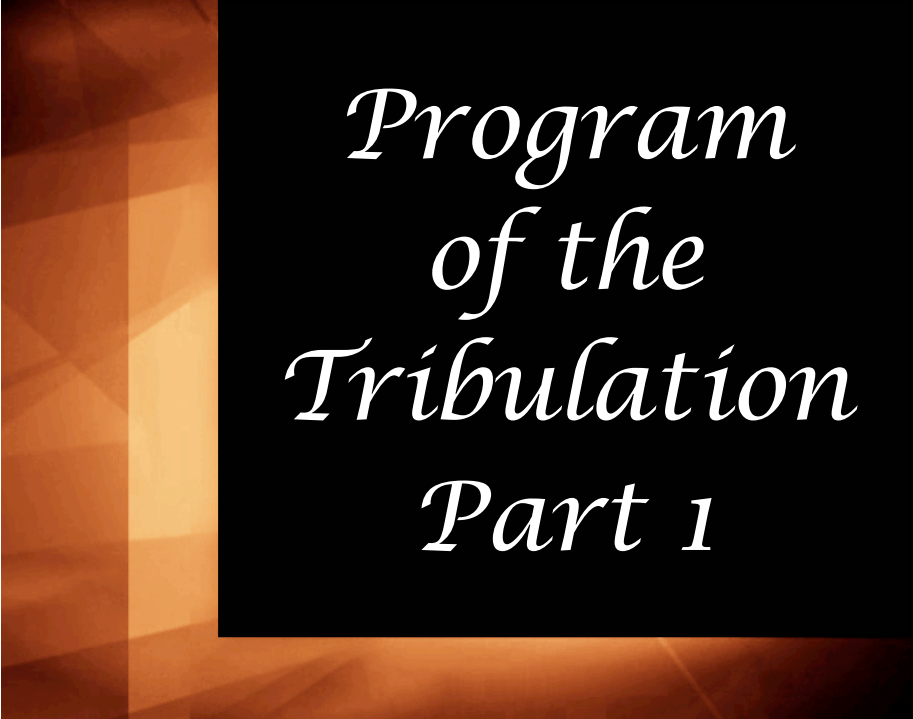


Lesson Two



Program of the Tribulation Part 1

What you do with Jesus determines what Jesus does with you.

While the future for unbelievers will be the terrible time of judgment upon the earth during the Tribulation period, for believers it will be a time of celebrating the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Overview of Lesson Two

I. Future Events for believers

- ▶ *The Rapture*

- ▶ *The Judgment Seat of Christ (rewards/loss)*

- ▶ *The Marriage*

- ▶ *The Marriage Feast*

II. Future Events for unbelievers

- ▶ *The seven year Tribulation period*

- ▶ *Satan, Antichrist, the false church*

Follow Along Outline

The Rapture of the Church - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Jesus Christ will _____.

The Archangel will _____.

The trump of God will _____.

The _____ in Christ will rise first.

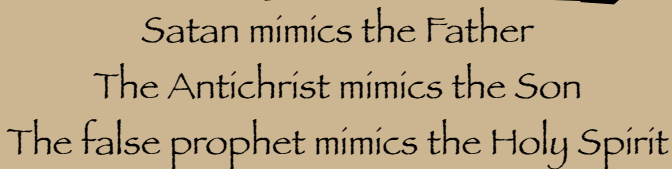
Those still alive will be caught up to meet the Lord in the _____.

Jesus assures His disciples at the Last Supper, "*If I go, I shall come again and receive you unto myself.*" - John 14:1-3

The Rapture of the Church is the next main event on God's calendar of activities.

Reasons for the Tribulation period

- This is going to be a time of _____ of the Jewish people.
 - Two witnesses will _____ the Gospel
 - 144,000 male virgin Jews will come to know Christ and begin to evangelize the world
- It is a time to bring an end to _____ world powers.
- It is a time to bring about the defeat of the satanic "trinity," their final destiny being the Lake of Fire.



Satan mimics the Father
The Antichrist mimics the Son
The false prophet mimics the Holy Spirit

The Church - Saved From or Through the Tribulation

In Revelation 3:10 the "hour of temptation" the believers are kept **from** is to the _____.

The word _____ is used 25 times in the book of Revelation (19 times before chapter 4:1 and 6 times after 19:11). During those 15 chapters describing the Tribulation period, the word is not used.

The word _____ is used 30 times, three times before 4:1, one time after 19:11 and 26 times (86% of the time) in those 15 chapters describing the Tribulation period.

In Daniel's prophecy of 490 years the _____ was not in the first 483 years (69 of 70 weeks), and 9:27 speaks of the 70th week of years without the church in it. All prophecies yet to be fulfilled will take place after the Rapture of the church.



