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## The Rapture of the Body of Christ - The Church

1Thessalonians 4:16 to 17 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, **to meet the Lord in the air:** and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Christ does not touch Earth when he comes for his church, we will meet him in the air. This is before the great tribulation or the last seven years.

### WARNING

It is only for those that believe and are waiting for his coming. (1Thessalonians 5:4-6)

## Christians in the bible are referred to as Virgins

Matthew 25: 1 to 13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

The oil or extra oil refers to your walk with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. (many do not believe in the anointing of the Holy Spirit)

When the bridegroom spoke to the five foolish virgins, he didn't say, I NEVER knew you, but Verily I say unto you, I know you not. (There's a big difference)

**If Rev 3:10 refers to us, then we will go in the Rapture of the church and thus escape the seven year great tribulation**

**As God protected the children of Israel during the plaques on Egypt, so will he take his church out, before the wrath of God is poured out upon the inhabitants of the world in the last seven years before Christ comes back literally to rule with a rod of iron for 1000 years. The church will return with him. (Revelation 19:11-16)**

**The Rapture is a prize ( 1Co 9:24-27)**

**All of us that run the race may obtain the prize**

**2nd Thessalonians 2:7/8 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

**You see, when the Church is Raptured, the Holy Spirit is within us and thus goes up with us. He is the one that refrains satan from working freely through us, the believing church.**

**The disciples ask Jesus 3 direct questions**

**#1/ Tell us, when shall these things be? (Mat 24:5-13)**

**#2/ what shall be the sign of thy coming, (Mat 24:32-44)**

The end time started in 1948 when Israel became a nation again, the last days is in 1967 when Jerusalem was again under Israel rule. The bible says that this generation shall not all pass, until all things be fulfilled. He also related the earthquakes, and other earthly disasters as to a women in labor. The pains come 10 minutes apart then increase in shortness of time and severity. Until she delivers, so is the signs increasing in severity and frequency. Pretty soon the rapture of the church will occur and believe me it will be explained away so that most will believe it.

A generation is either according to the scriptures. 40 years, 52 years or 70 years. 40 years has come and gone. But why wait ??

Now we don't know the time, but we are commanded to know the season.

Luke 21:34 **And take heed to yourselves**, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, **and so that day come upon you unawares.**

**#3/ and of the end of the world?**

Luke 21:36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.**

**Christ's literal return to earth**

Mat 24:27-30 **For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and**

shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Zec 14:4** And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

**1Thessalonians 5:1-5** But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

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

**Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the**

**day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.**

**Revelation 20:4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; **and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

**Keep your eye on Israel, because ALL bible prophecy revolves around Israel. Every time the USA tries to divide up Israel they have some sort of calamity in their midst. The latest is the oil spill in the gulf of Mexico. There will be greater disasters, because they have turned their back on God,**

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