

# The Events Leading Up To The Great Tribulation!

*KJV Matthew 25:13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

Why did Jesus say to **watch**?

**Watching** is paying attention to what's important, it's not getting distracted by trivial things!

**Watching** usually includes **prayer**, praying about the things we see happening in the world, especially as we see **Bible Prophecy** coming to pass!

Paying attention and **praying about the crazy weather, the plagues, the war in The Middle East, the economy etc.**

These are **signs** leading us to **The Rapture, The Second Advent, and The Great Tribulation**, The End of the world, the new heaven and new earth and Jesus setting up His **Eternal Kingdom!**

**What else should God's people be looking for?**

When we know what's coming, we can prepare ourselves for it!

People prepare for all kinds of things, school, work, marriage, career, and retirement and these are all good things to prepare for.

But **all these things will pass away**, but where we spend **eternity** is forever, so shouldn't we **prepare** for that?

Jesus said in **Luke 17:26** The Last Days will be like the days of Noah, people will ignorantly go about their normal lives eating, drinking, and partying until Noah and his family got in The Ark and the flood destroyed them.

It is the responsibility of **the God sent minister** to make sure the flock is **not ignorant** of God's plans for the future!

God has a plan your life, He has a plan for Israel, He has a plan for The Church, the world, and a plan for Satan & his demons.

*ESV Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

### **At The Rapture Jesus comes and takes The Church from the earth.**

*ESV Philippians 3:18 For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.  
19 Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

**If you find a minister who only tells you of your responsibility to him, the church and the denomination and not God's plan for your life, you will be ignorant and unprepared for The Last Days!**

Remember at **The Rapture** the church is **caught up** and meets Jesus in the air, His feet don't touch the earth, this is **not The Second Advent**.

However, at **The Second Advent** Jesus returns **with The Church** and sets up His Kingdom.

The reason people are confused about The Second Advent is because they think **both** The Rapture and The Second Advent are the same, and they're not!

**They are two separate events!**

**At The Rapture** people are translated, they're changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the **Second Advent** they're not!

During The Rapture saints go to heaven, at The Second Advent, the saints come back to earth with Jesus!

At The Rapture there is **no judgement**, and The Second Advent the earth is judged.

The Rapture can happen at any moment, no signs are necessary or are given. The Second Advent begins the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth.

In **Rev 19** Jesus comes riding on a white horse after the defeat of The all His enemies in preparation of The Marriage Supper of The Lamb.

At **The Rapture** we The Church is caught up to meet Jesus in the air and taken away.

*KJV 1 Thessalonians 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:

*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.

### **The Second Advent takes place on earth!**

*KJV Zechariah 14:1* Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

*2* For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

*3* Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

*4* And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

It's **clear** that Jesus' feet will touch the ground during His Second coming!

*Mat 24:42* Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Again the church must be in constant prayer as events unfold!

*Matt 24:44* Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

**The church (The Bride of Christ) must be ready because at any time Jesus can come back for the church!**

*KJV 1 Thessalonians 4:15* 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.*

**The Rapture** is comforting to the church, the **Second Advent** is full of judgment and **The Wrath of God!**

Some say the word Rapture is not in scripture, well it is, it's the Greek word *harpazo* and means **caught up** in The King James version.

It means to be “**seized, caught up, and carried away**”!

The Church of The LORD Jesus Christ is going to be caught up and carried away before **The Wrath of God** comes upon the earth.

Jesus is **not** an abusive husband; He did save us to punish us!

*KJV 1 Thessalonians 1:10* And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Jesus not only saves us from our sins, but the punishment for sins in **the wrath to come!**

*1 Thes 5:9* For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

We don't have an **appointment** with God's wrath, but an appointment at **The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.**

Jesus is coming back to receive His bride The Church that He has beautified by His Word and through His Spirit!

*KJV Ephesians 5:25* Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

*26* That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the *washing of water by the word...*

Everything is **sanctified** by The Word of God and prayer. (1 Tim 4:5)

❖ **Did you catch that prayer teams?**

*Psalm 45:13 The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.*

No one knows the exact **date**, but we are given **signs** and we **must interpret the signs** properly!

**There are things we must look out for that signal His return, so The Church (His Bride) can be prepared.**

Remember **The Children of Issachar** were wise and understood the times and knew what God's people (Israel) should do! (1 Chron 12:32)

**The Times dictate what The Church does, not the media, politicians, entertainers, or our feelings.**

The **first century** church was young, and the times dictated she establish her **ethics** (**right & wrong**) and **ethos** (**character**) in the world.

When the church was being persecuted the times dictated that people die for their faith or hide and share the gospel in secret!

When the church was spreading across the globe the times dictated that men travel great distances to share the Gospel.

**What are these Last Days determining The Church must do?**

**How are you interpreting the signs?**