

The Rapture

Week 8 - The Covenant, The King, and The Kingdom (6-16-21)

Matthew 24:1-13

I. Why is He coming back?

A. He loves us and wants us to be with Him!

1. John 14:3

B. For the final harvest

1. The Feast of Trumpets

2. Completed Perfection of the Saints (Resurrection)

a) 1 Corin. 15:20 - Jesus was the first fruits of them that sleep - Resurrected bodies!

b) 1 Thess. 4:13-18 & 5:9 and 1 Corin. 15:51-58 - re-united and changed

C. A time of preparation (Why did He leave?)

1. Jesus' preparation

a) John 14:1-3 "...I go to prepare a place for you"

b) Galilean Wedding

2. Our preparation

a) Revelation 19:7-8 Marriage Supper

b) Ephesians 5:27

3. It's not His will that we perish

a) 2 Peter 3:9

II. When will this happen?

A. We don't know the day nor the hour

1. Matt. 24:36 & 25:13

2. Noah was the only one that was prepared for the flood because he was the only one heading to the voice of God. - Faith!

3. We can still be familiar with God's plan and general timeline.

a) 7 Feasts - We are at the feast of Trumpets!

b) Parable of the 10 Virgins - We know the groom has been gone for a while, and has not yet returned. We are getting closer every day!

B. Watch for the signs!

III. What are the signs?

A. Deception!

1. 1 Tim. 4:1-2 - Seducing = Deceiving

2. 2 Tim. 3:1-7

3. 2 Tim. 4:3-4

4. 2 Peter 3:3

5. Jude 17-19

6. 2 Thess. 2:3

7. 1 John 2:24-27 - don't be deceived but hold fast to what you have been taught from the beginning. Allow the Holy Spirit to instruct you!

- B. Wars and Rumors of Wars
 - 1. Israel, division in the US, etc
- C. Famines, Pestilences, and Earthquakes
 - 1. Covid

7 Feasts of Israel and God's Prophetic Calendar		
1	<u>Feast of Passover</u> - Ex. 12:13	<u>Death of Jesus</u> - 1 Corin. 5:7 and John 1:29
2	<u>Feast of Unleavened Bread</u> - Ex. 13:7	<u>Burial of Jesus</u> - Romans 6:4 and 1 Corin. 5:8
3	<u>Feast of First Fruits</u> - Levit. 23:10-11	<u>Resurrection of Jesus</u> - 1 Corin. 15:20-23
4	<u>Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)</u> - Levit. 23:15-16	<u>Birth of the Church</u> - Acts 2:1-4
Long period of time First harvest feasts happen in spring (Nissan), and the last harvest feasts happen in fall (Tishi)		
5	<u>Feast of Trumpets</u> - Levit. 13:24	<u>Announcement of Jesus' Return (Rapture)</u> - Matt. 24:31, 1 Thess. 4:16, 1 Corin. 15:52
6	<u>Feast of Atonement</u> - Levit. 23:27	<u>Purging of Israel's Unbelief</u> - Matt. 24:30
7	<u>Feast of Tabernacles</u> - Levit. 23:34	<u>The Coming of Jesus and His Kingdom</u> - Revelation 21:10