

Bible Prophecy Update - Sunday, August 9th, 2020

- As I mentioned last week we're doing something a little different for today's update and talking about the pre-tribulation rapture.
- Namely, that of scriptural proof as to why the rapture of the church absolutely has to happen prior to the seven year tribulation.
- What follows are seven of the many reasons for a pre-tribulation rapture, in the form of an acrostic of the word "RAPTURE".

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Revelation 1:19 - Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Revelation 4:1 - After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."

SCRIPTURE	CHAPTER(S)	EVENT(S)
What you have seen... (Past)	1	<i>Jesus Christ Crucified-Buried-Resurrected</i>
What is now (Present)	2 & 3	<i>Church History (Church mentioned 19 times)</i>
What will take place after (Future)	4 & 5	The Rapture
What will take place after (Future)	6 - 19	The Tribulation (Church not mentioned)
What will take place after (Future)	20	The Millennium
What will take place after (Future)	21 & 22	The New Heavens & Earth

A FFECT UPON US

Matthew 24:45-51 - 45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Timothy 4:8 - Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

1 John 3:2-3 - 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

P URITY OF US

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 - 2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

The Jewish Wedding	Our Wedding	Scriptures
The groom's father makes the match (Shiddukhin) and chooses the bride, and the groom approves the choice.	The Father chooses us the bride, and Jesus approved the choice.	John 10:28, 15:16
A marriage covenant (Ketubah) is made in writing for the bride as a promise to the bride that it will be fulfilled.	A new covenant is made in the written Word of God, for us the bride. The Old Covenant Promise is fulfilled.	2 Corinthians 3:5-6
They would then break bread and drink from the cup to seal the betrothal (Kiddushin) and new covenant.	He breaks bread and drinks from the cup at the last supper sealing His New Covenant in His blood.	Matthew 26:27-29 Luke 22:14-20

The groom pays the price (Mohar) showing the bride his love for her.	Jesus paid the price for us on the cross. This shows us the bride how there's no greater loves for us.	1 Corinthians 6:20 John 15:23
The groom makes a speech of promise to his bride that he would come for her soon.	Jesus' speech is recorded as a promise to us His bride, that He will come again for us soon.	John 14:1-3
The groom prepares a place for His bride and builds a room addition on his father's house.	Jesus says He goes to prepare a place for us in His Father's house where there are many rooms.	John 14:1-3
The Father is the only one who knows the day or hour of the grooms return for his bride.	Jesus said that no one but the Father knows the day or hour of His return for us, as His bride.	Mark 13:32-33
The groom gives the bride love gifts (Mattan).	Jesus our groom gives us His bride gifts of love, eternal life, peace, etc.	John 10:22-28 John 14:13-14, 27
The Father gives the bride gifts (Shiluhim) to equip her for her new life, as an inheritance.	We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and our spiritual gifts are from the Father for us in our new life in Him, and with Him.	John 14:16-17 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Galatians 5:22
The bride would then take a purifying bath or Mikveh which is the Hebrew word for baptism.	We are baptized in the Holy Spirit Who cleanses and purifies us.	Acts 1:4
The bride's unmarried friends (bridesmaids) attend to the bride and provide light for the groom Who will come as a thief in the night.	We prepare the bride by letting our light shine so the bride is ready for the groom who will come as a thief in the night.	Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom comes, the grooms' men run ahead and shout that He is coming by blowing the Shofar.	When our bridegroom comes, it will be with a shout of the trumpet that Jesus is coming.	Rev. 4:1 / 1 Thes. 4:16-17 / 1 Cor. 15:51-52
The groom takes his bride who is lifted up off the earth and carried in the air to her groom.	Jesus, our groom will rapture us away as He takes us in the air us as His bride.	Luke 17:34-36 1 Thess 4:16-17
The groom takes his bride to the chamber: they consummate (Nissuin), and celebrate for a period of seven (Shavuah) days.	Jesus will take us to His bridal chamber where we will consummate and celebrate for a period of seven (Shavuah) years.	Joel 2:15-16 Daniel 9:27
The party waits outside until the groom tells the best man that it is consummated. Then the guests rejoice for a period of seven days.	During our seven-year celebration, the world goes through the seven-year tribulation.	Revelation 19:7-8
There is a big feast, (the wedding feast), after the wedding celebration.	We too, after the seven-year celebration, have the Marriage Feast of The Lamb.	Revelation 19:9
There were three groups present at the wedding: the groom, the bride, and the invited guests.	There will also be three groups of people involved in the marriage of the Lamb: The Groom –Jesus, The Bride-Church and the Guests- those saved after the Rapture, at the end of the seven year tribulation.	2 Corinthians. 11:2, Ephesians 5:23-27 Revelation 21:9-10 Rev 7:13-14
The new home of the bride was Jerusalem and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her.	It is from the new Jerusalem that the believers in the Messiah during the Messianic age, or Millennium, will reign with the Messiah.	Rev. 21:1-4 Ezekiel 43:1-2,7 Isaiah 2:2-4 Micah 4:1-5

