. **Man sinned and died spiritually separated from God and began to die physically.**

5. **Jesus came and died and rose from death to redeem man both spiritually (at salvation) and physically at the rapture. (Man is body and soul). His soul – what he is – dwells in a body.**

**II. When we understand what Jesus is like at His resurrection, we then can understand our resurrection.**

**A. Because Christ is the “first fruits”.**

**B. Christ arose bodily from the grave.**

**C. Understand the Incarnation.**

**1. Jesus, the Son, is eternal. John 1: 1-14 (page 83).**

**2. He became flesh – vs. 14; but subject to hunger, pain and death.**

**3. He arose in a glorified body; not subject to hunger, pain and death.**

**D. Luke 23:54 (page 81); “And it was the day of the Preparation, and the sabbath drew on.” He was put in the tomb on Friday before sundown (Friday; 6 P.M.), in the tomb the Sabbath Saturday and rose after sundown Saturday which began the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, Sunday! (about 25 hours in the tomb.)**

**E. Luke 24:13; with the 2 on the road to Emmaus: (Sunday A.M. – the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week (24:1). It is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, Luke 24:21.**

**F. They returned to Jerusalem, vs. 33. Jesus appears, vs. 39; “...handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold me having.”**

**G. Vs. 42 & 43; “He ate...”**

**H. John 20:19 (page 106), “The first day”. Vs. 26, after 8 days Thomas said in John 20:28; “My Lord (My Yaweh) and My God.”**

**I. John 21:9-ff; Jesus fixes breakfast for them.**

**J. I Corinthians 15; The Gospel - 15:3 (page 164).**

**1. The death.**

**2. Burial.**

**3. Resurrection.**

**4. Rapture, I Corinthians 15:51.**

**a. Vs. 15:5; “appeared” (Greek – OPTHE – what word do we get from that?) was seen by Cephas.**

**b. Vs. 15:6; “appeared to 500”.**

**c. Vs. 15:7; “to James and all the apostles”.**

d. Vs. 15:8; “appeared to me” – Paul.

K. I Corinthians 15:20 – ff.

L. The illustration; vs. 35-37, of a seed, of a flower – planted then blossoms into the flower.

M. Adam of the earth – vs. 47; made from earth, sustained by what the earth produces- air and water.

N. The second man is of heaven – vs. 47; came from heaven at His birth.

O. Vs. 49; “...we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” We shall be like Him.

P. Our Hope – to be with Him – to be like Him. Never grow old – no pain or suffering.

Q. How? Vs. 50 – 57.

R. Our encouragement - vs. 58.

S. Our Glory – Romans 8: 18 & 30 (page 146).

T. The Judgment Seat of Christ (The Bema) time of Rewards. I Corinthians 3:5-15.

### III. We, The Church, are the Bride of Christ.

A. The marriage to the Lamb is pictured in Revelation 19:7-10 (page 250).

B. As the Bride, Jesus will demonstrate His purpose of redemption, by showing us off as “the exceeding riches of His grace” through all eternity.

Ephesians 2:6-10 (page 182); “and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus: <sup>7</sup>that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: <sup>8</sup>for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup>not of works, that no man should glory. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.”

C. And we will rule this earth with Him in the Millennium.

D. As to the measure of our faithful service – we will have the reward of ruling, of an area of the world.

**Matthew**

**24** <sup>1</sup>And Jesus <sup>2</sup>went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup>But he answered and said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, <sup>3</sup>There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

<sup>3</sup> And as he sat on <sup>4</sup>the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of <sup>5</sup>thy coming, and of <sup>6</sup>the end of the world? <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, <sup>5</sup>Take heed that no man lead you astray. <sup>5</sup> For <sup>6</sup>many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. <sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for *these things* must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For <sup>8</sup>nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be <sup>9</sup>famines and earthquakes in divers places. <sup>8</sup> But <sup>9</sup>all these things are the beginning of travail.

By the "Law of Double Reference" the scene changes to the events of the 7 Year Tribulation in verses 9 - 28.

<sup>9</sup> Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and <sup>10</sup>ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then shall many <sup>11</sup>stumble, and shall <sup>12</sup>deliver up one another, and shall <sup>13</sup>hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many <sup>12</sup>false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup> But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. <sup>14</sup> And <sup>15</sup>this <sup>16</sup>gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole <sup>17</sup>world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

<sup>15</sup> When therefore ye see the <sup>16</sup>abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in <sup>17</sup>the holy place (let him that readeth understand), <sup>16</sup> then let them that are in Judaea flee unto the mountains: <sup>17</sup> let him that is on <sup>18</sup>the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house: <sup>18</sup> and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. <sup>19</sup> But <sup>20</sup>woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on a sabbath: <sup>21</sup> for then shall be <sup>22</sup>great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for <sup>23</sup>the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Sign - singular

2 things to which to give no prophetic significance.

Prophecy of World War I & II  
World Wars I & II are the "Birth Pains".

Vs. 9 - 14; events of first half of Tribulation.

