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JESUS HIMSELF SAID:

**IN SUMMARY:**

- 1) PRE-TRIB “TROUBLES” (SEE OLIVET DISCOURSE BELOW)
- 2) THE REMOVING FROM THE EARTH ALL CHRISTIANS DEAD AND ALIVE IN THE RAPTURE
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- 7) SATAN UNLEASHED AFTER 1,000 YEARS
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- 9) THE NEW JERUSALEM COMING DOWN OUT OF THE SKY
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**PRE-TRIB “TROUBLES”:** JESUS GAVE THIS TALK A FEW DAYS BEFORE HE WAS CRUCIFIED:

**Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple**

MT 24:1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. <sup>2</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not *one* stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.”

**The Signs of the Times and the End of the Age**

<sup>3</sup> Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? **THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE** And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, **THE RAPTURE** and of the end of the age?” **THE SECOND COMING**

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for <sup>[a]</sup>all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. <sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

**POLITICAL TURMOIL** And there will be famines, <sup>[b]</sup>pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **DISTRESS** <sup>8</sup> All these *are* the beginning **NOTE “BEGINNING” NOT END** of sorrows. <sup>9</sup> “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **PERSECUTION** <sup>10</sup> And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. **A GREAT FALLING AWAY** <sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **DECEPTION** <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. **MORAL DECLINE** <sup>13</sup> But he who endures **LIVES THROUGH ALL THIS** to the end shall be saved **THE RAPTURE WILL DELIVER CHRISTIANS WHO ARE STILL ALIVE FROM THE “GREAT TRIBULATION”**. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations,

**WHICH HAS ALREADY HAPPENED** and then the end will come. **JESUS COMING FOR THE SECOND TIME AS A MILITARY LEADER TO SAVE ISRAEL**

### **The Great Tribulation**

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore **SO** when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. **WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY TO JEWS DURING THE TRIBULATION**<sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the <sup>[e]</sup>elect’s sake **JEWS WHO WILL BELIEVE ON CHRIST DURING THE TRIBULATION** those days will be shortened.

<sup>23</sup> **SO** “Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here *is* the Christ!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe *it* **THIS IS A WORD FOR CHRISTIANS NOW**. <sup>24</sup> For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you beforehand.

### **1 JOHN 2: THIS FURTHER EXPLAINS “FALSE CHRISTS”**

<sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the <sup>[d]</sup>Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.<sup>20</sup> But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you <sup>[e]</sup>know all things <sup>21</sup> I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

### **BACK TO JESUS’ WORDS IN MT 24**

<sup>26</sup> “Therefore if they say to you, ‘Look, He is in the desert!’ do not go out; *or* ‘Look, *He is* in the inner rooms!’ do not believe *it*. <sup>27</sup> For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>28</sup> For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. **THERE WILL BE NO DOUBT WHEN HE RETURNS**

### **The Coming of the Son of Man**

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days **WHAT HE HAS LISTED SO FAR, SEE MT 24:4-14** the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. **BOTH MAN-MADE DESTRUCTION AND NATURAL DESTRUCTION** <sup>30</sup> Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His <sup>[d]</sup>elect from the four winds, from one end of

heaven to the other. **SPECIFICALLY SPEAKING OF HOW THE RAPTURE WILL OCCUR**

### **The Parable of the Fig Tree**

<sup>32</sup>“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: **GIVING US A SPECIFIC CLUE OF WHEN THE TIME IS NEAR** When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer *is* near. <sup>33</sup> So you also, when you see all these things, know that <sup>[e]</sup>it is near—at the doors! <sup>34</sup> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. **THIS IS THE COUNTRY OF ISRAEL BEING REBORN. THIS “GENERATION” IS THOSE WHO WERE BORN ABOUT THAT TIME—BABY BOOMERS**

### **No One Knows the Day or Hour**

<sup>36</sup>“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of <sup>[f]</sup>heaven, but My Father only. **BUT EVEN THEN, THERE ARE NO SPECIFICS AS GOD HIMSELF WILL SET THE DAY AND HOUR**<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. <sup>40</sup> Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. <sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know what <sup>[g]</sup>hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what <sup>[h]</sup>hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. **THIS DESCRIBES THE RAPTURE, NOT THE SECOND COMING. AT THE SECOND COMING CHRIST WILL BE AS A GREAT MILITARY LEADER.**

### **The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant**

<sup>45</sup>“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food <sup>[i]</sup>in due season? <sup>46</sup> Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <sup>47</sup> Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying <sup>[j]</sup>his coming,’ <sup>49</sup> and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup> the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, <sup>51</sup> and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **WHEN PEOPLE REALIZE THAT WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD IS TRUE BUT THEY NEVER BOTHERED TO PUT THEIR TRUST IN CHRIST**

#### *Footnotes*

1. [Matthew 24:6](#) NU omits *all*
2. [Matthew 24:7](#) NU omits *pestilences*
3. [Matthew 24:22](#) *chosen ones*’
4. [Matthew 24:31](#) *chosen ones*
5. [Matthew 24:33](#) Or *He*
6. [Matthew 24:36](#) NU adds *nor the Son*
7. [Matthew 24:42](#) NU *day*
8. [Matthew 24:43](#) Lit. *watch of the night*

9. [Matthew 24:45](#) *at the right time*
10. [Matthew 24:48](#) NU omits *his coming*

### Footnotes

1. [Matthew 24:15](#) Daniel 9:27; 11:31; 12:11
2. [Matthew 24:29](#) Isaiah 13:10; 34:4
3. [Matthew 24:30](#) Or *the tribes of the land*
4. [Matthew 24:30](#) See Daniel 7:13-14.
5. [Matthew 24:33](#) Or *he*
6. [Matthew 24:36](#) Some manuscripts do not have *nor the Son*.