The Judgment Seat of Christ

Immediately after the Rapture, the Church will stand before _____ never to leave His presence again - *I Thessalonians 4:17*

Christ will determine what rewards (crowns) we receive for our deeds done in His power and for His glory. - *II Corinthians 5:10*

We will suffer _____ of reward for those deeds done for self. - *Romans 14:10 & I Corinthians 3:12*

The 24 elders, (symbolic of the _____) casting their crowns before Jesus in worship. - *Revelation 4:10*

Reward	For	Text
Crown Incorruptible	bringing our bodies under subjection	I Corinthians 9:25
Crown of Rejoicing	being a soul winner	I Thessalonians 2:19
Crown of Life	enduring temptation	James 1:12
Crown of Glory	feeding the flock	I Peter 5:1-4
Crown of Righteousness	loving Christ's appearing	II Timothy 4:8

The Wedding of the Lamb and the 3 parts of a Jewish wedding

- The _____ – The fathers of the bride and groom to be meet with them and agree these two families be joined together through their marriage.
 - The groom to be goes to add an addition to his father's house as the couple's first home.
 - The bride goes back home to get her wedding gown ready.
 - The groom must wait until his _____ confirms that indeed he has prepared a place, and tells him to go get his bride.
 - The groom calls his best man to go through the streets on the way to the bride's house shouting, "Here comes the groom!"
- The wedding ceremony takes place before the rabbi and a few select guests as witnesses.
- The seven day wedding feast is then announced by the bride and groom to all their friends.

Compare that to the wedding and the marriage supper of the Lamb

- A prepared place
- The _____ tells the Son, Go get your bride!
- Jesus returns for His bride, the church.
- The gowns of the bride are those _____ acts done in God's power for His glory.
- The marriage supper of the Lamb takes place during the seven year Tribulation.

The First of the Seven Seal Judgments

- The sealed book or scroll is the _____ to creation - *Revelation 5*
- The Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, opens the first seal, and begins the _____ period. - *Revelation 6:1*
- The First Seal is the rider of the White Horse, the first of the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" - this represents the Antichrist.
- The rider had a crown on his head and a _____ in his hand with no arrows. He comes to establish peace for a season
- The "little horn" comes from the Revived Roman Empire, the last of the Gentile world powers. - *Daniel 9:27 & 11:36-45*
- Jews will accept a Gentile as their (false) messiah because God will cause them to believe a lie following their rejection of the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. - *1 Thessalonians 2:8-12*

The "Willful King"

He will exalt himself and magnify himself above every god.
He will lead the wars against Jesus Christ as a military genius.

He will blaspheme God and Jesus Christ.

Daniel 11:36, Revelation 13

The False Church - *Revelation 17*

Whore is used ____ times in this chapter, the word woman ____ times, each referring to an unvirtuous woman - the opposite of a pure bride. These are referring to the false church.

History of Mystery Babylon - Mother of Harlots

After the flood, God told Noah and his family to fill the earth.

Noah's great grandson, Nimrod, violated that command and set up a city, Babel, for all people on the earth. This became his kingdom, in other words a one world government. - Genesis 11

The Tower of Babel was a one world religion, with man trying to reach Heaven. This religion began to worship Nimrod, and his wife Semiramis, and their son, Tamuz. This was the first mother-son cult - the basis for all false religions.

When Ezekiel returns to Jerusalem and the Temple, he sees all kinds of idolatrous portraits on the walls, including a convent of virgins worshipping Tamuz. - Ezekiel 8

Babel later became known as Babylon, and is alive and well today in modern-day Iraq.

This false Babylonian religion moved its headquarters to Pergamus in 539 B.C., where they started to deify the Roman emperors. Their political name was Caesar. Their religious name was Pontifus Maximus, shortened to Pontiff and later to Pope, and they had a convent of virgins.

The woman (the false church) is described in with headquarters in Rome the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation period headed by Antichrist. - Revelation 17:4

The revived Roman empire will rise up and destroy the false church. - Revelation 17:16

CONCLUSION

- In place are Satan, Antichrist and then the false prophet who uses signs, wonders and miracles to deceive the entire world when the Antichrist comes to power. The Antichrist is the fulfillment of this first seal judgment, establishing peace, a false church in the city of Rome and starting everything moving into the Tribulation period. At the same time believers will be celebrating the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- The Rapture of the church is the next main event on God's calendar of activities.
- Prepare your wedding gown with acts of righteousness done in His power, for His glory, and thus be adorned in the beauty of holiness as you stand before your groom (Jesus Christ) when He comes to take His bride (the church) unto Himself.
- How many of the five crowns will you receive at the judgment seat of Christ?
- During the Tribulation period here on earth believers will be celebrating the marriage supper of the Lamb in Heaven. Where will you be?

Think About This!

1. Will the Church - Christians - be on Earth during the Tribulation period?
2. What is decided at the Judgment Seat of Christ?
3. What's one way Jesus' Wedding to the Church and Marriage Supper of the Lamb is like a traditional Jewish wedding.
4. List 2 names, titles, or descriptions of the Antichrist.
5. How is "Mystery Babylon - mother of harlots" connected to the actual city of Babylon?