

- There are various view and opinions on these End Times Events and timing held by precious Christians who all love the Lord dearly.
- **Good Advice:** Never take one verse and build a doctrine on it. Take three or more, look at the heart of God, put the text into context. Supporting Biblical examples, parables, prophecies, bible verses?
- **With regards to prophecies:** we believe and treat them in a literal way. Every prophecy about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament was fulfilled literally. Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection all occurred exactly as the Old Testament predicted. The prophecies were literal.

1) The Church Age / Age of Grace

- Parable Good Samaritan (*Priest, Levite, then Samaritan – despised & rejected*) Luke 10:30-36
 - The wounded man could represent the *lost, unsaved, non-believers*
 - The Good Samaritan could represent a type of Jesus, oil & wine – *healing, Holy Spirit*
 - The Inn could represent Church Luke 10:35
 - The Church is to look after those the Lord wins throughout the Church age.
 - Possible reference to His Return "**When I come... I will repay you**"

2) Jesus' Return - Rapture

- The Church Age will end with the **Rapture** – when He takes the Church 'home'
- The Bible tells us to expect the rapture at any moment
Phil 3:20, Titus 2:13, 1 Tim 6:14, Hebrew 9:28, 1 Thess 1:10, 1 Thess 4:18, 1 Thess 5:6, Rev 22:20
- The Rapture is imminent – nothing need to be done in order for Jesus to return
- The word Rapture is not a biblical word (just like trinity and hell)
- Rapture not used directly, Grk '**harpazo**', translated into Latin, '**raptura**', from that - **Rapture**
 - *To seize, carried away by force; seize, claimed for oneself; Caught Up, snatch away speedily;*
- Will be quick: "**in a moment in the twinkling of an eye**" 1 Cor 15:51-52
 - **Time** - Grk '**Chronos**', the passing of time, tic tick
 - **Time** - Grk '**Kiros**', specific season, a specific moment that changes
 - **Time Moment** - Grk '**atomos**', atom, is invisible to the naked eye
 - **Twinkling** - Grk '**ripē**', (*Rip-pay*), light in the human eye, or blinking
- Jesus comes in the air, 1 Thess 4:16-17
 - With a shout and a trumpet call
 - Shout = Grk '**keleusma**' - *Only used once in the Bible*
 - *an order, command, specific stimulating cry*
 - *soldiers by a commander (with a loud summons, a trumpet call)*
 - Jesus shouted Lazarus come forth. This shout was a command.
He was named, for the instruction was so powerful. John 11:43
 - But when Jesus shouts, every Christian person, dead or alive will be caught up.
 - The people who have died and gone to Paradise before also get resurrected bodies
 - We all together return to Heaven to be with Jesus!

a) Chaos on Earth – Intro to Tribulation

- Imagine the day of the rapture
- Imagine the chaos of cellular phones / Internet
- Imagine the News, with no Christian influence, What would they say?
- *Would our loved ones reach for their bibles listen, Repent & Believe?*

b) Pre-Tribulation evidence

- God always warns before He judges. He also withdrew his own people first.
 - *The righteous will be delivered from trouble* Prov 11:8
 - *Part your heavens Lord and come down, deliver me, rescue me* Ps 144:5-7
 - *Wait for Jesus who will deliver us from wrath to come* 1 Thess 1:10
- People rescued:
 - **Noah** - as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be with the Son of Man Luke 17:26-30
 - **Lot** - Angels took the girls by the hand and dragged them out Gen 19:15-16
 - If God did it for them, He will do it for us as He is no respecter of persons Acts 10:34
 - Peter confirms both Noah & Lot 2 Pet 2:5-9
- **Wait Wayne - The Rapture is some newfangled doctrine... after AD 1830... Not at all...**
 - The apostles taught the Pre-Trib Rapture.
 - Pre-Trib was found in the epistle of Barnabas AD 100 (ancient manuscripts – not the Bible)
 - In AD 306-373 – manuscripts from Ephraem a major theologian
 - Loads of other letters & commentaries: 1687, 1738, 1748, 1763, 1792, 1816, 1830
- The church is mentioned (Romans to Rev), 19 time in Rev 2 & 3 – but not once after that - tribulation
Luke 21:36
“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man”
- Isaiah tells the End Times events 740BC – the full end times story... Isaiah 26:17-21

c) The Purpose of the Rapture...

