

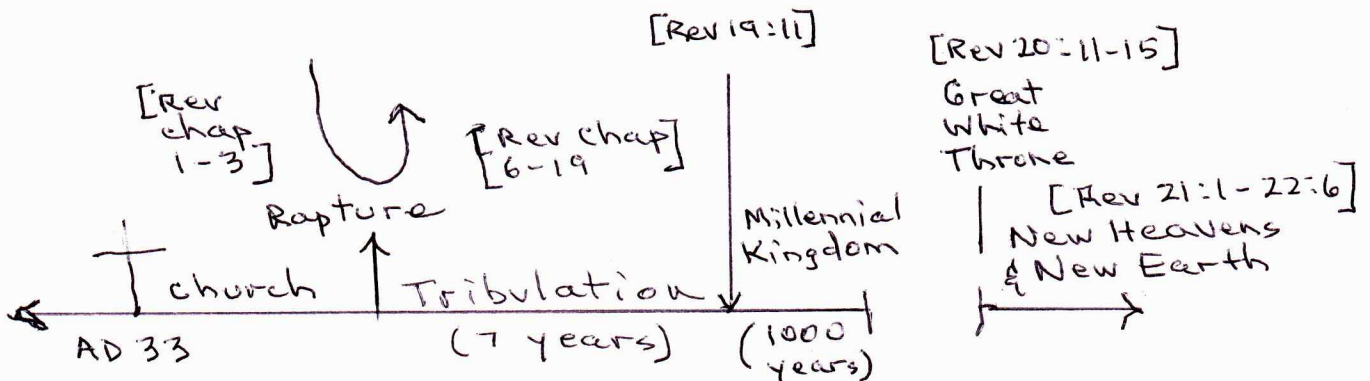
¹ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. ² For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. ³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and 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. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

I. Introduction

- A. Paul wrote letter to church at Thessalonica
- B. Main theme: "Jesus is coming again:"
- C. World events today appear to fit Bible last days/end times prophecies
- D. God tells everyone about His abilities to tell the future
 - 1. Is 46:9-10: God says in beginning of recorded human history that that he says about the end of all things
 - 2. Is 41:22: God shows the beginnings, the present times, & future events
 - 3. Is 44:22: God has set in motion the past, the present, & the future

II. Unprecedented Season

- A. Unique times that fits Bible prophecies of the Day of the Lord
 - 1. Consideration of season (last days as written in Scripture)
 - Mt 24:3-7: Signs of Jesus coming ... wars & rumors of wars, famines & pandemics, and earthquakes in various places, ... end is not yet ... all these are the beginning of sorrows.
 - 2. Coming days of Tribulation (Revelation chapters 6-19)



B. Coming of the Son (of God)

1. Day of the Lord comes suddenly without warning as a thief in the night
2. World population
 - a. Lulled into false sense of security
 - They think "Peace & Safety"
 - Then sudden destruction comes
3. Immanent: Day of the Lord can come at any time
 - a. Mt 24:36-37: Coming of the Son of Man ...
 - No one knows the day or hour of His coming
 - Only God the Father knows the & hour of His coming
 - b. Rapture (snatching away) of Christian church from the earth (1 Thess 4:16-18, 1 Cor 15: 51-53)
 - c. Book of Revelation details 7 year Tribulation period
 - d. Second coming of Christ fits God's prophetic feast days of Feast of Trumpets
 - Original Hebrew name Yom Teru'ah (blast of trumpets)
 - Feast day started with blowing 2 silver trumpets
 - Current Hebrew name Rosh HoShanah
 - Also referred to as Jewish New Year
 - Also called the "10 Days of Awe"
4. Ezek 38:1-9: List of nations coming against Israel in the future
5. 2 Pet 3:3-12: Scoffers in the last days, "Where is the promise of Jesus' coming?" ... They ignorant on purpose of past Genesis worldwide flood ... today's heavens & earth kept in storage reserved for fire ... physical world will be burned up, dissolving with a loud noise & chemical elements melting with fervent heat

III. Unsurprised Believer

A. Not Blind (not of the night)

1. Christians not living in darkness
2. Christians forewarned in the Scriptures
3. Christians wide awake
 - a. Children of the light
 - b. Children of the day
4. Col 1:13: Christian delivered from power of darkness
5. 2 Cor 4:3-4: Satan blinds minds of unbelievers

B. Not Lost

1. Eph 5:8: before person saved, they were lost in darkness
2. Mt 18:11: Son of Man came to save those who were lost
3. Eph 5:11: Reprove (speak against) works of darkness
4. Christian to watch & be sober

IV. Unmovable Church

A. Church is awake

1. Watch

a. Stay awake

b. Watch for future events

- 1948 Israel becomes a nation after 2000 years (Is 66:78-9, Ezek 37:11-12, 14)
- 1962 Global satellite networks around globe (Zech 4:3-6, Rev 11:3, 9)
- 2000 AI (Artificial Intelligence) used in cell phones, search engines, & machine robotics (Rev 13:11, 14-15)
- 2018 Microchips (RFID) now available for humans (credit cards, biometric passports, etc) & animals (Rev 13:16-18)

c. Expect Jesus to come at any time

d. Awake out of sleep (Rom 13:11)

e. Watch & pray (Col 4:2, 1 Pet 4:7)

2. Be sober

a. Have realistic thinking

b. Be in your right mind (clear headed)

c. Not under the influence of

- Alcohol or drugs that cloud the mind
- False philosophies of man (Col 2:8, 1 Tim 6:20)
- False teacher, false prophets, & doctrines of demons (Eph 6:12, 1 Tim 4:1, 7, 2 Pet 2:1)

B. Church is adorned

1. Adorned means wearing clothing

2. Christians are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15)

3. Christian wears spiritual armor (Eph 6:10-18)

a. Breastplate of faith & love

b. Hope of salvation

C. Church is appointed (appointment with God)

1. God appointed Christian to obtain salvation

2. Christian appointed to live together with Jesus

3. Heb 12:2: looking unto Jesus, the author & finisher of Christian's faith

Decision

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