

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN AT THE LAST DAY

(1) THE RESURRECTION AT THE LAST DAY

THE BIBLE SAYS:

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-17 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

THE ABOVE SAYS:

JESUS CHRIST DIED AND ROSE AGAIN.

JESUS CHRIST WILL COME BACK WITH THOSE IN HIM WHO HAVE DIED.

JESUS CHRIST WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

JESUS CHRIST WILL COME WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD.

BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST WHO HAVE DIED WILL BE RAISED BODILY.

THESE BELIEVERS AND THE BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST WHO ARE STILL ALIVE WILL BE CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. (THIS IS OFTEN CALLED THE "RAPTURE").

ALL BELIEVERS WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOREVER.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

JOHN 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

JOHN 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS CHRIST WILL BE RAISED "AT THE LAST DAY."

WHOEVER REJECTS JESUS CHRIST AND DOES NOT ACCEPT HIS WORDS WILL BE JUDGED AND CONDEMNED "AT THE LAST DAY."

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

JOHN 5:24,28-29 Whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life...Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out--those who have done good

will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

A TIME IS COMING WHEN EVERYBODY IN THE GRAVES WILL HEAR JESUS CHRIST'S VOICE AND WILL BE RAISED.

BELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED TO LIVE AND UNBELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED TO BE CONDEMNED.

SUMMARY:

JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN WITH THOSE IN HIM WHO HAVE DIED.

JESUS CHRIST WILL COME WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD.

BELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED AND WILL MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR.

UNBELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED TO BE JUDGED AND CONDEMNED.

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE "AT THE LAST DAY."

THIS HAS BEEN FOR THE MOST PART THE HISTORIC TEACHING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

(2) THE LAST TRUMPET

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THE "TRUMPET CALL OF GOD" WILL SOUND WHEN THE SAINTS ARE RAISED AND CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THIS "TRUMPET CALL OF GOD" AT THE RESURRECTION AND CATCHING UP OF THE BELIEVERS IS THE "LAST" TRUMPET.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT THE "LAST TRUMPET" WILL SOUND WHEN HE COMES AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

MATTHEW 24:29-31 But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET AND THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. [NASB].

THE TRUMPET OF GOD SOUNDS WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES TO GATHER HIS ELECT AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

HOW CAN THE "LAST" TRUMPET OF GOD SOUND BEFORE THE TRIBULATION AS SOME TEACH? IT CAN'T.

IN BOTH 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17 AND MATTHEW 24:29-31 THE LORD COMES FROM HEAVEN AND IS IN THE AIR OR SKY, ANGELS ARE PRESENT, THERE IS THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND THE GATHERING AND CATCHING UP OF THE ELECT ("ELECT" SEE 1 PETER 1 AND 2) OR SAINTS FROM THE ENDS OF THE SKY.

(3) THIS PRESENT AGE, THE HARVEST, AND THE AGE TO COME ETERNAL LIFE

JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT THERE IS (1) THIS PRESENT AGE OF PERSECUTIONS AND (2) THE AGE TO COME ETERNAL LIFE.

MARK 10:30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions and in the age to come, eternal life.

LUKE 18:30 will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life.

JESUS CHRIST TAUGHT THAT BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS WILL "BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST" AT "THE END OF THE AGE" WHEN THEY WILL BE SEPARATED INTO THEIR ETERNAL DESTINIES.

MATTHEW 13:30, 36-43 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn....Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field. He answered, The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

MATTHEW 13:47-50 Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

JESUS CHRIST TEACHES THAT BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS WILL "BOTH GROW TOGETHER UNTIL THE HARVEST" AT "THE END OF THE AGE" WHEN THEY WILL BE SEPARATED INTO THEIR ETERNAL DESTINIES.

(4) THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

IT IS "AT THE LAST DAY" "AT THE END OF THE AGE" WHEN "THE DAY OF JUDGMENT" FOR BOTH BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS TAKES PLACE.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

2 PETER 3:7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

1 JOHN 4:17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

JOHN 6:40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

JOHN 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

MATTHEW 12:36-37 But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

LUKE 11:31 The Queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them; for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to Solomon's wisdom, and now one greater than Solomon is here.

MATTHEW 25:31,32,34,41,46 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations [SEE LUKE 24:47] will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats....the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world...he will say to those on his left, Depart from me...they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT THE KINGDOM IS AN ETERNAL KINGDOM PREPARED SINCE THE CREATION OF THE WORLD. (SEE JOHN 14:1-3).

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE A RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS.

