

CLASS NOTE – 5-14-2020

INTRODUCTION

1. APPRECIATION: TUNING IN ON
 2. MANY CONVERGENCES HAPPENING: “ALL AT ONCE”
 - A. THEIR RAPIDITY
 - B. THEIR ABILITY TO INCREASE EXPONENTIALLY.
 - C. THEIR ABILITY TO CLOUD-THE-REAL-ISSUES.
 - D. THEIR ABILITY TO DISCOURAGE THE BELIEVER.
 3. A FRIEND’S EMAIL: “EVIL MOVES QUICKLY, WHILE JUSTICE SEEMS TO TAKE FOREVER.”
 - A. I HAVE BEEN GUILTY OF DETERMINING THE FUTURE BY LOOKING AT THE PAST.
 - B. FOR EXAMPLE, WE GET INTO A MIND-SET THAT THIS TAKES A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO HAPPEN.
 - a) GOVERNMENT BEAUCRACY: THE WHEELS OF GOVERNMENT MOVES SLOWLY.
 - b) WE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO SITUATIONS TAKING SO MUCH TIME TO GO FROM POINT A TO PT. B.
 - C. THE CORONA VIRUS HAS CHANGED ALL OF THAT
 - a) WE’VE BEEN THROWN INTO ‘WARP-SPEED’.
 - b) EVENTS MOVING SO FAST WE DON’T HAVE TIME DIGEST OR ASSIMILATE THEM
 - D. WE “MUST” DRIVE A STAKE: “SLOW-DOWN”: FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT’S HAPPENING.
- I. THE PURPOSE OF THE RAPTURE MAY BE SUMMED UP THUS:
- A. TO RECEIVE THE SAINTS TO HIMSELF (JOHN 14:1-3; EPH. 5:27; 2 THESS. 2:1).
 - B. TO RESURRECT THE DEAD “IN CHRIST” FROM AMONG THE WICKED DEAD (1 COR. 15:21-23, 51- 58; 1 THESS. 4:13-17; PHIL. 3:11, 20, 21; REV. 20:4-6).
 - C. TO TAKE THE SAINTS TO HEAVEN WHERE THEY WILL RECEIVE JUDGMENT FOR WORKS DONE IN THE BODY, RECEIVE THEIR REWARDS, AND PARTAKE OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER (JOHN 14:1-3; COL. 3:4; 1 THESS. 3:13; 2 COR. 5:10; REV. 19: 1-11).
 - D. TO CHANGE THE BODIES OF SAINTS FROM MORTALITY TO IMMORTALITY (1 COR. 15:21-23, 51-58; PHIL. 3:20, 21; 2 COR. 5:1-8).
 - E. TO PRESENT THE SAINTS BEFORE GOD THE FATHER TO BE FOREVER WITH HIM (1 THESS. 3:13, 4:13-17; EPH. 5:27; 2 THESS. 2:1; JOHN 14:1-3).
 - F. TO MAKE THE SAINTS “WHOLE IN BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT” (2 THESS. 3:13, 5:23). THE GREEK WORD TRANSLATED “UNTO” IN 1 THESS. 5:23 SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED “AT” TO MAKE THE PASSAGE CLEAR, IN THE SAME WAY IT IS TRANSLATED IN 1 THESS. 2:19, 3:13.
 - G. TO RECEIVE THE FRUIT OF THE EARLY AND LATTER RAIN (JAMES 5:7).
 - H. TO CAUSE THE SAINTS TO ESCAPE THE TRIBULATION AND “ALL THESE THINGS,” AND STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN (LUKE 21:34-36; 2 THESS. 2:7, 8; REV. 4:1; 2 THESS. 5:9).
 - I. TO REMOVE THE HINDERER OF LAWLESSNESS (2 THESS. 2:1-8).
 - J. TO PERMIT THE REVELATION OF THE ANTICHRIST (2 THESS. 2:1-8).
- II. QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE RAPTURE
- A. BE “CHRIST’S” (1 COR. 15:23; GAL. 5:24).
 - B. BE “IN CHRIST” (1 THESS. 4:16, 17; 2 COR. 5:17).
 - C. BE “BLESSED AND HOLY” (REV. 20:4-6; HEB. 12:14).
 - D. “HAVE DONE GOOD” (JOHN 5:28, 29).