T RUMPETS FOR US

- Trumpets in scripture are sounded to bring God's people up to meet Him or assemble together as God's people for a wedding.
- Trumpets in the scriptures are also sounded for another reason, which is that of assembling God's people for a battle in war.

- In both the Old and New Testament there are two trumpets for two purposes. There's also the first trumpet and the last trumpet.
- The first trumpet is for Israel, the last trumpet for us. The first trumpet in the Old Testament for Israel is in the book of Exodus.

Exodus 19:16-17 - 16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

- The last trumpet is for us and we see this in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where he describes the rapture of the church.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- Before we go any further, I think I would be grossly remiss were I not to address the trumpet in the book of Revelation 10:7.

Revelation 10:7 - But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

- The reason this cannot be the last trumpet for us during the tribulation is it's an angel that sounds the trumpet and not God.
- There are two distinct trumpets in scripture, one of which is the trumpets of angels, and the other is the trumpet call of God.
- The trumpet call of angels is for Israel, and the trumpet call of God is for us. As such, the trumpet in Revelation is for Israel.

Matthew 24:31 - And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

UNIFORMITY WITH US

NOAH'S DAY	OUR DAY
Some scholars estimate the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately seven billion to nine billion people. (Gen 6:1)	In our day, the population of the earth has reached approximately eight billion people, and will soon reach nine billion people.
People only cared about themselves and as such were only concerned with eating, drinking, and being merry. (Genesis 6:5)	People today are caught up in the cares and affairs of this life and are lovers only of self. (2 Timothy 3:2)
There was demonic and very sexually abhorrent behavior as the norm of the day. (Genesis 6:2)	Not only is there sexual abhorrence there is also the demonic activity present today.
Man's wickedness had become so vast, and the inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5)	Man's wickedness is on a global scale. So vast is the evil of this generation that we will hear about it continually. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
Noah preached while he prepared the Ark, and people were warned, but no one would listen. (2 Peter 2:5)	Jesus is being preached while a place is prepared, and people are being warned, but no one seems to be listening.
They knew nothing about what was going to happen until "on that day" a "flood" destroyed the earth. (Matthew 24:39)	People know nothing about what is going to happen, but there is coming "a day" when a "fire" will destroy the earth. (2 Peter 3:3-13)
Before the destruction of the flood, Enoch, who walked with God; was then no more, because God took him. (Genesis 5:24)	Before the tribulation, this final generation of those who are born again will be caught up. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
Noah and his family enter the Ark and after "7" days, the water of the flood came upon the earth. (Genesis 7:7-10)	The "7" year tribulation comes upon the earth, after we're removed like Enoch, and Israel enters the tribulation. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
Noah and his family survive and are saved in the flood after the judgment and are in the new earth. (Genesis 8:13-18)	The Jews will survive and be saved in the tribulation and after the judgment will enter into the new heaven and new earth. (Rom 11:26)

