

"LOOK FOR HIS COMING"

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ARE WE SURE

WHEN THE

RAPTURE

WILL OCCUR?

"...day and hour knoweth no man..."
Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man,
no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

We clearly understand no man knows the day or the hour. Most people feel it will be before the tribulation, in the midst of the tribulation or close to the end of the tribulation.

WHY THE CONFUSION?

"...the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Old city gates opened outward, therefore when the enemy came and force was put on them the gates were designed not to open inward and must be torn down to break through. We are told that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. To me it is clear that even if the church (true believers or faithful followers) have to go through hell itself Christ will be with us.

"...if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there..."
Psa 139:8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

David tells us that if he makes a bed in hell that the Lord would be there.

"...ye have no need that I write unto you."
"...cometh as a thief in the night." (1Th 5:2)
1 Th 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
1 Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
1 Th 5:3 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.

If we are a ready servant of the Lord and following his commandments we know that he will be with us regardless of what comes on us in the way of persecution.

"...ye, brethren, are not in darkness..."
"...Ye are all the children of light..." (1Th 5:4)
1 Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.
1 Th 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

We are children of light and will have understanding when the children of darkness will not.

"...not an hair of your head perish."
Luke 21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish.

Why are we told not an hair of our head would not perish?

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

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"...The servant is not greater than his lord...."

"...If they have persecuted me,..."

"...they will also persecute you..."

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Note the Lord says we **will** be persecuted. How many people do you know that are persecuted. Could this be because we are not following him? In the 20th chapter of Revelation thrones were given to those who stood the persecution and did not take the mark of the beast, but were beheaded. Persecution has been through the ages. Persecution will purge or weed out those that are weak and not willing to take a stand. Surely the weaker group will prefer not to undergo persecution or to be here when great persecution comes.

Greater loves has no man than he who is willing to lay his life down for another. Christ laid his life down for us. Now are we willing to lay our life down for him? If we are willing to lay our life down for Christ then we are a ready servant regardless of what comes.

Luke 17:1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!

WHEN AND WHAT ?

"...Tell us, **when** shall these things be?..."

"...**what** shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?..."

Mat 24:3 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?

"...**when**..." "...**what**..."

Mark 13:4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

"...**when**..." "...**what**..."

Luke 21:7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?

"...demanded of the Pharisees..."

"...**when**..."

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

When and What: In Mat. 24:3 the disciples ask Jesus two questions (1) **When** shall these things be? (2) **What** shall be the sign of thy coming, and the end of the world? Jesus response was to these two questions. "Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

This tells us when.

"Mat 24:30 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."

Verse 30 tells us "what shall be the sign".

When and what are ask by some of the disciples in Mark 13:4

In Luke 17:20 The question of when only was ask of the Pharisees. In Luke 21:7 when and what were ask.

Look at each of these and see if the coming of the Lord is not after we see all the signs given.

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In Mat. 24 Jesus was ask of the disciples about his coming and the end of the world. Please note that in his answer pronouns are used , if my count is right, 18 times referring to the disciples who were there and had ask the two questions.

WHAT

1 Th 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 Th 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.

No where does the above say when but says what all Christians that I know already believe regardless of whether they hold to the Pre- Mid - Post Tribulation theory. There will be a gathering of the saints.

WHEN

"...man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;..." (2 Th 2:3)

2 Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

2 Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Th 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

It seems to be clear that the man of sin is the beast and he will reveal himself in the temple and stop the daily sacrifice at the beginning of the abomination of desolation or the beginning of the beast's 42 months that he will control the earth.

WHEN

"...at the last trump..."

1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Please look up in the Greek and see if the same Greek word is not used for trump here and trumpets in the 7 trumpets.

The days of Noe and the days of Sodom and Gomorrah are often stated to show the righteous will not be here when in fact the wicked were destroyed the same day the righteous were taken. Specific instance is Lot's wife was close enough to see the destruction on the same day and turned to a pillow of salt. Please do not try to make a scripture fit a preconceived idea or theory.

I have found plenty of **When** scriptures that do not give the day or hour but my problem is finding the **When** scriptures that show a pre-tribulation Rapture. **Please - Please - Please** send them to me. As I said if we preach, teach, believe, and put in our literature even to the home school and Christian schools surely someone out there somewhere can give one scripture that says it. Please do not send supposition or conjectures that only assume a theory. There is no point in sending it if the Bible does not say it. Right!

God was able to send plagues all over Egypt around the Israelites without harming them.

