

To My Family and Friends

Sometime in the relatively near future, millions of born again Christians from every nation, who are earnestly looking for Jesus Christ to return, will instantly disappear from the face of the earth. This event is known as the Rapture of the Church. It will be the most amazing event in human history. Although many Bible verses talk about this event, one set of verses sums it up best. These are found in the first epistle (letter) to the Thessalonians, chapter 4, verses 13-18.

12) But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep (are dead), lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.

14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17) Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

These verses describe a prophecy that was written almost 2,000 years ago. We don't know for sure when it will happen, only that it **will** come to pass. How do we know this? The Bible has accurately predicted the major empires that we know about. Predictions were written anywhere from several hundred to several thousand years in advance. Some even list names, dates, and very specific events. Historians have recorded these empires and events and all have happened. Because of this record, we believe that the events we call the Rapture and the Great Tribulation will come true. Although the Bible clearly states that we will not know the exact day and hour, we are able to determine the season and recognize the events surrounding this time.

The major event that triggers this end-time prophecy was the return of the Jews and the creation by the United Nations of the state of Israel. The Bible states that the generation that sees this regathering will see the end of this present age. This event came true in 1948 with the creation of Israel, and in 1968 with the return of full control of Jerusalem. We are the last generation in this present world system that is run by man.



God has several purposes for the coming events. The first is to wake up mankind and let us know that a huge change is imminent. These times will be the last opportunity to accept Jesus as Saviour and receive eternal life and relationship with God. The events of the Rapture and Great Tribulation will be so astounding that everyone on the planet will have to make a decision. God has withheld His wrath against sin and disobedience until this time. Now the present world order will be brought to a complete end. Then a new government with Jesus as ruler will take its place. God wants as many people as possible to join Him and his Son in the new world system. This is the purpose of the end time events.

Every person on earth will make a decision about Jesus. A series of ever increasing natural calamities and man made wars will destroy most oceans, plants, animals, and half the world's population. There will be absolutely no doubt that God is serious and a choice will have to be made.

My hope is that you will make the right choice, before the Great Tribulation. You can do that now, by accepting Jesus as Lord, and saying the prayer included at the end of this letter. That decision will insure that you are removed from the earth and the incredible destruction that follows.

If you do not decide for Christ before the Rapture and the beginning of the Great tribulation, you will still have an opportunity during the tribulation. Your odds of surviving on the earth are only 50/50, but if you choose Jesus, your reward will be eternal life.

Here is a very brief description of the events that will rock the world:

At about the time of the Rapture, a great war will take place in Israel. This was predicted in the Old Testament books of Daniel and Ezekiel. It is call "Ezekiel's war" and takes place in the mountains. Many nations will rally to surround Israel and attack her. This war will be so destructive that a single man will emerge on the world scene. He will initiate a seven year treaty for peace in the region. Although it is thought to be a man of peace, he is the anti-Christ, and will bring destruction and war. He will allow the Jews to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, but 3 and 1/2 years later he will stop all worship, and set himself up as god, and demand worship for himself. He will lead nations against nations in war. During this time, ever worsening calamities will systematically destroy the planet.

This all ends with the battle of Armageddon, fought in the Valley of Megiddo. In this battle Jesus himself returns to battle a 200 million man army that comes down from the north of Israel. Victory in this battle will usher in a Thousand Year Reign of Jesus Christ on the earth. This is called the Millennium. At the end of this period, the remaining evil rebellion will be eliminated, and a New Jerusalem will come down from heaven.

Many people wonder about the Rapture. Those who trust in Jesus and who are actively looking for His return will be taken up into heaven to miss the wrath and destruction that is happening on earth. The Bible states that we were not appointed to wrath, and the Great Tribulation is definitely a display of God's righteous wrath

against those who insist upon evil and doing things their way.

Immediately after the Rapture, many false theories will be proposed to explain our disappearance. Some will say that we were taken by UFOs. Some will say that this was the earth purging itself so a new better future could start. Do not believe these fables. **Know** that this event has been predicted and we are in heaven, waiting to return with Jesus.

PLEASE HEED THIS WARNING! If you do not accept Jesus now, thinking you can always change your mind later, there will be a heavy cost to pay, and you may not have another chance.

As a result of the wars and disasters, this antichrist will set up a world wide registration and rationing system. Every man, woman and child will have to accept a mark on their hand or forehead in order to buy or sell anything. They will have to swear allegiance to the antichrist and his false prophet. This is where the brutal choice comes. If you accept the mark, you cannot later accept Jesus. The Bible states that many who accept Jesus during the tribulation will be martyred for their faith. You might have to endure starvation and see loved ones murdered. The Bible states that millions will face this reality and choose Jesus, knowing that the ultimate outcome is peace and eternal life. Others will curse God and defy Him, sealing their fate.

Wouldn't you rather make the right decision now, and avoid the hell on earth during the tribulation? If you want to accept Jesus now, just repeat this prayer and really mean it with all your heart.

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. You have said in your Word, the Bible, that if I come to you, you will in no way cast me out. (John 6:37) So I know You won't cast me out, but you take me in and I thank You for it.

You also said, that whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13) I am calling on your name, so I know You have saved me now.

You also said that if I shall confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in my heart that God has raised him from the dead, I shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10) I believe in my heart Jeuse Christ is the Son of God. I believe that he was raised from the dead for my justification, and I confess Him now as my Lord.

Because your Word says "with the heart man believes unto righteousness" and I do believe with my heart, I have now become the righteousness of God in Christ (2Cor:5:21). . . and I am saved.

Thank you Lord!

Much more reference materials, information and links can be found at <http://www.raptureresources.com>

My sincere hope is that you will earnestly seek God about this information and make a quality decision to trust Him now. If not, then I am confident you will search in earnest after the Rapture.

God bless you.