- E. BE IN *"THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE"* (JOHN 14:1-6).
- F. BE *"WORTHY"* (LUKE 21:34-36).
- G. BE *"READY"* (MATT. 25:10).
- H. BE *"LOOKING"* (PHIL. 3:20)
- I. BE IN *'THE CHURCH'* OR *"BODY OF CHRIST"* (EPH. 5:27; 1 COR. 12:13). (THE BODY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH ARE THE SAME -- EPH. 1:22, 23; COL. 1:18, 24).
- J. PURIFY *'HIMSELF, EVEN AS HE IS PURE'* (1 JOHN 1:7; 3:2; 2 COR. 7:1; GAL. 5:16-26; HEB. 12:14).
- K. BE WITHOUT *"SPOT OR WRINKLE. . .AND WITHOUT BLEMISH"* (EPH. 5:27).

III. RAPTURE SCRIPTURES

THE *ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION BIBLE* AND THE *KING JAMES VERSION* ARE USED

GENESIS 5:24 – AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD: AND HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD TOOK HIM.

2 KINGS 2:11 – BEHOLD, THERE APPEARED A CHARIOT OF FIRE, AND HORSES OF FIRE, AND PARTED THEM BOTH ASUNDER; AND ELIJAH WENT UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN.

PSALM 49:15 – BUT GOD WILL REDEEM MY SOUL FROM THE POWER OF THE GRAVE: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE ME.

- * **DANIEL 9:24-27 – SEVENTY WEEKS ARE DETERMINED UPON THY PEOPLE AND UPON THY HOLY CITY, TO FINISH THE TRANSGRESSION, AND TO MAKE AN END OF SINS, AND TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR INIQUITY, AND TO BRING IN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND TO SEAL UP THE VISION AND PROPHECY, AND TO ANOINT THE MOST HOLY (READ MORE. . .)**
- * **DANIEL 12:1-2 – AT THAT TIME SHALL ARISE MICHAEL, THE GREAT PRINCE WHO HAS CHARGE OF OUR PEOPLE. AND THERE SHALL BE A TIME OF TROUBLE, SUCH AS NEVER HAS BEEN SINCE THERE WAS A NATION TILL THAT TIME. BUT AT THAT TIME YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE DELIVERED, EVERYONE WHOSE NAME SHALL BE FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. AND MANY OF THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH SHALL AWAKE, SOME TO EVERLASTING LIFE, AND SOME TO SHAME AND EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.**
- * **DANIEL 12:7 – AND I HEARD THE MAN CLOTHED IN LINEN, WHO WAS ABOVE THE WATERS OF THE STREAM; HE RAISED HIS RIGHT HAND AND HIS LEFT HAND TOWARD HEAVEN AND SWORE BY HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER THAT IT WOULD BE FOR A TIME, TIMES, AND HALF A TIME, AND THAT WHEN THE SHATTERING OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY PEOPLE COMES TO AN END ALL THESE THINGS WOULD BE FINISHED.**
- * **ZEPH. 2:1-3 – GATHER TOGETHER, YES, GATHER, O SHAMELESS NATION, BEFORE THE DECREE TAKES EFFECT – BEFORE THE DAY PASSES AWAY LIKE CHAFF – BEFORE THERE COMES UPON YOU THE BURNING ANGER OF THE LORD, BEFORE THERE COMES UPON YOU THE DAY OF THE ANGER OF THE LORD. SEEK THE LORD, ALL YOU HUMBLE OF THE LAND, WHO DO HIS JUST COMMANDS; SEEK RIGHTEOUSNESS; SEEK HUMILITY; PERHAPS YOU MAY BE HIDDEN ON THE DAY OF THE ANGER OF THE LORD.**

