

This Is Judgment - Revelation 9

Revelation 8:1-13

A. The Seventh Seal opened - Silence followed by Seven Angels (Revelation 8:1-2)

B. Another Angel - The Golden Censer (Revelation 8:3-5)

C. 7 Angels Blow their trumpets (Revelation 8:6-9)

- 1. The First Angel with a Trumpet - Hail and Fire (Revelation 8:6-7)**
- 2. The Second Angel with a Trumpet - Burning like a Mountain (Revelation 8:8-9)**
- 3. The Third Angel with a Trumpet - Bitter Water (Revelation 8:10-11)**
- 4. The Forth Angel with a Trumpet - The sun, moon and stars smitten (Revelation 8:12)**
 - **The bold Warning of the angel (Revelation 8:13)**

Revelation 9:1-21

5. The Fifth Angel with a Trumpet

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit(**abyss - deep bottomless pit**); and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

a. Unnatural Locust

3 And there came out of the smoke locusts(**locust**) upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions(**serpo = peirce**) of the earth have power.

4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree;

b. The Seal of God

4b but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Revelation 7:2-4

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, **having HIS FATHER'S NAME written in their foreheads.**

Ezekiel 9:1-2

1 He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

2 And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: **and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar.**

Ezekiel 9:4-11

4 And the LORD said unto him, **Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.**

5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, **Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity:**

6 **Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come NOT NEAR ANY MAN UPON WHOM IS THE MARK;** and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

7 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. **And they went forth, and slew in the city.**

8 And it came to pass, **while they were slaying them,** and I was left, that **I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem?**

9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of **the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great,** and the land is **full of blood,** and the city **full of perverseness(distortion):** for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, **neither will I have pity,** but I will **recompense(apply it)** their way upon their head.

11 And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, **I have done as thou hast commanded me.**

c. Length of time

5 And to them it was given that they should **not kill them,** but that they should be **tormented five months:**

- **The Jewish calendar has 30 days**
- **So 5 months would be 150 days (Link to the flood)**

Genesis 7:17,18; 24

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth **an hundred and fifty days**.

d. Tormented of by scorpions

5b and their torment was as **the torment of a scorpion**, when he striketh a man.

Ezekiel 2:6-7

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and **thou dost dwell among scorpions**: be not afraid of **their words**, nor be dismayed at **their looks**, though they be **A REBELLIOUS(bitterness) HOUSE**.

7 And **thou shalt speak my words unto them**, whether they will hear, or whether they will **forbear(fail)**: for they are **most rebellious**.

This seems to implicate that **the looks along with the behavior** of Israel classifies them as rebellious

e. No Death Allowed

6 And in those days shall **men seek death**, and **shall not find it**; and shall desire to die, and **death shall flee from them**.

Isaiah 2:19-21

19 And **they shall go into the holes** of the rocks, and into **the caves** of the earth, for **fear of the LORD**, and for **the glory of his majesty**, when he ariseth **to shake terribly the earth**.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which **THEY MADE EACH ONE FOR HIMSELF TO WORSHIP**, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To **go into the clefts of the rocks**, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for **fear of the LORD**, and for the glory of his majesty, **when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth**.

f. The Locust Described (Link to the 10 plagues of Egypt)

7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto **horses prepared unto battle**;

Joel 1:4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath **the locust** eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

Joel 2:4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that **the locust** hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my great army which I sent among you.**

Exodus 10:4-6

4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will **I bring the locusts into thy coast:**

5 And they shall **cover the face of the earth**, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall **eat the residue** of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat **every tree** which groweth for you out of the field:

6 And they shall **fill thy houses**, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

7b and on their heads were as it were **crowns like gold**, and their faces were as the **faces of men.**

8 And they had **hair as the hair of women**, and their teeth were as the **teeth of lions.**

Joel 2:7 They shall **run like mighty men**; they shall **climb the wall like men of war**; and they shall **march every one on his ways**, and they shall **not break their ranks:**

9 And they had **breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron**; and the sound of their **wings was as the sound of chariots** of many horses running to battle.

Joel 2:4-6

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and **as horsemen**, so shall they run.

