

Day of the Lord

The Day of the Lord: The Rapture of the Church [21 April 2019]

I. The Catching Away of the Church

- A. John 14:3-6 (verse 3: Receive)
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 & 17 (verse 17: caught up)
- C. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 (gathering)

II. The Catching Away of the Church is a Prophesied Event

- A. 2 Peter 3:10 — the Rapture is the beginning of the Day of the Lord
- B. There are 3 parts to the Day of the Lord
 - 1. The Catching Away of the Church (protected from God's Wrath)
 - 2. 2 Events running simultaneously
 - a. The Tribulation Period (the Wrath of God)
 - b. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - 3. The Millennial Reign of Christ (Jesus ruling this world)

III. God Does NOT Change

- A. What God has set in order shall come to pass.
- B. Malachi 3:6 — "I change not"
- C. James 1:17 — "no shadow of turning"
- D. Hebrews 13:8 — "the same yesterday, today and forever"

IV. The Crystal Seas in Heaven

- A. Revelation 4:6
- B. Revelation 15:2
 - 1. Crystal — a Gem without any flaws
 - 2. The Crystal Sea is a picture of all the Righteous before God's Throne
- C. The Rapture will finish the Sanctification Process: A new Glorified Body of Believers
- D. Do we keep the Bible as the Infallible Word of God?
- E. Then we must keep the Rapture as an event that WILL happen

V. There are 7 Raptures that have or will take place

- A. Enoch — Genesis 5:24
- B. Elijah — 2 Kings 2:11
- C. Jesus — Acts 1:9
- D. The Body of Christ (The Church) — 1 Thessalonians 4:16 & 17
- E. The Great Multitude of the Tribulation Period — Revelation 7:9-17
- F. The 144,000 Jewish Rabbi's — Revelation 14:1-5
- G. The Two Witnesses — Revelation 11:3-12

VI. I Will Not Leave You

- A. 2 Kings 2:1-15