- * **MATT. 13:43 – THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- * **MATT. 25:10 (PARABLE OF THE 10 VIRGINS -- AND WHILE THEY WENT TO BUY, THE BRIDEGROOM CAME, AND THEY THAT WERE READY WENT IN WITH HIM TO THE MARIAGE: AND THE DOOR WAS SHUT.**
- * **MATT. 25:19 – AND AFTER A LONG TIME THE LORD OF THOSE SERVANTS COMETH, AND RECKONETH WITH THEM.**
- * **MATT. 13:9 – AND THE ENEMY WHO SOWED THEM IS THE DEVIL. THE HARVEST IS THE CLOSE OF THE AGE, AND THE REAPERS ARE ANGELS.**
- * **MARK 13:24-27 – BUT IN THOSE DAYS, AFTER THAT TRIBULATION, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING FROM HEAVEN, AND THE POWERS IN THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN. AND THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS WITH GREAT POWER AND GLORY. AND THEN HE WILL SEND OUT THE ANGELS AND GATHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO THE ENDS OF HEAVEN.**
- * **MARK 13:32 – BUT CONCERNING THAT DAY OR THAT HOUR, NO ONE KNOWS, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN, NOR THE SON, BUT ONLY THE FATHER. BE ON GUARD, KEEP AWAKE. FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIME WILL COME. IT IS LIKE A MAN GOING ON A JOURNEY, WHEN HE LEAVES HOME AND PUTS HIS SERVANTS IN CHARGE, EACH WITH HIS WORK, AND COMMANDS THE DOORKEEPER TO STAY AWAKE. THEREFORE STAY AWAKE – FOR YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE WILL COME, IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT, OR WHEN THE ROOSTER CROWS, OR IN THE MORNING – LEST HE COME SUDDENLY AND FIND YOU ASLEEP.**
- * **MARK 14:62 – AND JESUS SAID, “I AM, AND YOU WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, AND COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN.”**
- * **LUKE 12:40 – YOU ALSO MUST BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT.**
- * **LUKE 17:34-37 – I TELL YOU, IN THAT NIGHT THERE WILL BE TWO IN ONE BED. ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. THERE WILL BE TWO WOMEN GRINDING TOGETHER. ONE WILL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. AND THEY SAID TO HIM, “WHERE, LORD?” HE SAID TO THEM, “WHERE THE CORPSE IS, THERE THE VULTURES WILL GATHER.”**
- * **LUKE 18:18 – I TELL YOU THAT HE WILL AVENGE THEM SPEEDILY. NEVERTHELESS WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMETH, SHALL HE FIND FAITH ON EARTH?**
- * **LUKE 20:36 – NEITHER CAN THEY DIE ANY MORE, FOR THEY ARE EQUAL UNTO THE ANGELS; AND ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, BEING THE CHILDREN OF THE RESURRECTION.**
- * **LUKE 21:16 – YOU WILL BE DELIVERED UP BY PARENTS AND BROTHERS AND RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AND SOME OF YOU THEY WILL PUT TO DEATH.**

- * **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.**
- * **LUKE 21:36 – BUT STAY AWAKE AT ALL TIMES, PRAYING THAT YOU MAY HAVE STRENGTH TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN.**
- * **JOHN 5:25 – VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, THE HOUR IS COMING, AND NOW IS, WHEN THE DAD SHALL HEAR THE VOICE OF THE SON OF GOD: AND THEY THAT HEAR SHALL LIVE.**
- * **JOHN 5:28 – MARVEL NOT AT THIS: FOR THE HOUR IS COMING, IN THE WHICH ALL THAT ARE IN THE GRAVES SHALL HEAR HIS VOICE, AND SHALL COME FORTH; THEY THAT HAVE DONE GOOD, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE; AND THEY THAT HAVE DONE EVIL, UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF DAMNATION.**
- * **JOHN 6:40 – AND THIS IS THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, THAT EVERYONE THAT SEETH THE SON, AND BELIEVETH ON HIM, MAY HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE: AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY.**
- * **JOHN 14:2 – IN MY FATHER’S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS. IF IT WERE NOT SO WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU?**
- * **JOHN 14:3 – AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME AGAIN AND WILL TAKE YOU TO MYSELF, THAT WHERE I AM YOU MAY BE ALSO.**
- * **JOHN 17:15 – I DO NOT ASK THAT YOU TAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT YOU KEEP THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE.**
- * **ACTS 24:15 – AND HAVE HOPE TOWARD GOD, WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ALSO ALLOW, THAT THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND THE UNJUST.**
- * **ROMANS 8:17 – AND IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS; HEIRS OF GOD, AND JOINT-HEIRS WITH CHRIST; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER.**
- * **ROMANS 10:9 – BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, YOU WILL BE SAVED.**
- * **1 COR. 15:44 – IT IS SOWN A NATURAL BODY; IT IS RAISED A SPIRITUAL BODY. THERE IS A NATURAL BODY, THERE IS A SPIRITUAL BODY.**
- * **1 COR. 15:49 – AND AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE EARTHY, WE SHALL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY.**
- * **1 COR. 15:52 – IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET. FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED.**

