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THE RAPTURE, THE TRIBULATION, and ARMAGEDDON

At this moment I thought it beneficial for all of us to look directly at the specifics of the great events soon to come upon us all. As a second thought, perhaps you might share this article as possible with those around you who just don't understand or know what is soon to happen.

THE RAPTURE

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. – Mark 13:28-31

“These things happening” in the scripture above are all the various prophecies of events we have talked about and written so much about in the past several years, and specifically in this instance the many things Jesus has mentioned in this chapter in Mark. The fig tree analogy itself not only applies literally but is representative of Israel; its miraculous reappearance as a physical nation in 1948 after being gone for almost 2000 years is the first and greatest fulfillment of the Biblical prophecies I write about. According to the scripture above, some of those alive at the reappearance of Israel in 1948 will still be living on earth when Jesus comes for his believers. That has already been seventy-six years.

Jesus clearly intended for his believers to know the season of his return. It is now. The actual hour or day of course remains a mystery. In previous writings, newsletters, programs, and the book **WAKE UP AMERICA! JESUS IS COMING SOON**, I spoke of many of the giant Biblical prophecies that have been fulfilled in recent years, all since the beginning of the last century. Day by day, year by year, the rate of prophecy fulfillment has escalated. We are living now in many events of the last days, the wars that will continue until the end, the roaring and tossing of the ocean, massive deception, and so much more.

This return to collect the believers, known popularly as the rapture, could occur at any time. Nothing has to happen before that occurs. One key point to keep in mind is that in many scriptures the Bible points out that believers were not appointed to suffer wrath, and wrath is what God pours out on the world during the Tribulation. So it is pretty clear even just from this that the collecting of the believers will occur before the seven year Tribulation, or at the latest very early in those seven years.

Here are the scriptures about believers being protected from the wrath of the Tribulation:

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. – Revelation 3:10
(Jesus' letter to the church at Philadelphia)

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

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Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. – 1 Thessalonians 1:10b

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. – 1 Thessalonians 5:9

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.” – Luke 21:36

Now, the key scripture regarding the rapture itself is 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.

This loud command of the Lord will likely be something such as “Come up here,” for God uses those very words elsewhere in the Bible. Note that the scripture says the dead in Christ rise first and after that we who are still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds. That phrase “after that” indicates there may be a time element between the dead in Christ rising and then the rest of us rising. I looked up the translation of the original Greek, and indeed the translation is after that, or then, so there truly is a time element involved even if just a few seconds. Perhaps during that short time these risen dead in Christ will be going around appearing to various people as those did from the graveyard after Jesus’ crucifixion. Remember in Matthew 27:52-53 how believers came out of their tombs and went into the city and appeared to people? Maybe God will use that to draw even more to Jesus.

When the believers rise and meet the Lord in the air, they get glorious new bodies as described in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 below:

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.

No longer will we be living in bodies that age and decay and get weaker over the years.

THE TRIBULATION

There are two key scriptures nailing down the start of the seven year Tribulation. First consider this one, Daniel 9:27:

He will confirm a covenant with many for one “seven.” In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.”

The “he” referred to here is the antichrist. This covenant which is confirmed, or signed, with the Jewish people is some sort of an agreement signed with Israel, no doubt a peace agreement. We are likely to see this happening soon as the world continues to press Israel to come to such an agreement. That very moment of signing is the beginning of the Tribulation.

Another scripture regarding the start of the seven year Tribulation is 2 Thessalonians 2:3:

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³ 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. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵ Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

The first couple verses here really follow up on the verse from Daniel above and describe what the antichrist does. The later ones talk about the need for whatever is holding the antichrist back to be removed so he may be revealed. That is likely the removal of two things – the body of true believers and the Holy Spirit. For the antichrist to do all he does on the earth, true believers and the Holy Spirit will need to be out of the way; otherwise they would be stopping him. So the rapture surely happens before the antichrist really gets active.

ARMAGEDDON

Now the second coming of Christ is his powerful coming at the end of the seven years at the battle of Armageddon where the forces of the antichrist are arrayed to battle against him. Chapter 19 in Revelation and Chapter 14 in Zechariah describe all this. Jesus comes with all his holy ones – his angels and his believers, but he himself wins the battle with the sword coming from his mouth (the WORD). All the many fighting against him are killed, the antichrist and his assistant the false prophet are thrown into the Lake of Fire, and as described in Chapter 20 in Revelation the devil is locked in a deep pit and we see the establishment of Kingdom rule from Jerusalem (and thus the beginning of the millennium).

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