ACTS 24:15 I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

(5) THE DAY OF THE LORD AND THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA

THE LAST TRUMPET, THE RESURRECTION OF BELIEVERS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, AND THE RESURRECTION OF ALL UNBELIEVERS TO BE JUDGED AND CONDEMNED WILL TAKE PLACE WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AFTER THE TRIBULATION AT THE END OF THE AGE AT THE LAST DAY.

THIS IS "THE DAY OF THE LORD."

THE BIBLE SAYS:

ISAIAH 13:6-13 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty. Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt. Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame. See, the day of the LORD is coming--a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger--to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it. The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless. I will make man scarcer than pure gold, more rare than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of his burning anger.

ZEPHANIAH 1:14-2:3 The great day of the LORD is near--near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD'S wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth. Gather together, gather together, O shameful nation, before the appointed time arrives and that day sweeps on like chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD comes upon you, before the day of the LORD'S wrath comes upon you. Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD'S anger.

ZECHARIAH 14:1-4 A day of the LORD is coming when your plunder will be divided among you. I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.

MALACHI 4:5-6 See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.

JOEL 2:30-31 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

THE ABOVE PASSAGES SAY THAT:

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE DESTRUCTION.

THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BE CONSUMED ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

THERE WILL BE A SUDDEN END OF THOSE ON THE EARTH ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

SOME WILL BE SHELTERED ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS A DAY OF TRUMPET.

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN.

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS THE DAY OF GOD'S WRATH.

ELIJAH WILL COME BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD.

THE STARS, SUN, AND MOON WILL STOP GIVING LIGHT BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD. THIS WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA.

(6) WHEN WILL THE DAY OF THE LORD TAKE PLACE?

MATTHEW 24:29-30 But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. [NASB].

JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION AND THEN JESUS CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

JOEL 2:30-31 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood **before** the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

NOTICE THE WORD "BEFORE".

JOEL 3:14-15 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine.

JOEL SAYS THAT THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA WILL TAKE PLACE **"BEFORE"** THE DAY OF THE LORD.

IN MATTHEW 24:29 JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

THEREFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME **AFTER** THE TRIBULATION.

THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IS (1) THE TRIBULATION, (2) THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA, AND (3) THE DAY OF THE LORD.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-3 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the

rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME AFTER THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED.

(7) THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS AT THE DAY OF THE LORD

THE BIBLE SAYS:

2 PETER 3:4,7,10-13 Where is this coming he promised?...the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men...the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

THE DAY OF THE LORD COMES AFTER THE TRIBULATION WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES TO JUDGE.

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS WHEN THE HEAVENS AND EARTH ARE DESTROYED AND THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH WILL BEGIN.

THE SAME DAY BELIEVERS ARE GATHERED AND CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR IS THE SAME DAY THE PRESENT HEAVENS AND EARTH ARE DESTROYED.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

LUKE 17:24-30 For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

THE SAME DAY NOAH WENT FROM THE EARTH AND ENTERED THE ARK IS THE SAME DAY THE RAIN CAME AND DESTROYED THE EARTH AND ALL THE WICKED THAT WERE LEFT ON THE EARTH.

THE SAME DAY LOT WENT OUT OF SODOM IS THE SAME DAY SODOM WAS DESTROYED.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS IT WILL BE "JUST LIKE THIS" ON "THE DAY" WHEN HE COMES TO BE REVEALED.

THE SAME DAY BELIEVERS ARE GATHERED AND CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR IS THE SAME DAY WHEN THE PRESENT HEAVENS AND EARTH AND THE WICKED ARE DESTROYED AND THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH WILL BEGIN.

JESUS CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN TO RECEIVE BELIEVERS TO HIMSELF. BELIEVERS WILL LIVE WITH HIM IN THE "FATHER'S HOUSE" IN THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH.

JOHN 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. [KJV].

REVELATION 20:11,12,15-21:5 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it....And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books....If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new! Then he said, Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.

THE ABOVE SAYS THAT WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES TO JUDGE THERE WILL BE A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR CRYING OR PAIN.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-55 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

(8) THE WRATH OF GOD

THE BIBLE SAYS:

MATTHEW 24:29-30 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: 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. [KJV].

ACTS 2:19-20 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IS (1) THE TRIBULATION, (2) THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA, AND (3) THE DAY OF THE LORD WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN.

REVELATION 6:12-17 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?

BY REFERRING TO THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA REVELATION 6:12-17 PLACES GOD'S WRATH AT THE DAY OF THE LORD AFTER THE SIXTH SEAL AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS WARN THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD IS NEAR.