- * 1 COR. 15:51 – *BEHOLD, I SHOW YOU A MYSTERY; WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED.*
- * 2 COR. 3:18 – *BUT WE ALL, WITH OPEN FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE ACHANGED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, EVEN AS BY THE SPIRIT OF LIGHT.*
- * 2 COR. 4:14 – *KNOWING THAT HE WHICH RAISED UP THE LORD JESUS SHALL RAISE UP US ALSO BY JESUS AND SHALL PRESENT US WITH YOU.*
- * 2 COR. 5:21 – *BEHOLD, I SHOW YOU A MYSTERY; WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED.*
- * PHIL.3:20 – *FOR OUR CONVERSATION IS IN HEAVEN; FROM HENCE WE ALSO LOOK FOR THE SAVIOUR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.*
- * PHIL.3:21 – *WHO SHALL CHANGE OUR VILE BODY, THAT IT MAY BE FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY. . . .*
- * PHIL.3:20 – *FOR OUR CONVERSATION IS IN HEAVEN; FROM HENCE WE ALSO LOOK FOR THE SAVIOUR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.*
- * COL. 3:4 – *WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, SHALL APPEAR, THEN SHALL YE ALSO APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY.*
- * 1 THESS. 1:10 – *AND TO WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM HEAVEN, WHOM HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, JESUS WHO DELIVERS US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.*
- * 1 THESS. 4:16 – *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.*
- * 1 THESS. 4:17 – *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.*
- * 1 THESS. 5:2 – *FOR YOU YOURSELVES ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.*
- * 1 THESS. 5:3 – *WHILE PEOPLE ARE SAYING, “THERE IS PEACE AND SECURITY,” THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION WILL COME UPON THEM AS LABOR PAINS COME UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN, AND THEY WILL NOT ESCAPE.*
- * 1 THESS. 5:9 – *FOR GOD HAS NOT DESTINED US FOR WRATH, BUT TO OBTAIN SALVATION THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.*
- * 1 THESS. 4:16 – *FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A CRY OF COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF AN ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET OF GOD. AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST.*

- * **1 THESS. 4:17 – THEN WE WHO ARE ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT, WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, AND SO WE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.**
- * **2 THESS. 2:3 – LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU BY ANY MEANS: FOR THAT DAY SHALL NOT COME, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST, (DEPARTURE) AND THAT MAN OF SIN BE REVEALED.**
- * **2 TIM. 1:10 – BUT IS NOW MADE MANIFEST BY THE APPEARING OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, WHO HAS ABOLISHED DEATH, AND HAS BROUGHT LIFE AND IMMORTALITY TO LIGHT THROUGH THE GOSPEL.**
- * **TITUS 2:13 – LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**
- * **1 PETER 1:7 – THAT THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH, BEING MUCH MORE PRECIOUS THAN OF GOLD THAT PERISHETH, THOUGH IT BE TRIED WITH FIRE, MIGHT BE FOUND UNTO PRAISES AND HONOR AND GLORY AT THE APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST.**
- * **2 PETER 1:4 – WHEREBY ARE GIVEN UNTO US EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES: THAT BY THESE YOU MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD THROUGH LUST.**
- * **I JOHN 3:2 -- BELOVED, NOW ARE WE THE SONS OF GOD, AND IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE BUT WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.**
- * **REV. 3:10 – BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD ABOUT PATIENT ENDURANCE, I WILL KEEP YOU FROM THE HOUR OF TRIAL THAT IS COMING ON THE WHOLE WORLD, TO TRY THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH.**
- * **REV. 4:1 – AFTER THESE THINGS 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 WILL SHOW YOU THINGS WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE AFTER THIS.”**