

YOU NEED TO KNOW
BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ALL ABOUT THE FUTURE THINGS – PART 2B
Knowing what you believe and why you believe it.

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Introduction to **the Doctrine of Eschatology**, (the study of what the Bible says about the future).

The God of the Bible is the only God. That is, He alone has communicated to us who He is, what He is like and what He knows. It is very clear in the Bible - That God knows you and every hair on your head, that God knows your thoughts before you think them, and He knows the future in advance. There is nothing that He doesn't know.

Isaiah 42:9

Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Isaiah 45:21-22

Declare what is to be, present it — let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and Savior; there is none but me. **22** "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.

The doctrine of Eschatology, the study of what the Bible says about the future - - is a doctrine that **reveals** the Majesty of God, the omniscience of God, **and the glory** of God. Bible prophecy acts like an **infusion** of spiritual vitamins into our very soul – It's exciting and comforting **all** at the same **time!**

1.) Why is it important - for us to know the future?

The church on earth has an **expiration date** on it.

The church had its birthday, on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down, and the church on earth will have its conclusion. When the Holy Spirit is done with the church, He will send the church on up to Jesus.

Jesus said in Matthew 25 – that it was going to be like a Midnight Cry.

2.) What is it - The Second Coming of Christ?

2a.) It is a two stage event

By Illustration – We Remember the Image of Our Umbrella and How it's Labeled

“The Second Coming” on its Canopy.

On one side – the rapture related events,

One the other side – the return of Christ related events,

(a period of no less than 7 years must separate these two stages of His Coming).

2b.) Stage One - The Rapture of the Church

At “Stage One” - The Rapture of the Church Occurs

The Earthly Prophecies of the Church will be complete.

The first aspect, or phase, or stage, is that
of the Rapture of the Church to Heaven.

Its Commencement Begins Without Warning...

Matthew 24:36-39

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

Worthy to escape ALL these things

Luke 21:34-36

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape ALL that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

What does “Worthy” to escape ALL these things Look Like?

Revelation 3:7-8, 10

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 8 “I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; because you have a little strength, and you have kept My word, and have not denied My name, - 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.

Watching for John Walvoord's Sports Car

Imagine for a moment that I'm going to tell you about something that has various aspects and facets to the general story. (1) The story is about a big yellow school bus that will come down

the highway. You will begin to recognize it as a small little dot on the horizon. (2) But before that bus pulls up, I am going to come first and pick you up in my little red sports car. So look around all you want to see if you can see indications of a big yellow school bus coming because the larger it gets then the sooner I'll be there in my little red sports car...

@ Stage One – The Rapture of the Church

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

Attention Christian, The Details of Heaven are made known to John, to us, and to the church.

Revelation 1:17-19

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which (1) you have seen, and (2) the things which are, and (3) the things which will take place after this.

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

Revelation 4:1-8

After these things (What things? – the church things – after the church is done on earth) I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." 2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

Revelation 5:6-10

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 Then He (Jesus Christ) came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him (God the Father) who sat on the throne. 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

The Judgment Seat of Christ:

The Bema Seat

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 11:18b

And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great,

1 Corinthians 3:14

If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

Romans 14:10b-12

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Were we faithful to what He asked of us?

Did we obey Him when we had the chance to?

Did we resist temptation and triumph in righteousness?

Did we truly love Him by our actions?

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

The Casting of the Crowns:

Reward Celebration

Revelation 4:4

Around The Throne were twenty-four thrones, and on those thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had **crowns of gold** on their heads. (*Where did the crowns come from?*)

Revelation 4:10a

the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne,

Revelation 22:12

"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My **reward** is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

The Heavenly Prophecies of the Church Begin

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb:

The Reception

This Takes Place – In Heaven.

Revelation 19:6-9

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are **called** (kaleo = surname, by name) **to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**'"

Isaiah 26:19-21a

Your dead shall live; Together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. **20** Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. **21** For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity;

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<

End of Study

END TIME EVENTS COMPARISON

THE RAPTURE

Translation of all believers
Believers kept from the wrath
Believers enter into heaven
It's a joyous event
Earth is not judged
Sign-less, imminent, momentary
Not in the Old Testament
Affects only the believers

THE SECOND COMING

No translation at all
The world suffers the wrath
Believers exit out of heaven
It's a terrifying event
Earth is judged
Must follow predictive prophecies
Throughout the Old Testament
Affects all unbelievers

END TIME EVENTS COMPARISON

THE RAPTURE

Before the day of wrath
Atmospheric appearing only
No reference to Satan
Jesus comes for His bride
Only believers see Him
The tribulation period begins
No judgment of the nations
No reference to the millennium

THE SECOND COMING

Concludes at the day of wrath
Universal terrestrial arrival
Satan is bound
Jesus returns with His bride
Every eye shall see Him
The tribulation period ends
Judgment of the nations
The millennium begins

THE RAPTURE EVENT

BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE RAPTURE

JOHN 14:1-3

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ROMANS 8:19

1 CORINTHIANS 1:7-8

1 CORINTHIANS 16:22

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21

COLOSSIANS 3:4

1 THESSALONIANS 1:10

1 THESSALONIANS 2:19

1 THESSALONIANS 3:13

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-3

1 TIMOTHY 6:14

2 TIMOTHY 4:1

TITUS 2:13

HEBREWS 9:28

JAMES 5:7-9

1 PETER 1:7,13

1 JOHN 2:28-3:2

JUDE 21

REVELATION 2:25

REVELATION 3:10

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

THE PHYSICAL RETURN OF CHRIST

BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND COMING

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DANIEL 12:1-3

ZECHARIAH 12:10

MATTHEW 13:41

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MATTHEW 26:64

MARK 13:14-27

MARK 14:62

LUKE 21:25-28

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REVELATION 19:11-20:6

REVELATION 22:7,12,20