



Living Waters Ministries

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The Catching Away Of His Church – Called The Rapture!!!

Lk. 12:40 Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

He is coming...

1Thess. 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

It will be a surprise...

Jn. 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

The catching away of the church also includes the resurrection...

1Cor. 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.

This occurrence takes place in a tenth of a mille second...

Those caught away will experience being glorified... receiving a glorified body...

1Jn. 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

We shall take upon ourselves a new appearance... being like Jesus Christ glorified...

Rom. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

This groaning is His creation – humanity which groans for this ultimate glorification...

1Thess. 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:

Those who have already died “in Christ” will be resurrected from the dead... their spirit will be united with their new glorified body...

1Thess. 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.

Notice different from the Second Coming of Christ in Scripture the church meets the Lord in the “Air.”

Lk. 17:34-36 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

The Rapture will occur all over the earth at the same time... night, evening, daytime

Jn. 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself [the catching away of the church to heaven]; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Again, notice here that the Lord is receiving the church unto Himself, so that it should be where He is in heaven, which is different from the Return of Christ on earth.

1Jn. 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

The person who truly understands that Jesus is coming is first saved by His blood and desires of the Holy Spirit within him to wholly make him pure.

1Thess. 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Once we come to the Lord we have need of His keeping power in our lives...*persevered blameless...*

Parable of the Jewish Wedding And The Lamps

Matt. 25:1-13 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps [The lamp represent us, we are the wick and the oil is the Holy Spirit] and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no [extra] oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps [represents our devotion]. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept [the church has fallen into sleep]. And at midnight there was a cry made [This is the Word you are now hearing!], “Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.” Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out [had oil but ran out speaking of their devotion]. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage [the marriage supper of the Lamb]: and the door was shut [The Tribulation period]. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, *open to us*. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, *I know you not* [they had not devotion toward the Lord]. “Watch” therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

In Jewish Culture

The wedding that is represented here is of the Marriage of the Lamb and His church. In the Jewish tradition the fashion of marriage was that the groom came calling... the courting began... the man gave the woman a proposal... and poured a cup of wine. After being read the woman if agreed would answer “Yes!” by drinking the wine. This meant engagement. He then would leave her a bag of money as a down payment toward their new life together. The man would then tell his bride to be he would go with his father and prepare a place for them and once finished would come to catcher away to the marriage and the reception. It would then be needful for the bride to be to express her devotion to the husband to be by each night displaying her burning lamp in the window. This assured him of her faithfulness to him.

Of course the moment would come when the groom sent his messenger out before him with the announcement with a shout that now was the time of the wedding. It was normal for this to be *at any time*. So for the woman to be ready for her groom she would sleep in her gown each night. When the announcement came it was then that she would smooth out the rinkles and this glorious apparel would be transformed in moments a splendor. She was clothed with this glory!

The groom arrived in a twinkle and he snatched she away... *Wow, It is romantic!*

Mk. 13:32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but [only] the Father.

Amazingly only the Father God knows when... but *at such a moment* He shall lean over and speak His Word to His Son and the Son will *appear* to take His own people home...

***The Parable Of The Wedding Feast [These are the times we are now living in!]**

Lk. 14:16-24 Then said he unto him, A certain man [the Lord] made a great supper [marriage supper of the Lamb], and *bade many*: And sent his servant at *supper time* [supper time] to say to them that were bidden, “Come; for all things are *now ready* [it is time]”. And *they all with one consent began to make excuse* [would not take heed to the invitation to come]. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee *have me excused*. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore *I cannot come*. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house *being angry* said to his servant, “Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind”[whosoever will heed His invitation are invited]. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and *yet there is room*. And the lord said unto the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and *compel them to come in, that my house may be filled* [Evangelism].” For I say unto you, “That *none* of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper” [missing the Supper of the Lamb and the Rapture due to rejection].

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

Speaks of the revelation which is received unto to those who are *watching* for His coming. The stirring of the church is as certain as the bride to be who has awakened and is getting herself ready to meet her groom for the wedding. The church is forewarned by the “Cry” “Behold The Bridegroom Cometh”...”Go out to meet Him!”

Matt. 16:3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern *the signs of the times?*

We have the signs of the times as a gauge of what time it is...

The Prophetic Clock Called Israel And The Rapture Of The Church

Mt 24:32-35 Now learn a parable of *the fig tree*[Israel]; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves [the nation of Israel came into being], ye know that *summer is nigh* [harvest is the time of fruit] : So likewise ye, when ye shall *see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors* [the door is the entry point into this world]. Verily I say unto you, *This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled*. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Israel became a nation in 1948 from this time forward -this generation means us!

2Thess. 2:1-4 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by our gathering together unto him*, 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. Notice this is speaking of the Rapture – again our gathering is unto Him...

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*; 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, shewing himself that he is God [Predicted in Daniel – O.T.]

Two things happen here the greatest revival in the history of the world, and a falling away from Christianity – with Judgment in the land. In this first part of this passage the church is taken to heaven – in the second the tribulation period comes, a period of 7 years. The last 3 ½ years the temple is rebuilt on the mount of Jerusalem and the anti-christ claims himself to be God [a counterfeit to Jesus Christ the true Messiah]

Rev. 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation [tribulation], which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

The church is taken out of the way for this judgment...

Rom. 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God

Those who reject the Lord grace...and mercy... the sacrifice He has given at the Cross...through hardness of heart – those who will not repent - are reserved for this time when God will pour out His wrath and fury due to their rejection of His redemption.

Notice: it is a “Revelation of His righteousness to those who have rejected Him! In other words they are going to find out that His righteousness ends in the judgment of all evil doers and sinners. God is Holy and is a just God!

Rev. 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

This is actually the last reference to the church being upon earth due to the Rapture.

Notice the Trumpet...is a voice... that which is said, “Come Up Here.” The quickening of the Spirit take the church to heaven for a time before the second coming when Christ returns upon earth.

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More to come on the last days...Lord willing...? We are in His Last Days...

“Please receive Him as your Lord and Savior.” He is coming...