ZEPHANIAH 1:7 Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.

REVELATION 8:1-2,6 When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets....the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

THE SEVEN BOWLS ARE APOCALYPTIC DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WRATH OF GOD ON THE DAY OF THE LORD WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES BACK AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

REVELATION 15:1 I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God's wrath is completed.

(9) THE DAY OF THE LORD IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES LIKE A THIEF TO RESURRECT

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-5:4 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A "THIEF" WITH DESTRUCTION TO UNBELIEVERS "SUDDENLY", BUT IT SHOULD NOT SURPRISE BELIEVERS. BELIEVERS SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF THE LORD AS THE BIBLE SAYS:

2 PETER 3:4,7,10-13 Where is this coming he promised?...the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men...the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

REVELATION 16:14,15,17 ...to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty...Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed...The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IS (1) THE TRIBULATION, (2) THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA, AND (3) THE DAY OF THE LORD (DAY OF GOD).

THE DAY OF THE LORD (DAY OF GOD) IS JESUS CHRIST COMING LIKE A THIEF, THE LAST TRUMPET OF GOD, THE RESURRECTION AND CATCHING UP OF BELIEVERS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, THE DAY OF GOD'S WRATH, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HEAVENS AND EARTH, THE RESURRECTION OF ALL UNBELIEVERS TO CONDEMNATION AND THE DAY OF JUDGMENT. IT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH. GOD WILL MAKE EVERYTHING NEW. THERE WILL BE NO MORE DEATH OR CRYING OR PAIN.

(10) THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD

WHEN DOES THE JUDGMENT OF "THE DEAD" DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 20 TAKE PLACE?

REVELATION 20:11-21:1 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,...

WHEN ARE "THE DEAD", GREAT AND SMALL IN REVELATION 20 JUDGED?

REVELATION 11:15-19 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever. And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding

your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great--and for destroying those who destroy the earth. Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

THE TIME FOR JUDGING "THE DEAD," GREAT AND SMALL, AS DESCRIBED IN REVELATION 20:11-15 IS AT THE SEVENTH TRUMPET WHEN THE WRATH OF GOD HAS COME AT THE DAY OF THE LORD AFTER THE TRIBULATION WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN TO CONSUMMATE EVERYTHING. THE BIBLE SAYS:

1 PETER 4:5,7 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead....The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

REVELATION 11:15-18 SAYS THAT THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES TO REWARD THE PROPHETS AND SAINTS AND CHRISTIANS WHO REVERENCE THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. (SEE JOHN 1:12).

REVELATION 22:12 Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.

THIS DAY OF JUDGMENT OF BOTH UNBELIEVERS AND BELIEVERS IS DESCRIBED IN THE BIBLE AS FOLLOWS:

ROMANS 2:5-10,16 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God will give to each person according to what he has done. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile....This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

ACTS 17:30-31 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.

(11) THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS

THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IS (1) THE TRIBULATION, (2) THE HEAVENLY PHENOMENA, AND (3) THE DAY OF THE LORD.

JESUS CHRIST COMING LIKE A THIEF, THE LAST TRUMPET OF GOD, THE RESURRECTION AND CATCHING UP OF BELIEVERS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, GOD'S WRATH, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE RESURRECTION OF UNBELIEVERS, THE DAY OF JUDGMENT, THE NEW HEAVEN AND NEW EARTH, AND THE END OF PAIN AND DEATH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF THE AGE AT THE LAST DAY AT THE DAY OF THE LORD WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN.

THE BIBLE SAYS JESUS CHRIST "MUST REMAIN IN HEAVEN UNTIL" THIS TIME OF RESTORATION.

ACTS 3:21 He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

MATTHEW 19:28,29 Jesus said to them, I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel....and will inherit eternal life.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-17, 5:2 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever....you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:4-10 Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

ISAIAH 66:15-16 See, the LORD is coming with fire, and his chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For with fire and with his sword the LORD will execute judgment upon all men, and many will be those slain by the LORD.

THE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE IN THE TRIBULATION UNTIL JESUS CHRIST COMES FROM HEAVEN IN FIRE TO GIVE HER "RELIEF" AT THE DAY OF THE LORD. JESUS CHRIST WILL PUNISH AND JUDGE THE UNBELIEVERS WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION.

(12) TRIBULATION

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT BELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED AND CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR AND UNBELIEVERS WILL BE RAISED AND JUDGED AFTER THE TRIBULATION AT THE DAY OF THE LORD AT THE END OF THE AGE AT THE LAST DAY.