LOT'S DAY	OUR DAY
Lot was taken very suddenly by the hand out of Sodom before the destruction came upon them. (Gen 19:16)	We will be taken very suddenly out of this world before the Tribulation comes down upon the world. (1 Thess 5:3)

- This brings us to Joseph, who is one of the most intriguing types of Christ in scripture. I actually have over 100 types with him.
- However, I'll just focus in on how he is a type of the pre-tribulation rapture vis-à-vis the picture prior to the seven-year famine.
- Namely, that of his taking a Gentile bride who is not mentioned nor seen in the narrative once the seven-year famine begins.

Genesis 41:50 -- 50 And to Joseph were born two sons **before the years of famine came**, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

- Like with Joseph, there's Moses who took a Gentile bride before the plagues came upon Egypt, which is a type of the world.
- So too is this true for Isaac, a picture of Christ taking a Gentile bride by the name of Rebekah who didn't go through the trials.
- The reason being is she left her home to go to Isaac, who again is a picture of Christ, before any tribulation came upon them.

- This brings us to Daniel who is a type of us as the church and, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who are a type of Israel.
- Daniel is taken up and exalted to a high position prior to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego going in the 7-times hotter furnace.
- It's interesting to note according to Daniel 3, they refused to worship the image 60 cubits by 6 cubits as 6 instruments played.

- Another type is Ruth the Gentile bride of Boaz/Kinsman Redeemer, who is clearly a picture of Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer.
- For those who were with us in our study through the Old Testament, the Book of Ruth was one of the most fascinating studies.
- If you're interested in that study, you can find it both on our website at calvarychapelkaneoe.com and our YouTube channel.

NAOMI AND RUTH	JEW AND GENTILE
Ruth 1:19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"	The two of them, Naomi and Ruth are a picture of both the Jew and the Gentile who come together just as they did to Bethlehem.
Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.	To this day, the Jews when celebrating this "Feast of Harvest" read the book of Ruth about Naomi a Jew and Ruth a Gentile.
Ruth 2:2-3 (2) So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after <i>him</i> in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." (3) Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field <i>belonging</i> to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.	Ruth meets Boaz, who as a kinsmen redeemer can fulfill the kinsman law of redemption, buy back the field belonging to Elimelech, and marry the Gentile bride of this mans son, to carry on the family name of his brother according to Deuteronomy 25:5-10.
Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.	The field (world) is bought by the next of kin, (Jesus became a man next to us, Kins-man), because he so loved the bride. Out of this love for the bride a son is born.
Ruth 4:14 NKJV Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!	Boaz (Jesus) is the Kinsmen Redeemer who so loved Ruth that He gave her a son so she would not be left without the seed keeping the name throughout life.
Ruth 4:16-17 (16) Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. (17) Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.	This child is now embraced in the lap of Naomi (Jews), and Ruth (Gentile Bride) isn't seen again in the scriptures (pre-tribulation rapture). The Son was Obed, David's Grandfather, and the line from which Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

RESPONSIBILITY ON US

Merriam Webster defines responsibility as reliability and trustworthiness and something for which one is responsible in the sense that they have not neglected their responsibilities. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/responsibility>

Revelation 3:7–13 - 7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, **have kept My word, and have not denied My name.** 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, **I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.** 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM US

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

- Lastly, let me say that the reason I did this teaching on the pre-trib rapture today is because the rapture can happen any day!!!
- This is why we do these weekly prophecy updates and end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the simple ABC's of Salvation.
- The Gospel, or good news is that Jesus was crucified, buried, rose again on the third day, and is coming back for us one day.

The ABC's of Salvation

- The A is for Admit you're a sinner and your need for the Savior, (Romans 3:10, 23 – 6:23).
- The B is for Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead, (Romans 10:9-10).
- The C is for Call upon the name of the Lord and confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, (Romans 10:9-10, 13).