

The Future and the CHURCH



*“...and we shall reign on the earth.”
Revelation 5:10*

A one-day Prophecy Seminar

Awake to Israel

History • Current Events • Prophecy • Evangelism

...To declare unto you all the counsel of God. Acts 20:27

Saturday 11th March 2017

**Ron Jarlett &
Peter Jackson**

Epping Gospel Chapel

Carlingford Rd and Duntroon Ave

The Future and the Church

Page

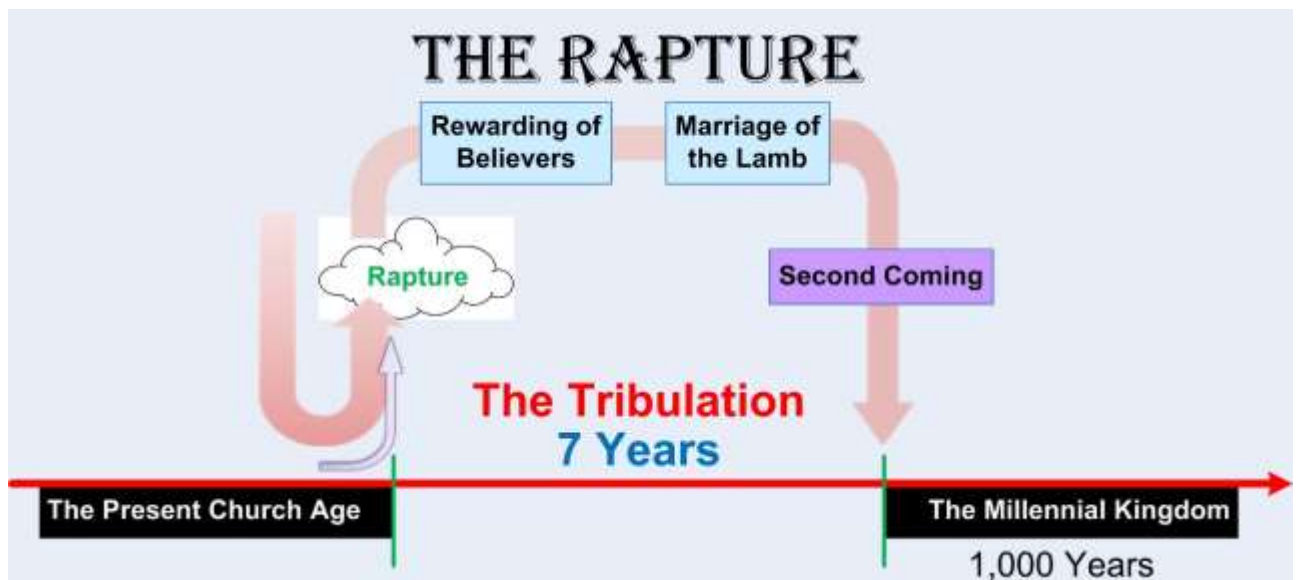
Session 1: 10:00 – 11:00am
 The Rapture of the Church to Heaven 1

Session 2: 11:15am – 12:15pm
 The Review of the Church in Heaven 4

12:15 – 1:00pm Lunch

Session 3: 1:00 – 2:00pm
 The Return of the Church to Earth 9

Session 4: 2:30 – 4:30pm
 The Reign of the Church on Earth 12



Rapture

Review

Reward

Return

Reign

“... and we shall reign on the earth”

Revelation 5:10

The Rapture of the Church to Heaven

1 Thessalonians 4

What is the Rapture?

1 Thessalonians 4:17

“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 Greek word for “caught up” is *Harpazo*;

The Latin word for “caught up” is *Rapturo*;

From the Latin word *Raptuto* we get the English word Rapture.

The Certainty of the Rapture

Revelation 2:25

Christ promised the church of Thyatira that one day he would return.

Revelation 3:10

Christ promised he would keep them out of the Tribulation. Thus he will return to deliver his bride.

James 5:7-9

James said that the Lord was coming to gather his own

“Be patient (waiting steadfastly) therefore, brethren, unto the (until the time of) coming of the Lord....Be ye also patient (steadfastly waiting)....for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (has been progressively drawing near).”

John 14:1-3

The promise of Christ

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

The Reason for the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:14

To give people hope for the future.

The Order and Method of the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:15

To answer the question of what the future for those who have died in Christ

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

The living will join them.

The Result of the Rapture

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

New bodies.

The Timing of the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 5:2

There will be no signs preceding the Rapture.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

Therefore as it is an event that will not be preceded by signs we need to be constantly living as if it could be today.

