

## THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OUR GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM ARE ONE AND THE SAME EVENT

There is no “secret” or “quiet” rapture based on the following reasons:

- ❖ The coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our “gathering together” to Him is one and the same event (2 Thessalonians 2:1).
- ❖ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matthew 24:27).
- ❖ The Temple of God will be opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant will be seen in His temple. And, there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail (Revelation 11:19).
- ❖ Every eye will “see” Him—even those who “pierced” Him (Revelation 1:7).
- ❖ He is coming in the clouds with great power and glory as the “trumpet” of God is blowing loud (Jeremiah 4:19–21, Isaiah 18:3, Isaiah 27:13, Matthew 24:31, 1 Corinthians 15:52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 1:10, and Revelation 11:15).
- ❖ The sun, the moon, and the stars will no longer give their light because the LORD will be an everlasting light. This is substantiated in the following Scriptures: Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah 24:23, Isaiah 30:26, Isaiah 60:19, Isaiah 60:20, Ezekiel 32:7, Joel 2:10, Joel 2:31, Joel 3:15, Matthew 24:29, Mark 13:24, Luke 21:25, Acts 2:20, Revelation 6:12, Revelation 8:12, and Revelation 21:23.
- ❖ The heavens will pass away with a great noise (Second Peter 3:10).
- ❖ A noise will come to the ends of the earth because the Lord will roar from on high and utter His Voice from His holy habitation as He will “roar mightily” against His fold and He will give a “shout” as He treads the grapes against all the inhabitants of the earth (Jeremiah 25:30–31).

Where have we heard about a “shout” before? We are told by the apostle Paul in First Thessalonians 4:16–17, *“For the LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, with the VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL, and with the TRUMPET OF*

*GOD. And the DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. Then WE WHO ARE ALIVE and REMAIN [survive] shall be CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.” (NKJV) (emphasis added).*

Does this sound like a “secret” and a “quiet” rapture to you? Therefore, there is not only NO “secret” rapture of the Church; we are not going anywhere until “after” the tribulation of those days. These are the words of Jesus Himself which I will cover in the next section.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS LOOK UP BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NIGH

Jesus says to us in Matthew 24:29–31, Mark 13:24–27, and Luke 21:25–28, the following:

*“Immediately AFTER the TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS the SUN WILL BE DARKENED, and THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT; THE STARS WILL FALL FROM HEAVEN, and THE POWERS OF THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN. Then the SIGN (23) [G4592: sēmeion: an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: miracle, sign, token, wonder]of the SON of MAN will APPEAR in HEAVEN, and then ALL THE TRIBES OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN, and THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY. And HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS WITH A GREAT SOUND OF A TRUMPET, and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER HIS **ELECT** <sup>(24)</sup> [G1588: *eklektos*: select; by implication favorite: chosen] FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF HEAVEN TO THE OTHER.” (Matt. 24:29–31, NKJV) (emphasis added).*

Do not dismiss this fact: In Matthew 24:29–31, Jesus is saying immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will fall from heaven, and the heavens will be shaken. Then the “sign” of the Son of Man (Jesus) will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Only then, will He send His angels with a “great sound” of a “trumpet” and His angels will “gather together” His Elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Again, does this sound like a “secret” and “quiet” rapture to you?

Jesus says the same thing in Mark 13:24–27 when He says the following:

*“But in those days, AFTER that TRIBULATION, the SUN WILL BE DARKENED, and THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT; the STARS OF HEAVEN WILL FALL, and THE POWERS IN THE HEAVENS will be SHAKEN. Then they will SEE the SON of MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS with GREAT POWER and GLORY. And then HE WILL SEND His ANGELS, and GATHER TOGETHER HIS **ELECT** <sup>(24)</sup> [G1588: *eklektos*: select; by implication favorite: chosen] from the four winds, from the farthest part of EARTH to the farthest part of HEAVEN.”* (Mark 13:24–27, NKJV) (emphasis added).

