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#### The End of the World

The world as we know it will not last forever. The environment is going to change and so are all the governments of men. When God created Adam He put him in a garden and commanded him to replenish the earth. If Adam would have remained faithful to his creator he would have turned the whole world into one big garden. After the devil is safely locked away in hell, the Bible tells us there will be no more sea.

Mathew 24:3 When the disciples sat with Jesus they asked Him what should be the sign of His coming and the end of the world.

The disciples knew the world they knew would not last forever. The first thing Jesus warned them/us of is an outpouring of deception. He went on to explain that many would come and misrepresent Him, claiming to repeat what He said. If you will take a little time to look around, you will see deception everywhere in abundance. How would all this deception come into our world?

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Holy Spirit speaks clearly, that in the last days many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

After Jesus returned to heaven the devil immediately began to raise up men who would preach his doc-

trine. Jesus came here and died in order to give man the truth, He had it recorded and put into a book. How does a man keep himself from deception? He submits to the Word of God. When a man deviates from the truth his only option is deception. The devil has found more than enough followers to present his "gospel" to the church. God has made the same book available to every believer so there is no excuse to be deceived.

John 8:32 You shall know the truth and the truth you know shall make you free.

If a man hears doctrine that puts him in any kind of bondage, it's not the Word of God. The Bible teaches us to owe no man anything but to love one another. We are not obligated to believe everything people tell us. When the end of the world comes we will be judged for everything we believe. I do not want to

be accountable for the devil's doctrine, therefore I search the Scriptures daily and hold fast to the truth. Precious few will have a valid excuse for being deceived!

Revelation 5:10 You have made us kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

When God created Adam He gave him dominion over all the earth. This is referred to by theologians as the "earth lease" because it lasts six thousand years. After the "earth lease" expires Jesus returns and sets up His kingdom. Those who remained faithful to Him will rule and reign with Him with a rod of iron. The world will be under a new government and they will have no voice or vote. All of men's ungodly laws will be abolished, every sin government voted into law will vetoed by the Lord Jesus Christ.



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### The Beginning of the End

Before the world we know comes to an end, there is a very important event coming that some Christians are waiting for.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
The Lord will shout with
the voice of the angel and
the dead in Christ will rise.
Then we which are alive will
be caught up together with
them and meet the Lord in
the air and so we will be
with Him forever.

We refer to this as the rapture of the church or the catching away. Many have erroneously taught that every born-again Christian will be taken up! I was taught this when I first came to the faith but since then I have had the Lord correct me. In 2015 ninetvfive percent of Americans claimed to be Christian, so at the rapture only five percent of the population would be left. If you define what a Christian is, the number in America drops dramatically. A Christian is one who consistently displays the attributes of Christ, by their fruits you will know them.

One day I was praying in the Spirit, when I paused the Lord asked me a question, this is how He has taught me over the years. "Ask Me who is going in the rapture", so I asked Him and His response was "Christians". Then I felt coaxed by the Holy Ghost to ask Him this, "Are all Christians going?". His answer was "No, only those who are willing to go will go".

My next discourse with the Lord was to ask Him to show me His answer in the Bible because I just didn't know.

Mathew 24:44 Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as you think not the Son of Man cometh.

I did a thorough search on the word ready and it also means willing. I dare say most denominations don't even believe or know anything about the rapture. I was born and raised in the Catholic religion and we never once heard anything about a catching away. When I began to share this revelation a number of people thought I was in error. The folks who didn't believe me were the people who had one foot in the kingdom and one foot in the world. One day I found a book by Hilton Sutton titled Rapture: get right or get left. Brother Hilton was teaching the

same thing I was but he had a lot more Scriptures on the subject.

Revelation 19:9 Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

When Jesus gathers all those who were watching and waiting for Him, they will sit down to eat with Jesus. This will be the beginning of the seven vear tribulation period on the earth. The people who were raptured will sit at the Lord's table for seven years, but that will be earth time. In heaven time ceases to be, we will sit down to eat with Jesus, then get up, mount our white horse and come to earth with Him. This will begin the thousand year reign of Christ where we rule and reign with a rod of iron.



#### What Time is it?

When Jesus told His disciples He would return to catch them away, they thought it would be in their lifetime. Every generation after them thought they would be the ones caught up. It could be any generation, Jesus wants every person regardless of when they were born to be watching for His return.

2 Peter 3:3-4 There will come scoffers in the last days. Saying where is the promise of His coming? For nothing has changed. claiming to know when Jesus was coming back. One man wrote a book entitled Eighty Eight Reasons why Jesus is coming back in Eighty Eight. People in my church were totally convinced he was right, well he wasn't. His book made perfect sense but it was not based on the Word of God.

Mark 13:32 Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not the angels, neither the Son, but the Father only. their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

A large number of "Christians" were left behind at the time of the rapture, they did not go out on the first load. Three and a half years into the seven year tribulation period, a large number of Christians show up in heaven. They were in the tribulation but finally realized they were foolish because they were not sincere in their relationship with Jesus. There are more Christians who go to heaven in the second load than went

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up.



A scoffer is a false teacher, one who is motivated by circumstances and not the Word of God. I wonder how many Christians have been deceived by their doctrine? The deceived are those who believe men over God! I know good men in the faith camp who do not believe there is a rapture of the church, they say it just doesn't make sense. God didn't give us the Bible to make sense, He gave it to us to make faith.

I have been saved for forty-three years and from that time until the year two thousand, men have written books

Not even Jesus knows when Father will send Him to come gather us up. We should conduct our business affairs as if He isn't coming for a thousand years, but our spiritual life as if He could come tomorrow. No man has any "special" revelation concerning His return, we just need to believe He is coming. I saw a bumper sticker on a car one day that said Caution: in the event of the rapture this vehicle will be unmanned. Jesus said He was coming back and that's good enough for me.

Revelation 7:14 These are they which come out of great tribulation, and have washed

up in the first! The Bible said there were so many no man could count them all.

The Lord could send Jesus for us at any time, are you ready to meet Him in the air? Are you willing to go when the trumpet blows? Only those who are ready and willing will hear the trump. I can only imagine what the world will say when a bunch of people suddenly disappear. I know one excuse; they will blame it on aliens, they are already working on that angle.



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## **Jesus is Coming Back Twice**

We must understand the sequence of events to avoid confusion. Jesus is in heaven right now sitting at the Father's right hand. One day soon Father will

send Him to gather the pretribulation saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 We which are alive shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air?

On the first trip back Jesus remains in the clouds and we are caught up to meet Him and go to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Jesus does not touch the earth, He remains in the clouds and we just disappear with Him. tribulation period the heavens will be shaken. Then the Son of God will appear and gather all the people to Himself.

throne judgement. He will bring His elect from heaven and the thousand year reign of Christ begins. Man's laws will be set aside and God's laws and command-

ments will be enforced. Those who were faithful will be made rulers over much. We will be in our glorified bodies and nothing by any means will harm us. I don't anticipate there will be much resistance because the devil will be locked out. Please make plans to meet Jesus the first time He comes back.



After the tribulation period Jesus will come back to the earth and set up the great white

Mathew 24:29-30 After the