YET DESPITE THIS TRUTH SOME PEOPLE HAVE FALSE HOPES OF BEING REMOVED FROM THE EARTH BEFORE THE TRIBULATION.

THE BIBLE SAYS:

REVELATION 7:9,13,14 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands....Then one of the elders asked me, These in white robes--who are they, and where did they come from? I answered, Sir, you know. And he said, These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

MATTHEW 24:9 Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name. [NASB].

MATTHEW 24:29-30,31 But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky,...and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other. [NASB]. (ELECT SEE 1 PETER 1 AND 2)

JOHN 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world. [NASB].

1 THESSALONIANS 1:6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, [NASB].

REVELATION 1:9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. [NASB].

REVELATION 12:17 Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring--those who obey God's commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus. [1 JOHN 3:23-24 SAYS THESE ARE CHRISTIANS].

JOHN 15:20 Remember the words I spoke to you: No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

LUKE 21:21-22,36 let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written....Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.

WHY WOULD JESUS CHRIST TELL HIS DISCIPLES TO PRAY TO "ESCAPE" IF THEY ONLY HAD TO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND THEY WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD?

JESUS CHRIST SAYS BELIEVERS WILL ESCAPE BY FLEEING.

WHY DOES THE APOSTLE JOHN WARN AGAINST ANTICHRIST IF BELIEVERS ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD BEFORE THE ANTICHRIST COMES?

1 JOHN 2:18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. [SEE 1 JOHN 2:22, 4:3, 2 JOHN 1:7].

IN JOHN 17 JESUS CHRIST PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES AND ALL FUTURE CHRISTIANS. JESUS CHRIST PRAYS THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD BUT THAT THEY WOULD BE "PROTECTED" FROM THE EVIL ONE.

JOHN 17:15,20 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one...My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

REVELATION 3:10 IS SIMILAR TO JESUS CHRIST'S PRAYER IN JOHN 17.

REVELATION 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

THE WORD "PROTECT" IN JOHN 17:15 AND THE WORD "KEEP" IN REVELATION 3:10 ARE TRANSLATED FROM THE GREEK WORD "TEREO" WHICH MEANS "PROTECT".

THE WORD "FROM" IN BOTH PASSAGES IS TRANSLATED FROM THE GREEK PREPOSITION "EK" WHICH MEANS "OUT FROM WITHIN".

THE PREPOSITION "EK" IS USED IN REVELATION 7:14 AND MEANS "OUT FROM WITHIN":

REVELATION 7:14 I answered, Sir, you know. And he said, These are they who have come out of ["EK"] the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

REVELATION 3:10 SAYS THAT GOD WILL "PROTECT" BELIEVERS "OUT FROM WITHIN" THE HOUR OF TRIAL.

THE WORD "TRIAL" IN REVELATION 3:10 AND THE WORD "TRY" IN 1 PETER 4:12 ARE TRANSLATED FROM **THE SAME GREEK WORD**.

1 PETER 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: [KJV].

THERE IS NO NEED TO KEEP OR PROTECT SOMEONE IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WORLD BEFORE THE HOUR OF TRIAL.

GODLY PROTECTION DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN PROTECTION FROM PHYSICAL DEATH.

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

LUKE 21:16-19 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life.

LUKE 12:4-5 I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

REVELATION 2:10-11 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death. [NASB].

JESUS CHRIST PROMISES HIS CHURCH THAT HE WILL BE WITH THEM AS THEY MAKE DISCIPLES "TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

(13) REDEMPTION

JESUS CHRIST SAYS:

LUKE 21:25-28 There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES AGAIN AT THE DAY OF THE LORD AT END OF THE AGE AT THE LAST DAY THE FINAL REDEMPTION OF BELIEVERS WILL TAKE PLACE.

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. [NASB].

JOHN 12:48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day.

JOHN 6:39-40,44,54 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day....No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day....Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

1 PETER 1:5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

CHRISTIANS WILL BE KEPT BY GOD TO THE END. THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO SUFFER GOD'S WRATH ON THE DAY OF THE LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

CHRISTIANS ARE FULLY SAVED AT THE DAY OF THE LORD AFTER THE TRIBULATION.

ACTS 2:19-21 I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

HEBREWS 9:28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1 CORINTHIANS 5:5 hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:14 as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 1:10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

WHEN JESUS CHRIST COMES EVERYTHING WILL BE CONSUMMATED AT "THE LAST DAY" AT "THE DAY OF THE LORD".

1 PETER 4:5,7 But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead....The end of all things is near.