5 Like **the noise of chariots** on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

g. Five months of torture

10 And they had **tails like unto scorpions**, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was **TO HURT MEN FIVE MONTHS.**

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18 And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.

24 And **the waters prevailed** upon the earth **an hundred and fifty days**.

11 And they had a king over them, which is **the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is **Abaddon(a destroying angel)**, but in the Greek tongue hath his name **Apollyon(a destroyer)**.

h. Woe #1

12 ONE WOE IS PAST; AND, BEHOLD, THERE COME TWO WOES MORE HEREAFTER.

Revelation 8:13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, **the third woe** cometh quickly.

Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. **Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!** for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

6. The Sixth Angel with a Trumpet

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar(**altar of Incense**) which is before God,

14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, **Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.**

Genesis 2:14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

a. 4 Angels

15 And **the four angels were loosed**, which were prepared(**to prepare**) for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay(**to kill**) **THE THIRD PART OF MEN**.

b. Army of horsemen

16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were **two hundred thousand(myriad) thousand**: and I heard the number of them.

A myriads(**10,000 in the Greek language**"); two hundred millions, or twenty thousand brigades of ten thousand each)

17 And thus I saw **the horses in the vision**, and them that sat on them, having **breastplates of fire**, and of **jacinth(deep blue stone)**, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the **heads of lions**; and **out of their mouths** issued fire and smoke and **brimstone(sulfur)**.

c. $\frac{1}{3}$ of men were killed

18 By **these three was the third part of men killed**, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

- **One-fourth (25%) of humanity killed under the fourth seal**
- **One-third (33%) under the sixth trumpet,**
- **Adding up to over half the world's population dying during these judgments**

19 For their power is in **their mouth**, and in **their tails**: for their tails were **like unto serpents(snake)**, and had heads, and with them they **do hurt(injure)**.

d. Men still refused to repent

20 And **the rest of the men** which were not killed by these plagues **YET REPENTED NOT** of the works of their hands, that **they should not worship devils**, and **idols** of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21 **NEITHER REPENTED THEY of their MURDERS, nor of their SORCERIES, nor of their FORNICATION, nor of their THEFTS.**

Matthew 24

I. Israel has lost her standing with God

The Temple shall be destroyed (Matthew 24:1-2)

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to **shew him the buildings of the temple.**

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, **that shall not be thrown down.**

II. God's Gift(Jesus Christ) ushers in the Church Age

Disciples want an explanation of His return to save Israel (Matthew 24:3)

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**

- **He answered their questions about the Jews while explaining where they – the Church - would be**
- **Proof is in the disciples question in Acts 1- They desired a Kingdom**
- **Jesus Gives His explanation of the church age**

Acts 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Antichrists (Matthew 24:4-5)

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, **Take heed that no man deceive you.**

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; **and shall deceive many.**

Wars and rumors of wars (Matthew 24:6)

6 And ye shall hear of **wars and rumours of wars**: see that ye **be not troubled**: for all these things **must come to pass**, but **the end is not yet**.

Famines earthquakes pestilence (Matthew 24:7-8)

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: **and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places**.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Hated for Jesus' sake (Matthew 24:9-11)

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake**. (**Jews and Christians alike**)

10 And then shall **many be offended**, and shall **betray one another**, and shall **hate one another**.

11 And many **false prophets shall rise**, and shall deceive many.

Sin abounds love is cold (**abortion and euthanasia**) (Matthew 24:12-14)

12 And because **iniquity shall abound**, the **love of many shall wax cold**.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And **this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations**; and then shall the end come.