The Comfort of the Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:18

The Errors of the Rapture

Do not fall into the trap that many have done in the past of trying to identify the date of the Rapture.

William Branham predicted 1977

Edgar C Whisenant wrote a book:

88 Reasons Why The Rapture Could Be in 1988.

Harold Camping – President Family Radio

Predicted 6th September 1994

Then 29th September.

Then 2nd October.

Moved to 31st March 1995.

Again In 2011 he predicted 21st May

On this day 3% would go to heaven.

The end of the world would occur 21st October 2011.

The *Mayan Calendar*

21 December 2012

When Will the Rapture Take Place

Romans 11:25

It is in the hands of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

A Parable of Watchfulness

Mark 13:33-37

The Review of the Church in Heaven

1 Corinthians 3

The Judgment of the Believer's Works and Service at The Bema

Introduction

1. There are five main different judgments in the Bible:
 - a. The Judgment of Sin at the Cross. Rom. 10:4.
 - b. The Judgment of Believers at the Bema. 1Cor. 3.
 - c. The Judgment of Israel at the Second Coming. Ezekiel 20.
 - d. The Judgment of the Living Nations at the Second Coming. Matt. 25.
 - e. The Great White Throne Judgment of all the Dead. Rev. 20.
2. It is important to distinguish these judgments in Scripture.

The Bema

Place-in the air (Heaven)

Subjects-All NT believers

Time-After Rapture

Nature-Bel. Works/Service

Results-Rewards or loss

The Nations

On Earth. Jer.

All Nations

At Second Advent

Christ's Brethren

Sheep/Goats

The Wicked Dead

Great White Throne

All Wicked Dead

After Millennium

Dead Works/Rejecters

All Doomed to Fire

The Judgment Seat of Christ for Believers - 1 Cor. 3; 2 Cor. 5

1. What is the Bema? The Place of Judgment

- a. An elongated dais in Roman cities for hearing judgments and rewarding athletes.
- b. The City of Corinth Illustration. (p.8).

2. Who Will Be There? The Subjects of the Judgment

"..we must all stand..."

- a. The Apostle Paul and all Corinthian believers – Faithful and Unfaithful. 2Cor. 5: 9,10.
- b. Good Works and Useless Works Tested. Carnal and Spiritual believers. 1 Cor. 3: 5-15.
- c. ALL believers standing together. C.f. Eph. 2: 4-6; 1Thess. 4: 17 ‘together’

- d. How did they arrive there? Caught up (Raptured) to meet the Lord in the air and then to the Father's House. John 14: 1-3; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.

3. What Are They There For? The Purpose and Nature of the Judgment

- a. Not for Sin. Sin judged at the Cross – once for all. Heb.10: 10-12.
- b. But for Service and Works.
 - i) Building Works. 1 Cor. 3:13
 - ii) Worthwhile or Worthless Works. 2 Cor. 5:10.
 - iii) Helping Others. Rom 14: 10-14.
- c. Three areas of the believer's field of Service.
 - i) Builder - 1 Cor.3:10.
 - ii) Athlete - 1 Cor. 9:24-27.
 - iii) Tailor - Rev. 19:7-9.

4. What Will Be The Outcome Of The Judgment? The Results of the Judgment

- a. God's Searching Fire. 1 Cor. 3:13.
- b. Two Outcomes/Results.
 - i) Full Reward – Gold, Silver, Precious Stones. 1 Cor.3:12,13.
 - ii) Loss of Reward – Wood, Hay, Stubble. 1 Cor. 3:11,13.
 - iii) Crowns as Rewards. 1 Cor. 9:25.

5. When Will This Judgment Be? The Timing of the Judgment

- a. The Future – After the Rapture – All Caught Up – 1 Thess. 4:16,17.
 - i) All Changed – 1 Cor. 15:51-53.
 - ii) All Stand – Rom. 14:10.
- b. The Church in Heaven During the Tribulation Period. Rev. 3:10;4:10;5:8-10.
- c. The Church (Bride) dressed ready with good works “the righteous acts of the saints” to come with the Bridegroom Rev. 19:8.

6. The Worship and Judgment Ministry Of The 24 Elders

1. Do you think the Church proceeds immediately to the Marriage of the Lamb after the Bema Seat of Christ?
2. What about the 24 Elders in Revelation chapter 5?
3. Are they spectators or participators?

7. The Identity of the 24 Elders

- a. Representatives of the Raptured and Rewarded Church.
- b. Worshiping and Serving around the Throne.

'Elders in Israel were not only representatives of the people but judges of them, and therefore God's representatives in passing judgment upon the people. They were identified with God in the exercise of judgment. The four and twenty elders now before us in connection with God's throne are also Enthroned, and identified with Him in the judgment about to be executed upon the earth.'
The Unfolding of the Ages, Ford C. Ottman, p.108.