Next, in Luke 21:25–28, Jesus says to us when we see “signs” in the sun, moon, and stars and on the earth the distress of nations and we “see” the Son of Man (Jesus Christ) coming in a cloud with power and great glory, then we are to look up and lift up our heads because our redemption is at hand. Jesus says to us in Luke 21:25–28, the following:

*“And there will be **SIGNS** <sup>(23)</sup> [G4592: *sēmeion*: an indication, especially ceremonially or supernaturally: miracle, sign, token, wonder] in the SUN, in the MOON, and in the STARS; and ON THE EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, with perplexity, the SEA and the WAVES ROARING; MEN’S HEARTS FAILING THEM FROM FEAR and THE EXPECTATION OF THOSE THINGS which are COMING ON THE EARTH, for the POWERS OF THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN. Then they will SEE the SON of MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with POWER and GREAT GLORY. Now WHEN these THINGS BEGIN TO HAPPEN, LOOK UP and LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, because YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR.”* (Luke 21:25–28, NKJV) (emphasis added).

The only exception to these statements made by Jesus Himself in Matthew 24:29–31, Mark 13:24–27, and Luke 21:25–28 is this: If our time is up on the earth and we die a natural death or are martyred for our faith in Jesus Christ.

At the time I am writing this our sisters and brothers in Christ who are in the Middle East are being systematically beheaded by ISIS. Do we tell these Spirit-filled believers they are not going through tribulation when they choose to die for His name’s sake? Before all is said and done, there will be many believers who will die because of hell on earth being unleashed because “it is written...”

For those who teach Jesus Christ is coming for His bride then for seven years those who are "left-behind" are experiencing hell on earth—this is a lie from the pit of hell and here is why.

1) When Jesus appears He deals first with the unrighteous unrepentant inhabitants on the

earth (the "tares") and removes OUT of His kingdom all things which OFFEND and those who practice LAWLESSNESS. It is the righteous faithful remnant which remains and then we are gathered into His barn. See Matthew 13:40-43.

2) There will be such a great earthquake the world has never seen and it will "literally" move the earth out of her place (orbit). See Isaiah 13:13. This is when the sun, the moon, and the stars no longer give their light and God's wrath will be poured out. Like the days of Lot God will rain down fire and brimstone and the inhabitants of the earth will be burned and few men will be left.

3) This earth will be totally "depopulated" and "annihilated" at the return of Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him. This is one Scripture of many which testify of this truth.

*"Behold, the **LORD** <sup>(68)</sup> [H3068: **Yehováh**: self-Existent or eternal; Jehovah] makes **THE EARTH EMPTY** <sup>(69)</sup> [H1238: **báqaq**: depopulate] and makes it **WASTE** <sup>(70)</sup> [H1110: **bálaq**: to annihilate], Distorts its surface And scatters abroad its inhabitants. And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor. **THE LAND shall be ENTIRELY EMPTIED** <sup>(69)</sup> [H1238: **báqaq**: depopulated] and **UTTERLY PLUNDERED** <sup>(71)</sup> [H962: **bázaz**: catch, gather, or to (take) for a prey]. **FOR THE LORD HAS SPOKEN THIS WORD.**" (Isa. 24:1-3, NKJV) (emphasis added).*

4) For those few who are alive and remain (survive) to literally see the return of Jesus Christ when we meet the dead in Christ and Jesus in the air we enter the kingdom of heaven where we stay for a 1000 years. After the 1000 years the wife of Christ descends from Mount Zion—the city of the Living God in the heavenly Jerusalem to the "new" earth.

Thus, we will not be "ruling" and "reigning" with Jesus on this earth when He returns because this earth will be totally consumed and depopulated when Jesus appears a second time. This is when the first resurrection of the dead takes place. Those who are "counted worthy" to be part of the first resurrection will "rule" and "reign" with Jesus for 1000 years and the second death has no power over them.

The second resurrection happens after the 1000 years when the wife of Christ descends out of heaven to the "new" earth.

Until these things come to pass, we are in this end-time spiritual battle whether or not we

want to be for God has preordained we were born for a time such as this. Accordingly, we are either in God's army or Satan's army—for there are only two armies and this day we must choose whom we shall serve! And, we must be prepared for the final battle.

We are in the "valley of decision," and we must no longer halt between two opinions. If we are truly a disciple of Jesus Christ, then we must follow only Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. For our King is coming whether we are ready or not!

As such, one of the purposes of this series of books is to help prepare and equip the body of Christ spiritually, mentally, and physically speaking, for those who desire more than anything else to be the "faithful" remnant—who is the bride of Christ.

I highly recommend that you purchase these books and read them because they were written as a "labor of love" for God's people to equip and prepare you for a time such as this. I do what I do for free because this is the call I have on my life and it is my heart's desire to answer the cry of our heavenly Father's heart to confront the great apostasy head on so His people can be set free from the lies and deception of the enemy and be ready for our bridegroom's return.

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