- **A day of Hope** – we miss the terrible war, pestilence, famine and bloodshed Lk 21:36
- **A living hope** – resurrection from the dead – Jesus will be revealed to the world 1 Pet 1:3, 13
- **Blessed hope** – We’re encouraged to live right Titus 2:11-14
- **Glory will be revealed** in a groaning world, new bodies Rom 8:22-24 NLT
- **A day of Healing** – (dead will rise, we shall be changed) 1 Cor 15:52
- **A day of instant Holiness** – we will be perfected in a blink of an eye Phil 1:6
- **A day of unparalleled Happiness**, Reunited with our family and loved ones,
- **A day of Seeing Jesus** – Living with him forever – Our Wedding Day! 1 Thess 4:13-18

3) The church is the Bride of Christ

a) We are the Bride of Christ

- We are the Bride, loved by the bridegroom – Jesus Christ. Rom 7:4
- Abraham sent his servant to find a wife (Rebecca) for His son - Isaac, just like God sent the Holy Spirit to call us to Christ
- Husbands love your wives, as Christ loves you - speaks concerning Jesus / church Eph 5:5:25-32

4) Marriage Feast of the Lamb

Rev 19:6-8

- We are partakers of the rewards of the seven "**overcomers**" in Revelation
 - Eat of the tree of Life in paradise Rev 2:7
 - Will not be hurt by the second death – Final Judgement Day Rev 2:11, Rev 20:11-15
 - Eat manna, & be justified (white stone), new name given to us Rev 2:17
 - Power over the nations, rule and reign of the nations Rev 2:26
 - Our names will not be blotted out Book of Life, Jesus will personally name us to the Father and angels, and new garments/robes Rev 3:4-5
 - **Exempt from the tribulation (hour of trial)**, my new name written on me. **Rev 3:10-12**
 - **We get to rule and reign with Him – Jesus & Sit with Christ on His throne** **Rev 3:21**

5) Resurrected Bodies

- Jesus received resurrected bodies, and we expect one too Phil 3:20-21, 1 Cor 15:51-53
- Scripture teaches:
 - You can touch the resurrected body – *Jesus touch me* Luke 24:39
 - You can eat – *they gave Jesus boiled fish and honeycomb* Luke 24:42-43
 - Travel miles instantly
 - Walk through walls and doors John 20:26
 - Defy gravity, move between heaven and earth Luke 24:51
 - We will not have death, disease or decay (incorruptible) 1 Cor 15:51-53
 - Transfiguration - recognise people – *They recognised prophets Moses & Elijah instantly* Matt 17:3
 - Children that died early, mostly likely would be at the age they died. Is 12, Is 65
 - There will be a glow on us (shine, radiance, brilliance) Ex 34:29, Matt 13:43, Dan 12:3
 - Our bodies are literal, physical, touchable, identifiable and supernatural 1 Cor 15:44-45
- Royal Wedding Song for aa bride - *written by Korah* PS 45:10-15

6) Conclusion

- Jesus came to earth that **first** Christmas, he come as baby to touch earth
 - Location:** *Bethlehem, on earth*
 - Purpose:** *Serve and save, provide Salvation, pay dowery betrothal*
 - Comes as:** **Lamb of God**
- Jesus is coming back a **second time** Jer 31:3, Jhn 14:13, Eph 5:25
 - Location:** *Clouds*
 - Purpose:** *the Lover of our souls, to take us back to be with him*
 - Comes as:** **Bridegroom**
- Jesus will come back a **third time** Rev 19:16, Rev 5:5, Rev 20:6
 - Location:** *Mt Olives, Jerusalem, on earth*
 - Purpose:** *Establish His earthly Kingdom, To rule & reign,*
 - Comes as:** *Warrior, Lion of the tribe of Judah, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords*
 - **First Time:** *He leaves us, to prepare a place for us*
 - **Second Time:** *He takes us to His Father's House - wedding*
 - **Third Time:** *We come with Him, to rule & reign*