The 24 Elders

Represent Completed Group – 1 Chron. 24

Cannot be:

- Tribulation Saints. Rev. 7: 13,14
- Angels. Rev. 7:11.
- Nation of Israel. Rev 7 & 12.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

- Thrones. Rev. 3:21.
- White Raiment. Rev. 3:25.
- Crowns of Gold. Rev. 2:10; 3:11.
- Song of redeemed. Rev. 5:9,10.
- Called 'Elders,' 'Kings & Priests.' Rev. 5:10.

The Worship of the Elders

Fell down and worshiped the Lamb on the Throne. Rev. 5:8,14.

The Work of the Elders

Sharing in the heavenly judgment on 24 thrones.

Revelation 4:4; 5:5 - 6.

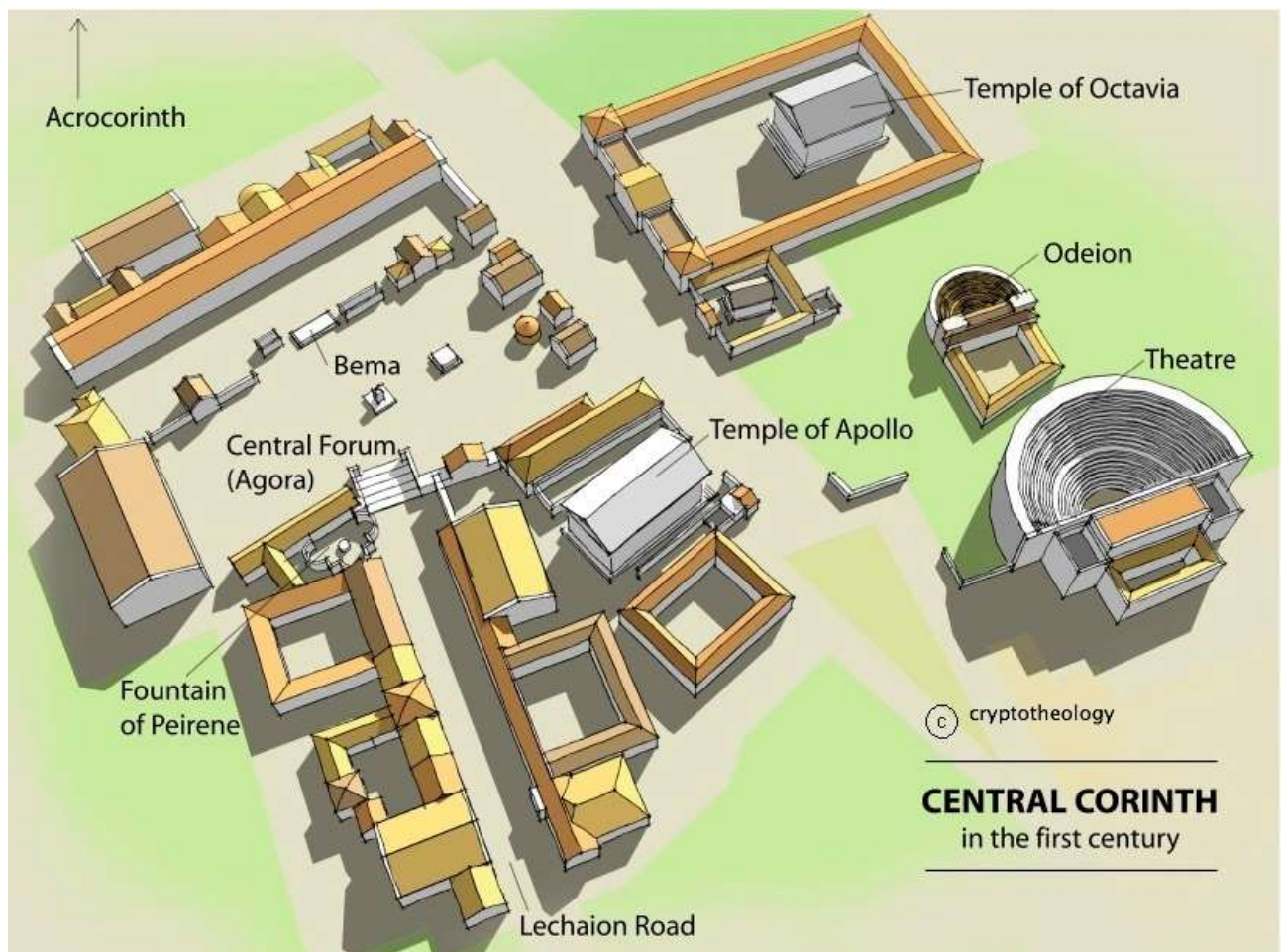
Administrative Thrones in the heavenly court. 1 Cor. 6:1-3

‘Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? And if the world shall be judge by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels’?

