

Revelation: God Is In Control Part 18

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**“What Jesus Had to Say About the Tribulation, the Rapture,
and His Second Coming ” Part 8**

Text: Matthew 23:37-24:44

**Introduction: Contrasting the Rapture and the Second Coming of
Christ**

2 Thessalonians 2:1

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Jude 14-15

The Duration and Purpose of the Great Tribulation Daniel 9:24-27

vv. 24

70 weeks are determined against:

1)

2)

3)

vv. 25

vv. 26

vv.27

The 70th week of Daniel know by many names:

Daniel 9:24-27; 12:1; Jeremiah 30:7; Deuteronomy 4:30

Matthew 24:29; Isaiah 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Zephaniah 1:15

**Amos 5:18, 20; Joel 2:2; Zechariah 1:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:2;
1:10; Revelation 15:1, 7; 14:10, 19; 16:1; 6:16-17; 2:22; 7:14;
14:7**

Background for the Olivet Discourse Matthew 23:37 - 24:3

The three questions were:

1) When

2) What

3) What

Jesus First Addresses Some General Characteristics of the Church

Age 24:4-6

vv. 4-6

Jesus Answers the Third Question First 24:7-8

vv. 7-8

**Jesus Tells of the Events During the First Half of the Great
Tribulation 24:9-14**

vv. 9-14

Revelation 6:9-11; 17:1-6; Zechariah 13:2-6

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7; Revelation 7:1-17

**Jesus Tells of the Events During the Second Half of the Great
Tribulation 24:15-28**

vv. 15-28

“The Elect” - vv. 22 & 24

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-10; Revelation 13:11-15; Daniel 12:11
Micah 2:12-13; Isaiah 34:1-7; 63:1-6; Habakkuk 3:3**

Jesus Addresses the Sign of His Second Coming 24:29-30

vv. 29-30

Luke 21:25-26

Israel Is Re-gathered After Jesus Returns 24:31

vv. 31

The Parable of the Fig Tree 24:32-35

vv. 32-35

“Generation” -

**Key Point: The event that Jesus is referring to is the _____
of _____ erected in the Temple.**

Jesus Addresses the Rapture of the Church 24:36-44

vv. 36-44

Some differences from the Second Coming:

The timing of the Rapture is:

vv. 42

Luke 21:36

Scriptures on the Rapture: Christ's Coming FOR the Saints:

1) Pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things...and to stand before the Son of man (Luke 21:36)

2) In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14:1-3)

3) We shall not all sleep (die physically), but we shall all be changed. In a moment...at the last trumpet...the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we (the living) shall be changed...put on immortality...then...death is swallowed up in victory. (2 Corinthians 15:51-56)

4) Christ loves the church...that He might present it to Himself. Ephesians 5:25-27)

5) From whence (heaven) also we look for...Jesus Christ; Who shall change our vile body. (Philippians 3:11, 20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:1-9)

6) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven...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 (not meet the Lord on earth to establish His Kingdom, rather we go back to heaven with Him) (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2:19; 3:13; 5:9,23)

7) We beseech you...by our gathering together unto Him...until he be taken out of the way. (2 Thessalonians 2:1; 7-8)

8) When Christ...shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:4; 1 John 2:28; 3:2; 1 Peter 5:4)

9) Be patient...unto the coming of the Lord...until you receive the early and the latter rain. (James 5:7-8)

Scriptures on the Second Advent: Christ's Coming WITH the saints:

1) One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages shall serve Him. (Daniel 2:44-45; 7:13-14,18, 27)

2) Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations...His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which...shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west...the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with You. (Zechariah 14:1-5,9,16-21)

3) Immediately after the tribulation, 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. (Matthew 24:29-31)

4) When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations. (Matthew 25:31-46)

5) When the Lord shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels. In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:8)

6) The Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgement upon all...that are ungodly. (Jude 14-15)

7) He comes with clouds; and every eye shall see Him...all kindred of the earth shall wail because of Him...the armies of heaven followed Him upon white horses. (Revelation 1:7; 19:11-21; 20:1-3; Isaiah 63:1-6; Joel 3)

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