



This session will help you understand the three main events. They are like the 1,2 3 countdowns to the world that the end of all evil has begun. Those three events are:

The Rapture The Tribulation The Anti-Christ

## I. The Rapture

# **1**. We also know that every one must die once in order to be with the Lord.

Hebrews 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

#### 2. However there is a unique generation that will not taste

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#### 3. The term Rapture is an expression for the Greek word

Harpazo – Caught up or gathered up A. At the end of this age, Christ will return

and take with Him to heaven every person both living and dead- who has *trusted Christ as Savior*.

**1** Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the

trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.

B. The Rapture will take place in the "\_\_\_\_\_

*Corinthians 15:51 Listen*, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be

changed-- -- New International

:52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. - American Standard

# C. At this event the dead believers will rise first, then the living Christians.

In this instant we will receive \_\_\_\_\_\_ and death. You will have a glorified body.

**Philippians 3:21 who**, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

READ Matthew 24:40-44, 25:1-13

**D.** The Rapture will precede the tribulation, because the tribulation will be unprecedented \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 6:16 &17)

*I Thessalonians* 5:9 -For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."

**Romans 8:1** There Is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

# E. Through the work Jesus did on the cross he has saved us from the \_\_\_\_\_ that is to come.

**Revelation 3:10** - Because you have kept My command to persevere. I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth.

# F. Are the Rapture and the Second Coming the same event? \_\_\_\_\_

This event happened before the "Man of Sin is revealed. 2 *Thessalonians 2:5-7* 

5. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

6. And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.
7. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way.
8. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

The Rapture will take place in the air. (*I Thessalonians 4:17*) Christ is not coming to the earth in this event, we are meeting with Him and getting a glorified body.

#### 1. Jesus said I will \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

#### 1Thessalonians 4:15-18

15. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so, we will be with the Lord forever.

18. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

## **II.** Tribulation

1. Tribulation is also called "\_\_\_\_\_."

It will be a time of wrath, judgment, indignation, darkness, destruction, and death. It is a time of God's wrath poured out on un-repented man. *Zeph. 1: 14-18; Zeph. 3:8; Matt. 24: 21.* 

#### 2. The tribulation will last 7 years

The tribulation is the seventieth week prophesied by Daniel. *Dan.* 9:27

3. The rise of false Christ's, wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilence, and earthquakes will usher in the tribulation. *Matt.* 24: 4-12

## 4.Lawlessness will abound and the love of many will grow cold.

Matt. 24:12.

II Tim. 3:1-4 :

Lovers of themselve	es Lovers of me	oney	boasters
proud	blasphemous		unthankful
unholy/wicked	disobedient to parents		unloving
unforgiving	brutal	with	out self control
traitors	headstrong	despi	sers of good
haughty	slanderers	_	-
Lovers of pl	easures rather that	n lover	s of God

Having a form of godliness but denying its power

- 5. We are now in the Grace period where Jesus has **died for man**. Most of us have never seen persecution, but during the tribulation all men who claim Christ as Lord will be persecuted and put to death. But they will escape eternal death. *Rev.* 13:15; *Rev.* 6; *Rev.* 9; *Rev.* 13: 7-9.
- 6. Tribulation will be God's wrath but he also gives mercy through it. Man, still has a chance to turn to God. God will have the Gospel preached in this time and many will be saved. *Rev. 11:3-7; Matt. 24:14.*
- 7. God will not leave the earth without a witness. *Rev.14:1-5; Rev. 7:1-14*

#### Rev. 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth. To every nation, tongue, tribe, and people, saying with a loud voice "fear God and give Glory to Him". For the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and springs of water.

# 8. The tribulation will create a void and cause people to be deceived by a false peace through the anti-Christ *Rev*

6:1,2, 2 Thess 2:3-12 1 Thess 5:3, Dan 8:25, 9:27

## **III. The Anti-Christ**

A. Just as Jesus is God in the flesh the Anti Christ will be Satan incarnated. (Incarnated literally means to be put into the flesh of man.) Satan's son, "the son of perdition", will deceive many. There are signs that the Christian should know to help us identify that time.

# **1.** There will be a great apostasy or "falling away" from the faith.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

3. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4. Who opposed and exalted himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

## 1 John 2:18

18. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

John 5 43. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

## Revelation 13:3-5, 11-18

3. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?"

5. And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

11. And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12. And he exercises all the power of the first beast before him and causes the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13. And he doeth great wonders, so that he makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14. And deceives them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15. And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16. And he causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17. And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is

the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six

- 2. He will demand to be worshiped by all men & nations. Dan 11:36-45; II Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13: 4-8
- 3. The anti-Christ will have a 3-point plan for world domination. He will establish a one world currency, one world religion, one world government (New World Order). He will require everyone to take his mark. Rev. 13:16-18.
- 4. The number of the anti-Christ is 666. This meaning he is part of a three-part demonic trinity consisting of Satan; the false prophet; and the anti-Christ who will work signs and wonders in the anti-Christ name to deceive the nations of the world that the anti-Christ is God.
- 5. There will be a false prophet that will work with the anti-Christ and cause the people to worship him.. *Rev.* 13:11-50
- 6. If anyone takes this mark he will lose his soul eternally. *Rev.* 14:9-11.
- 7. At the beginning of the tribulation the Anti-Christ will sign a seven-year peace treaty with Israel. He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven in the middle of the "seven" he will put an end to sacrifice and offerings. On a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation until the end that is decreed and is poured out on him. *Dan.* 9:6-7

## **B.** Why Israel ?

**1.** God chose the Nation of Israel so that he would have a depository of divine truth for generations to come.

Through Israel God has given the world the Word of God, the Patriarchs, the prophets, Jesus Christ, and the Apostles. There would be no Christianity without Israel's contribution. God's love for Israel produces Satan's hatred for Israel and the Jewish People

2. The temple will be rebuilt. Rev. 11:1-2

# **3.** The anti-Christ will come against the Jews but God will protect them for a season.

**Rev. 12: 13-14** When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert where she will be taken care of for a time times and <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a time out of the serpent's reach.

They will come against Jerusalem why?

Because Jerusalem is a city of God. The Capital city of a Nation God created by His spoken Word, and with which he later made an eternally binding and unconditional Blood Covenant. Gen. 12:1-3; Gen 13:14-15; Gen 15:8-18; II Chron. 6:6; II Chron. 7:14; II Chron. 33:7

More Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2	Ezek.38:1-16	Joel3:1-15
Zech.12:2-3;	Zech14:12-15	

## THIS WEEK's BIBLE READING: 1 Samuel

Use the **Bible Study tool** as you read. Return your completed form for credit. You will get much more from the time if you prepare in advance by reading prayerfully through the assignment:

#### **ANSWERS:**

Pg. 2 Second Death, In the Clouds

Pg. 3 Twinkling of an eye, Glorified Body, Sickness, Wrath of God,

Pg. 4 Wrath, No

**Pg. 5** Come back, Great day of the Lord,