

THE END OF TIME

This lesson came out of last week's study on Life in the Millennium.

Request: "Would you explain the general order of events following the Rapture of the Church?"

We will study the order of six major events of the End of Time. We will also list certain things that are considered important to each of these six major events.

Rapture - Tribulation - Millennium - Fire Judgment of Universe - New Heaven and Earth

Rapture: All living Believers of Church Age (CA) will meet in the air with deceased CA Believers, without experiencing physical death (1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58).

- This is the beginning of the order of the First Resurrection of Believers (1 Cor.15:20-23).
- This is also Christ coming for His betrothed (2 Cor.11:2).

Tribulation: This is the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy (Dan.9:24-27). It is the last 7 years of the Jewish Age (JA) that was interrupted by the Church Age.

- This is next in the order of the First Resurrection (JA) Dan.12:2, 13; John 5:24-30; 11:23-25).
- Four things will be associated with the end of the tribulation.
 1. Armageddon War (Rev.17:14; 19:11-21) [great supper for vultures]
 2. Baptism of Fire is removal of all unbelievers (Matt.3:11-12; 2 Thess.1:6-10).
 3. DP and DREE will be thrown into lake of fire (Rev.19:20-21).
 4. Operation of Footstool is removal of Satan and demons to Tartarus (Rev.20:1-3).

Judgment Seat of Christ (JSC): This occurs in heaven at the same time as the tribulation occurs on earth (Rom.14:10-13; 2 Cor.5:10).

- Church Age Believers receive rewards (1 Cor.3:10-15) and crowns (1 Thess.2:19-20; 2 Tim.4:7-8; James 1:12; 1 Pet.5:4).
- This is the time for the wedding ceremony between Christ and the Church (betrothed) (John 3:27-29; Eph.5:22-33).

Millennium (MA): This is the third biblical civilization beginning with only Believers (Rev.20).

- This is the final order of the first resurrection of Believers (1 Cor.15:23-24; Rev.20:5).
- The marriage supper between Christ and the Church occurs at the beginning of the MA (1 Cor.15:49; Rev.19:6-10; 21:9; Matt.22:1-14).
- Adamic Curse of earth is removed (Gen.3:17-19; Rom.8:18-25).

- Four things will be associated with the end of MA.
 1. Gog and Magog War (Rev.20:7-10; Ezek.39:6).
 2. Satan thrown in lake of fire (Rev.20:7-10; Matt.25:41).
 3. Second resurrection of all unbelievers (Rev.20:13-15; John 5:29).
 4. Great White Throne Judgment (GWT/ Rev.20:11-15; 2 Thess.1:8-9) – all unbelievers of human history are thrown into lake of fire (Second Death).

Fire Judgment of the Universe: This is the third biblically recorded cataclysm of the universe (1 Cor.15:24-27; Heb.1:11-12; 12:26-27; Rev.21:1).

- The first was the original heaven and earth becoming formless, void, and darkness (Gen.1:2).
- The second was the Antediluvian world becoming flooded by water (Gen.6-9; 2 Pet.3:5-6).
- The third will be the Postdiluvian world being renovated by fire cataclysm (2 Pet.3:7-13).

New Heaven and Earth: The eternal residence of all Believers (Luke 10:20; 2 Pet.3:13; Rev.21:7, 27).

Five things will be associated with the New Heaven and Earth.

- The heavens and earth exist because of the Word of God (2 Pet.3:4-7).
- The only unchangeable thing in the universe is God and His Word (Matt.5:18; 24:35; Ps.102:25-27).
- There is no sun or moon (Rev.21:23; 22:5).
- There is no temple but a New Jerusalem (Rev.21:22; Rev.21:2-3).
- This is the ultimate grace inheritance (Rev.21:7; 1 Pet.1:4; Rom.8:17).