

THE FIVE GREAT EVENTS COMING ON MANKIND!

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(1) THE APOSTASY OF THE CHURCH: The word *Apostasy* means “The Falling Away.” The church (those who are “religious”) will turn away, fall away from the truth. **WE ARE NOW IN THE TIME OF THE APOSTASY!**

The main verses:

- A. Before the antichrist arrives, “The apostasy comes first” (2 Thess. 2:3).
- B. “Some will **fall away** from the faith” (1 Tim. 4:1).
- C. “In the last days **difficult times will come**. Men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, unloving, not loving God, holding to a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Tim. 3:1-5).
- D. “The time will come when they **will not endure sound doctrine**; wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires ... they will turn away their ears **from the truth**, and will turn aside to myths (lies)” (2 Tim. 4:3).

(2) THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH: The *Rapture* means “The catching away” of the church to heaven!

The main verses:

- A. We shall not all sleep (die) (1 Thess. 4:13-15).
- B. The Lord shall descend from heaven ... the dead in Christ shall rise first (1 Thess. 4:16).
- C. We who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17).
- D. We wait for His Son from heaven ... Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come (1 Thess. 1:10).
- E. “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the blink of an eye. For this perishable must put on the imperishable” (1 Cor. 15:51-53).
- F. God has not destined us for wrath but for deliverance through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thess. 5:9).

(3) THE SEVEN-YEAR WORLDWIDE TRIBULATION: The *Wrath* of God! The *Day of the Lord!*

- A. The Antichrist’s coming is in accordance with the activity of Satan (2 Thess. 2:9), with all deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved (v. 10).
- B. They say **peace and safety** then comes the **birth pangs**, and they shall **not escape!** (1 Thess. 5:3). But you brothers are not in darkness that the day should **overtake you like a thief** (1 Thess. 5:4).
- C. “For these things must take place” (Matt. 24:6), “They are merely the beginning of the **birth pangs**” (Matt. 24:8).
- D. “Then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall be. And unless those days be cut short, no life would be saved” (Matt. 24:21-22).

(4) THE COMING KINGDOM REIGN OF CHRIST: He will reign *One Thousand Years!*

- A. **After the tribulation** the Son of Man will appear in the sky, the Son of Man will come with **power and great glory** (Matt. 24:30).
- B. “The Son of Man coming” (Matt. 24:30). “The coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:37). “So shall the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matt. 24:39). “When the Son of Man comes in His glory ... all the nations will be gathered before Him” (Matt. 25:31-34).
- C. “Heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called **Faithful and True** (Rev. 19:11), and He had a name written **The Word of God** (Rev. 19:13-14). A name written: **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS** (Rev. 19:16).
- D. “He will smite the nations and rule them with a scepter of iron” (Rev. 19:15).
- E. “The saints will reign with Christ for a **thousand years**” (Rev. 20:4).

(5) THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT OF THE LOST:

- A. The lost will be judged from the books **according to their works** (Rev. 20:12).
- B. They are judged **every man according to their works** (Rev. 20:13).
- C. “If anyone’s name was not found written in the **book of life** he is thrown into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:15).
- D. The **saved** are those who trust Christ, who said: “I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost” (Rev. 21:6).