Revelation 20:4a.

‘And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them..’

c.f. Dan. 7:9,10. Thrones set up to judge the Anti-Christ.



The Return of the Church to Earth

Revelation 19

The Marriage of the Lamb and the Return to Earth

Introduction

1. The Review and Reward of the Church completed.
2. Judgmental ministrations of the Church completed.

1. The Marriage of the Lamb in Heaven - Revelation 19:1-9

- A. It is necessary to distinguish between the Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19:7,9. The Greek word for both is the same but different purposes are involved. Those in Heaven and those forthcoming on earth.
- B. The Invitation. Rev. 19:7. The Greek tense for 'is come' signifies that the wedding has already taken place. The Bride is now ready to return to earth with Christ.
- C. The Bridegroom has been preparing His bride for this event. Eph. 5:25-27, '*..without spot or wrinkle.*'
- D. The Bride has been preparing herself for the wedding. Rev. 19:7,8 '*and His wife has made herself ready.*'
- E. The wedding garment 'FINE LINEN' of the wife is her 'righteous acts.' Rev.19:8.
- F. These acts were predetermined by God. Eph. 2:8-10.
- G. **Reminder** – We Are Justified (Saved) **FOR** Good Works,
Not Justified (Saved) **BY** Good Works. Titus 2:11-15.

2. The Return of the Church to Earth - Revelation 19

A. Preparation for the Return of His Glorious Church:

- i) Clothed - clean, white, fine linen. Rev. 19:8.
- ii) Equipped – War Horses. Rev. 19:14.
- iii) Commissioned – ‘*as I have received*’ Rev. 2:26, 27.

B. The Glorious, Triumphant Event. Revelation 19:11

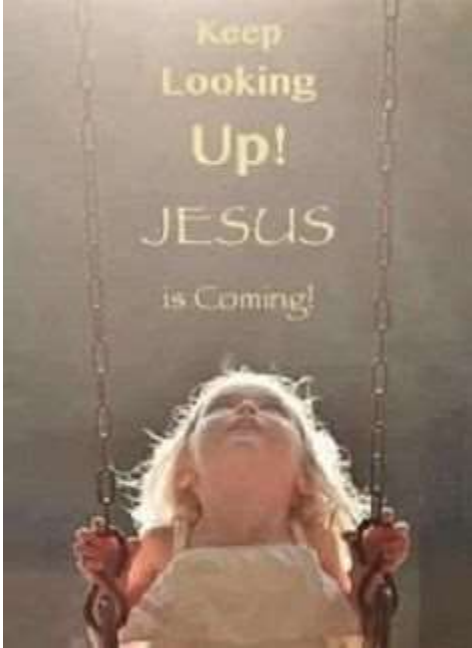
- i) ‘Coming with ten thousand of His ‘*holy ones.*’ Jude v. 14.
- ii) Angelic Forces Marshalled. ‘*Michael and his angels.*’ Dan. 12:1.
- iii) Church Warriors Advance. ‘*the armies which followed.*’ Rev. 19:14.
- iv) ‘Smashing the vessels – power over the nations.’ Rev. 2:26, 27; 19:15.

C. The Marriage Supper on Earth

- i) The Millennium is the Church’s Honeymoon!
- ii) Renewal of the Passover Celebration mentioned at the inauguration of the Lord’s Supper in the upper room. Lk. 22:15-18.
- iii) The World-wide Messianic Banquet. Isa. 25:6-8; c.f. Lk. 13:27-29.

Be Watchful!

Be Ready!



The Reign of the Church on Earth Revelation 20

The Purpose of the Millennium

To Fulfil the Promises of God: Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.”

To Fulfil the Promise Of Christ: Luke 22:15-16

“And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

The Role of the Church

1. To Glorify Christ: To be Presented as The Bride at the Marriage Supper

Revelation 19:7-9

2 Thessalonians 1:10

2. To Share in His Victory over Satan and Sin

Revelation 19:11

Colossians 3:4 and Jude 14

3. To Share in His Glory

Romans 8:16-17

4. To Share in His Reign

Revelation 5:9-10

Revelation 20:6

Revelation 2:25-27

5. To Administer His Rule On Earth

1 Corinthians 6:1-2

Luke 19:9-18 – The Parable of the Pounds

6. To Help People Worship The Lord

Psalms 22:27-31