He that does not take the "Mark" is promised the Gospel will get to him. The Gospel will be preached by the 144,000 Israelis to the whole world. Revelation 7

The event; Mid-Tribulation. Revelation 13

<sup>23</sup> Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe <sup>24</sup>it not. <sup>24</sup> For there shall arise false Christs, and <sup>25</sup>false prophets, and shall show great <sup>26</sup>signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even <sup>27</sup>the elect. <sup>25</sup> Behold, I have told you beforehand. <sup>26</sup> If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe <sup>27</sup>it not. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the <sup>28</sup>coming of the <sup>29</sup>Son of man. <sup>28</sup> Wheresoever the carcase is, there will the <sup>29</sup>eagles be gathered together.

Vs. 29 - 31; the events at the end of the Tribulation.

<sup>29</sup> But immediately after the <sup>30</sup>tribulation of those days <sup>31</sup>the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and <sup>32</sup>the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: <sup>30</sup> and then shall appear the <sup>31</sup>sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see <sup>32</sup>the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And <sup>32</sup>he shall send forth his angels <sup>33</sup>with <sup>34</sup>a great sound of <sup>35</sup>a trumpet, and they shall gather together his <sup>36</sup>elect from <sup>37</sup>the four winds, <sup>38</sup>from one end of heaven to the other.

Elect on earth - those who receive Him during the Tribulation.

Elect in Heaven - Raptured Saints before Tribulation.

By the "Law of Recurrence" Jesus brings us back to vs. 7 & 8.

"Fig Tree" Israel's re-gathering.

<sup>32</sup> Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; <sup>33</sup> even so ye also, when ye see all <sup>34</sup>these things, know ye that <sup>35</sup>he is nigh, <sup>36</sup>even <sup>37</sup>at the doors. <sup>34</sup> Verily I say unto you, <sup>35</sup> This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. <sup>36</sup> But <sup>37</sup>of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, <sup>38</sup>neither the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> And as <sup>38</sup>were the days of Noah, so shall be the <sup>39</sup>coming of the Son of man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, <sup>39</sup>marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, <sup>40</sup>and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the <sup>41</sup>coming of the Son of man. <sup>40</sup> Then shall two men be in the field; one is taken, and one is left: <sup>41</sup> two women shall be grinding at the <sup>42</sup>mill; one is taken, and one is left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that <sup>44</sup>if the master of the house had known in what <sup>45</sup>hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be <sup>46</sup>broken through. <sup>44</sup> Therefore <sup>45</sup>be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not <sup>46</sup>the Son of man cometh.

"These things", this "GENEA" Greek, this born one. Birth of Nation of Israel, May 14, 1948.

"Day and hour" here refers to The Rapture.

"Took" here is "AIRO", to take to judgment.

"Taken" here is "PARALAMBANO", to take with. Same word as in John 14, "I will take you unto myself."

## Luke 21:

20 But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. 21 Then let them that are in Judæa flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for

there shall be great distress upon the land, and wrath unto this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

25 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; 26 men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the world: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. 27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: 30 when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh. 31 Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be accomplished. 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: 35 for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. 36 But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

1 million, 400 thousand Jews were killed and 97,000 taken back to Rome captive.

June 7, 1967 – The

Signs just before the Rapture and continuing all during the Tribulation.  
Revelation 4:5, 8:5, 11:19 and 16:18 – 21.

The signs continue to the Glorious Appearing.

But when they begin – just before the Rapture – stop where you are and look up. For your redemption [Romans 8:23 (of the body – the rapture)] is near.

The Generation – The “Born One” – The birth of the Nation of Israel – Psalm 90:10.  
The length of our days is 70 or 80 years

Jewish boy born – 1948

Bar mitzvah – 1960 – 12<sup>th</sup> year

Man of War – 1967 – 67 war – 19 years

Man of Peace – 1978 – Camp David – 30 years

What Next?

## Luke 17:

20 And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo, here! go not away, nor follow after them: 24 for as the lightning, when it lighteneth out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall the Son of man be in his day. 25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: 30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to gain his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. 34 I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

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19 And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. 21 For no prophecy ever came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.

Note: He is speaking to Good Guys  or Bad Guys

Kingdom is in your midst.

The disciples had no right to look for the Lord's return in their day.

The Glorious Appearing.

The Cross.

The question – Do the “Days of Noah” and “Days of Lot” refer to the days at the end of the Tribulation  ? or the days before the Tribulation  ?  
Marriage in Tribulation? Isaiah 4:1; “7 women shall take hold of one man.”

Building and Planting at the end of the Tribulation?  
I don't think so.

Revealed at the Rapture. Warning to believers just before the Rapture.

We are to be literally “looking up”. If not we will be put to death. Still caught up in the Rapture but what an embarrassment to have been caught up through the “death gate”. One shall be “PARALAMBANO”, taken with me, one left behind. “Left” is the Greek word “APHEME” to be deserted as a man leaves his wife and children.

“Day Dawn” – to see the “Signs of the Times”.

“Day Star” – the assurance that the Rapture is about to take place. Just before it does take place so that in obedience \_\_\_\_\_ !

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