One of the best ways for the world to know who we are to persecute us would be if plagues are all around us but we are not touched. We are clearly told we will be hated of all nations.

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My research indicates the (Pre-Tribulation) Rapture theory generally originated with John Nelson Darby around 1827 in Scotland and later spread through The Plymouth Brethren, Moody, Dallas Theological Seminary, later through Schofield and Tim La Haye. I am not sure if the McDonald girl had her vision before or after Darby. Research it for yourself. Do not take my word for anything. Look for yourself. Check the Bible out on any scriptures. When I set commentaries, books and other material and ideas aside the scriptures started to open up and starting going together.

TO ME FICTION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. IT DOES NOT SHOW RESPECT TO GOD'S WORD. IS IT NECESSARY TO TRANSLATE INTO HUMANISM SO OUR PEOPLE CAN UNDERSTAND IT? IS THIS NOT ADDING TO GOD'S WORD? WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING.

WHAT IF?

Remember this will be a day of great deception. **What if** the majority are wrong? Most say quickly when the tribulation is mentioned "I don't have to worry about that because I will not be here" Usually this is the end of the discussion. Most do not want to compare scriptures or look at even the possibility the word might possibly say something different. As the psychologist say this looks like an escape mechanism for some.

Most feel the last half of the 7 years of tribulation is for the purging of Israel and is a time called Jacob's troubles. Israel then goes into the 1,000 year reign. Israel is purged, Heaven itself is purged of Satan and his angels and later the current Heaven will pass away and there will be a New Heaven. Israel is purged before the 1000 year reign and is also purged at the end when Satan is loosed for a season and he gathers forces to come against the camp of the saints. The Great White Throne is the great purging of all. This earth is purged cleansing it of sin. The current Heaven and Earth where Satan has been will pass away.

This generation of fallen away believers that is committing almost every imaginable sin, and as I see it likes about 20 degrees getting up to lukewarm, will somehow be spared what Christ, the disciples, the early Christians, and the persecuted through the centuries have gone through. Matthew 24 tells us we will be brought up, some killed and we will be hated by all nations. Are our people ready for such persecution.?

REMEMBER PERSECUTION IS NOT THE WRATH OF GOD.

Many say that Christianity has always thrived during persecution probably because we are totally dependent upon God.

Approximately 2/3 to 3/4 of our people believe that we will not enter the tribulation period. **What if** they are wrong? Think about the fact if you thought that you would or even possibly would go into the tribulation period you just might consider trying to get your house in order, pray more, or just get closer to God in general. If you did this and followed the Lord when he comes back he would find you a ready servant if it was before, during or after. If however you dogmatically say without question we will not go through any part of the tribulation and if you did you would find yourself in a bad situation. Remember some evangelists estimate that 75% of professing Christians do not know the Lord. As Matthew 13 indicates in the parable of the sower that those on stony ground, among thorns, or seed that fall by the way side will not prevail. Remember if you are on fertile soil that the other 3 listed are watching and listening to

you then thinking they are alright and do not have to worry because they will not be here. Many do not even bother to study about end times because they see no reason. Perhaps some of those that have not already accepted the Lord may be convicted and turn to Him if our attitude was even maybe or possibly we might have to undergo persecution.

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Why would God give us an estimated 1/5 of His word related one way or the other to end times if we would not be here? As a matter of fact we are given in extreme minute details a lot of occurrences during this period of time. We are even told that we are children of light and not of darkness indicating we would understand. Daniel tells us that in the last days they would be those of understanding and they would instruct many.

As stated above in Amos 3:7 it states that God will do nothing except he reveals his secret to the prophets first.

Satan could have it no better than to have a church of 50 people with 50 different versions of the Bible and none agreeing, with 75% lost telling them all you do not have anything to worry about because you will not be here anyway. When the beast reveals himself they will know it is not him because they are still here and it could not be him.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

When ask by the disciples about his return at the end of this world the first sentence is warning against being deceived. Could the before mentioned be one of these deception. Please note deceive is mentioned 4 times in this chapter and much more implied. In Mark chapter 13 on the same subject it is mentioned twice.

In my opinion we are living in the greatest deception period since Adam.
Why do we not choose the road that keeps us closest to the Lord? Is it because we do not have the faith?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND ME SCRIPTURES SHOWING WHEN AND NOT WHAT TO SUPPORT THE PRE-TRIBULATION THEORY.

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We welcome QUESTIONS. We may not have the answer or the bible may be silent on a particular subject. We are interested in questions that the bible has an answer.

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