

**HOW WILL IT ALL END?  
COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE SAVED  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

- I. THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME: We believers should know this (1-2)**
  
- II. THE FATE OF THOSE WHO HAVE REJECTED CHRIST: It will overtake them and they will be destroyed (3)**
  - A. They will be **caught off guard**, having believed the great lie (3a)
  
  - B. They will be **destroyed** suddenly (3a)
  
  - C. They absolutely **will not escape** (3b)
  
- III. IS THIS OUR FATE? Believers will not be overtaken (4-8)**
  - A. **No, we will not be overtaken**, we are not of darkness (4-5)
  
  - B. **Our response:** Not of spiritual laziness but **alertness and soberness** (6-8)
  
- IV. THE DESTINY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST should be a great encouragement and build us up in the faith (9-11)**
  - A. We are **not destined for wrath** (9a)
  
  - B. We are **destined for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ!** (9b-10)
  
  - C. **Our response: Encourage and build up others** with these great truths (11)

## BIBLICAL OVERVIEW OF END TIMES EVENTS

From Greg Lundstedt's sermon Notes

**So then let me give you a brief overview of future events.** I believe the first event on God's prophetic clock is what we call **THE RAPTURE**. It is the event when Christ comes to take His bride, the church, unto Himself, it is what Scripture calls the harpodzo, a forcible grabbing unto oneself. This event is where the spirits of the dead in Christ come with Him, and their bodies are resurrected from the graves and then those believers who remain and are alive are forcibly grabbed by Christ, harpodzo to meet Him in the air, being **given their resurrection bodies at this time. 1Corinthians 15, 1Thes 4:13-18. It is when Jesus takes His bride to the place that He is prepared for her. JOHN 14:1-3**

**And I believe, it is during this time in heaven, that the church is judged for her works done in the body at the bema seat of Christ, 2Cor 5:8-10, Romans 14:10-12 and 1Cor 3**

I believe that this time also, while we the church, His holy ones, His saints are in heaven, enjoying Christ and one another, that the church, being the bride of Christ Ephesians 5, experiences **the marriage of the Lamb**, **Revelation 19:7-9**

What a **glorious time in heaven** the Saints will experience with Christ, **but the events on earth at this time will be much different-** for during this period of seven years, Daniel's 70th week **Daniel 9:21-27** the earth will **experience TRIBULATION** such that the world has never seen and at the end Christ will come. **Matthew 24:20-21**

Now in this **SEVEN-YEAR TRIBULATION**, will begin with a covenant made between Israel and the Antichrist, yet the midpoint of the tribulation 3 1/2 years, As Satan is cast out of heaven for good then pursues Israel **Rev 12:13-14**, we see his power and authority given to the antichrist **Rev 13:2-7** And at this time the Antichrist will break the covenant and declare himself to be God, **Daniel 9:27, 2Thessalonians 2:1-4**, and this abomination of desolation will enter the holy place. **Matt 24:15**

**This tribulation** is the **day of the Lord** spoken of in a myriad of passages including **Zeph. 1:14, Isaiah 13:6, Jer. 30, Ezekiel, Zechariah 14, Luke 17, 1Thes. 5, 2Thes.1 and 2, 2Peter 3**

It will be the **time of Jacobs trouble** or distress **Daniel 9 Jeremiah 30:7, Romans 11**

This **great tribulation** (the last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation) will be a time in which God will sovereignly draw His enemies against Israel, ultimately to bring their destruction and judgment, and at the same time He will **purge Israel leaving only 1/3 left. Zech.13:7-9 & 14:2-5**

And it is at the **end of the tribulation that CHRIST WILL PERSONALLY COME**, with all His holy ones that's the Saints, the church, and plant His feet on the Mount of olives, and at the battle of Armageddon He will destroy His enemies and **save all Israel** as we saw in **Ezekiel 34, Ezekiel 36-39, Jeremiah 30, Joel 3, Zechariah 12 & 14 Romans 11:25-32, Rev. 19**

After the tribulation, **Satan will be bound for a thousand years, Rev 20, Then we have THE RESURRECTION OF TRIBULATION AND OT SAINTS Dan. 12:2 Rev 20:1-4**

Then we have **THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM** a **thousand year reign of Christ on earth** -- we saw in portions of **Ezekiel 34-39**, and in **40-48** which is also mentioned **throughout, by the Old Testament prophets**, and it is mentioned specifically in **Rev 20:1-10**. In this we 1000 year reign, Church age believers will be reigning with Him upon earth **2Tim. 2:12 Rev. 2:26-28, 5:9-10**

**Now the Old Testament Scripture makes it clear that the curse will be removed and the earth changed during the thousand year reign that Christ will rule and shepherd His people and will receive worship in the millennial temple Zech. 14 Rev 16, Isaiah 27:35, Amos 9, Isaiah 65, Ezekiel 34 & 40-48**

**And at the end of the millennial reign SATAN WILL BE SET FREE FOR A MOMENT** to instigate one last uprising against Christ and His people, and then **HE AND HIS ANGELS WILL BE CAST INTO HELL** to be tormented forever. **Rev 20:7-10**

It is at this point we have the **GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT**, **Revelation 20:11 15** where everyone who has rejected Christ, their bodies resurrected and then they will be judged for their deeds and then thrown into the lake of fire, this is the second death.. **REVELATION 20:11 15**

And it is at this point **Revelation 21 and 22** that God's people **enter into THE ETERNAL STATE**. Where there will be no more tears or sorrow, where Christ makes all things new, where there is a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells, and Christ Himself will dwell in the midst of His Saints --- **REV 21:1-8**

**Okay so then,** we have the **church taken up** to be with Christ, where there is the judgment seat of Christ and the marriage of the Lamb, in heaven

Yet on earth there will be a **seven-year tribulation** such as the world is never seen a time in which Jesus Christ will pour out His wrath upon the nations and through this great purging **Jesus will draw Israel unto Himself and save them.**

**At the end of the great tribulation** there will be a **thousand year millennial reign of Christ**, **culminating in one final rebellion**, Satan and all his cohorts will be eternally judged and on the lake of fire to be tormented forever. And there will be **the great white throne judgment** for all of those who have rejected Christ, they will be judged and thrown in the lake of fire for ever, Then Jesus will make all things new, a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells. Where Christ is in its midst. Where we will be with Him forever.

**That is a summary of and time events**

Now again remember the references I gave you today are minimal, there is much more Scripture to support these truths. But remember **it's all about Christ**, the King of Kings and Lord of lords, coming again, ultimately to judge sin the wicked, established the redeemed for ever with Him and righteousness.

**Folks God's redemptive plan is advancing. Eternity is just around the corner. There are two destinies one for the redeemed and one for the unrepentant sinner. The redeemed will spend eternity with Christ, Sin, sorrow and evil will be gone. And the unrepentant will spend eternity in torment, away from God, in outer darkness.**

**Now your eternal destiny is determined by response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ--- Where will you spend eternity?**