

03/17/24 Message

Part of The End... then what

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Message: Hour of Testing

Series: The End

This series is focused on prophecy, the last days, end times, and beyond. Many people are confused by prophecy and are fearful of the unknown. Truth is, God gives us knowledge of the future. He foretells it throughout His living word known as the Bible. Be part of this series and learn more about what lies ahead!

- We know about the end times and beyond through PROPHECY

2Peter 1:21 (CSB)

...no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Last week we talked about the rapture of the church, and the sequencing of events that will happen during the rapture. Thus far, here's a snip-it of what we believe:

- If you die before the rapture and you are saved, your spirit will immediately go to heaven to be with Jesus, even though your body will be burned or buried.
- When Jesus comes for the rapture, it is not His second coming, it's simply when He comes for His church.
- Jesus will come shouting, an angel will be shouting, and a trumpet will be playing, and all saved spirits who have gone to heaven will come back with Jesus.
- Brand new glorified bodies will rise to meet the spirits, those saved and alive will ascend to meet Jesus.
- Heaven begins where all saved are united together, spirits and glorified bodies have joined together, and it really will be a new beginning.
- For those alive and left behind, something happens that none of us want to be around for- the Great Tribulation.

Between the rapture and the tribulation is a period of time known as a “gap-period.” We don’t know how long this period will be, but we do know some things have to happen during this “gap-period” according to Scripture.

Gap Period

- Gap Event 1: Economic and Societal COLLAPSE
- Gap Event 2: GLOBALISM
- Gap Event 3: WAR
- Gap Event 4: Rise of the ANTICHRIST

The Tribulation

The Great Tribulation is called many things in Scripture:

- Jacob’s trouble
- Jeremiah 30:7 (NIV)
- Daniel’s 70th week
- Daniel 9:24-27 (NLT)
- A time of anguish
- Daniel 12:1 (NLT)
- The great day
- Revelation 6:17 (NLT)
- The hour of testing
- Revelation 3:10 (CSB)
- The indignation
- Isaiah 26:20 (NLT)
- Tribulation/Great Tribulation
- Matthew 24:9 (NLT)
- Matthew 24:21 (NLT)
- Matthew 24:29 (NLT)
- Mark 13:19 (NLT)
- Mark 13:24-25 (NLT)
- Revelation 7:14 (NLT)
- The Day of the Lord
- Joel 1:15 (NLT)
- Joel 2:1 (NLT)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NLT)

Purposes of the Tribulation

- Purpose 1: To judge the WORLD
 - Revelation 9:20-21 (NLT)
- Purpose 2: To judge the NATIONS
 - Genesis 12:2-3 (NLT)
 - Psalm 110:6 (NLT)
- Purpose 3: To punish SATAN
 - Deuteronomy 32:35 (NLT)
 - Romans 12:19
- Purpose 4: To win back the JEWISH PEOPLE
 - Matthew 24:4-13 (NLT)

If the rapture occurred today...

Would you be here to face judgment of the tribulation?