Attack on the Jews (Matthew 24:15-24)

The Tribulation (Matthew 24:15)

15 When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-26)

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for **the elect's sake** those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise **false Christs**, and **false prophets**, and shall **shew great signs and wonders**; **insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

To The Church

The Rapture

25 Behold, **I have told you before. (Matthew 24:5-14)**

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 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.**

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

29 **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:

30 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.**

31 And he shall **send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet**, and **they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, **This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.**

God's Words are forever

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, **but my words shall not pass away.**

36 But **of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

The Days of Noah

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

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42 **Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore **be ye also ready**: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 **Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.**

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Schedule of End Times

Acts 1:6-11

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, **Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, **behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;**

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, **why stand ye gazing up into heaven?** this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

I. Church Age (Rev. 1-3)

Church at Ephesus = Church that left their first love

Church at Smyrna = Persecuted church

Church at Pergamos = Liberal Church

Church at Thyatira = Non repentant church

Church at Sardis = Dead Church

Church at Philadelphia = Open door church

Church at Laodicea = lukewarm church

– Jesus Explanation of the church age

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II. Rapture – ending of the church age (Rev. 3&4)

Christ's pre-millennial second coming (by which we mean the pre- tribulation rapture position, or the imminent(**W1828 - impending or near**) return of Christ.

Revelation 4:1

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up hither**, and I will shew thee things which must be **hereafter**.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

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:

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.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Tribulation (Rev. 5-19)

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Last 3 ½ years Great tribulation

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23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

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Marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:11-21)

Judgment Seat of Christ (Rev.) Only rewarded for works done for God

Ro 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?

for we shall all stand before the **judgment seat of Christ**.

2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

Second coming of Christ {Battle of Armageddon} (Rev. 19:11-21)

Devil is bound (Rev. 20:1-3)

Millennium begins 1000 years without sin (Rev 20:4-6)

Devil released for a short season & leads a rebellion (Rev. 20:7-9)

Devil is cast into torment forever (Rev. 20:10)

Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15)

New Heaven & New Earth (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

3 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.

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

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Matthew 24:36-44

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were **eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage**, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

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40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

"SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS"

JEWS RETURNING TO PALESTINE (1948)

JER 32:37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely: (KJV)

MEN RUNNING TO & FRO: & KNOWLEDGE INCREASED:

DAN 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (KJV)

UNEMPLOYMENT:

ZECH 8:10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbour. (KJV)

WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS:

MATT 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (KJV)

NATION AGAINST NATION & EARTHQUAKES:

MATT 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (KJV)

FALSE PREACHERS:

MATT 24:11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

AS IN NOAH'S DAY:

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EATING AND DRINKING:

MATT 24:46-49 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.... But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

GOSPEL PREACHED TO WORLD:

MARK 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

PROMISE OF PEACE:

1TH 5:1-3 1 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.

FALLING AWAY FROM THE FAITH:

1TI 4:1-2 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to Seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE:

1TI 4:2-3 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving them which believe and know the truth.

PERILOUS TIMES:

2TI 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS:

2TI 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

EVIL MEN WAX WORSE:

2TI 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (KJV)

LOVERS OF PLEASURE:

2TI 3:4-5 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

HEAPING UP TREASURES:

JAMES 5:3-6 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

SCOFFERS:

2PET 3:3-4 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

MEN WALKING IN LUST:

JUDE 1:16-18 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

What to learn from our current situation

- I. The end times are here**
- II. We can't stop them so don't try**
- III. We can be excited because these times are proving the Bible to be right**

1. We Believe that the rapture occurs after the Millinium

The church is not mentioned after Revelations chapter 3

The 24 elders have their crowns.

After John is called up into heaven, he sees the 24 elders with their crowns

Rev. 4:4

And round about the throne *were* four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and **they had on their heads crowns of gold.**

We know that Christians will receive their rewards (crowns) at the rapture

2 Tim. 4:8

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

THE ELDERS COULDN'T RECEIVE THEIR CROWNS UNLESS THE RESURRECTION (RAPTURE) HAS TAKEN PLACE.

Holy ones are already with Jesus in heaven (Zech. 14:5, Rev. 19:14)

The armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, follow Jesus out of heaven at His second coming

Rev. 19:14

And the **armies *which were* in heaven followed him** upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen,** white and clean.

Zech. 14:5

And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, ***and all the saints with thee.***

Col. 3:4

When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, **then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

Are these Angels?

These are not angels because

Rev. 19:8

And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen**, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

TELLS US THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS. IN ORDER TO COME OUT OF HEAVEN WE FIRST HAVE TO GO IN, INDICATING A PREVIOUS RAPTURE.

Revelation 20:1-10

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

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.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.