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OLIVET DISCOURSE IS THE PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH VIRGINS, WHICH IS A PICTURE OF THE RAPTURE: MT 25:1-13. ALL WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PART IN THE WEDDING—THEY WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO BE A PART OF GOD’S PLAN, BUT WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM ARRIVED—THE RAPTURE—ONLY HALF OF THEM WERE ACTUALLY PREPARED (WITH OIL, THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVING INSIDE THEM) TO GO IN WITH HIM—THE OTHERS DID NOT BOTHER TO TAKE OIL (DID NOT EVER ACTUALLY PUT THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST).**

**NEXT IS THE PARABLE OF THE BAGS OF GOLD, MT 25:14-31, SHOWING THAT GOD WILL GIVE EVEN THE MOST UNLIKELY A CHANCE TO BECOME PART OF HIS KINGDOM—BUT NOT EVERYONE WILL. IT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE JUDGMENT OF CHRISTIANS ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER THE RAPTURE, AND THAT NOT EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE THE SAME REWARD, JUST AS PAUL TELLS US:** <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. (1 Cor. 3:10-15). **PAUL ALSO STATES IN** 2 Cor. 5:5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. <sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (2 Cor. 5:5-10).

**SO FAR WE HAVE DISCUSSED WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE RAPTURE, AND WHAT HAS AND IS TAKING PLACE NOW. THEN WE DISCUSSED THE JUDGMENT OF CHRISTIANS ACCORDING TO WORKS AS DESCRIBED BY PAUL. JESUS NOW MOVES ON TO THE NEXT JUDGMENT, WHICH COMES AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION, THE PROPHECY CONCERNING THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS, MT 25:31-46, WHICH WILL BE FULFILLED AT THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT. THIS IS NOT A PARABLE BUT A TELLING OF FUTURE EVENTS, SHOWING THE DISTINCTION OF JUDGMENT BETWEEN THE FAITHFUL AND UNFAITHFUL:**

**REV. 20:11-15, GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT:** "Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. **THIS OCCURS AFTER THE TRIBULATION, AND INVOLVES EVERYONE ALIVE AND DEAD WHO WERE LEFT AFTER THE RAPTURE TOOK PLACE. SEE ALSO DANIEL 7:9-10.** Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" ([Revelation 20:11-15](#)).

**CHRISTIANS WHO WERE "RAPTURED" ARE NOT PART OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT:** "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross" ([Colossians 2:13-14](#)).

#### **MORE VERSES COMPELLING PRE-TRIB RAPTURE:**

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36)."Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (Matthew 24:42-46 KJV).

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13).

"And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power"(Acts 1:7).

#### **INTERESTING COMMENTARY ON WORD "MARANATHA":**

"One the strongest cases one can make for the early Church expecting an imminent return of Christ is to note their use of the word maranatha, which was used as a greeting in those days. When believers gathered or parted, they didn't say "hello" or "goodbye"; they would say "Maranatha!" I've encountered some writings that say Maranatha is Hebrew and Greek, but it is actually an Aramaic expression. In fact, it is made up of three Aramaic words: Mar, which means

“Lord”; ana, which means “our”; andtha, which means “come.” The interesting thing about maranatha is that it comes in the form of a petition. When a Christian in the early Church would make this statement, he was actually petitioning the Lord to come. This obviously implies the belief that it was possible for Jesus to answer the appeal. If members of the first-century Church believed that certain events needed to take place before the Savior could return, they would have been silly to greet each other with “maranatha.” They lived nearly 2,000 years ago, and yet they seem to have had a deeper awareness of imminency than many of today’s Christians.

#### **OTHER COMMENTS BY SAME AUTHOR:**

As early as 70 – 180 AD, The Didache, chapter 16, section 1, says, “Be vigilant over your life; let your lamps not be extinguished, or your loins ungirded, but be prepared, for you know not the hour in which our Lord will come.”

“But what a spectacle is that fast-approaching advent of our Lord, now owned by all, now highly exalted, now a triumphant One!” (Tertullian 155 – 245 AD).

John Calvin, the reformer at Geneva during the 1500s and founder of the Presbyterian Church, made the following statements in some of his commentaries on books of the Bible: “Be prepared to expect Him every day, or rather every moment.” “As He has promised that He will return to us, we ought to hold ourselves prepared, at every moment to receive Him.” “Today we must be alert to grasp the imminent return of Christ.” Commenting on 1 Thessalonians 4, the “Rapture passage,” Calvin said that Paul “means by this to arouse the Thessalonians to wait for it, nay more, to hold all believers in suspense, that they may not promise themselves some particular time . . . that believers might be prepared at all times.”

The Westminster Confession, written by the Puritans of England during the 1600s, declared that men should “shake off all carnal security and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come.”

#### **HERE IS AN ARTICLE TELLING WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE 1,000 YEAR REIGN:**

The Bible teaches that Christ will reign for a period of time before handing the kingdom to his Father:

[1 Corinthians 15:24-26](#)<sup>FL</sup>

*Then comes the end, when he [Christ] delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

At the end of Revelation, we learn that this period when Christ reigns is to last 1000 years ([Revelation 20:1-6](#)<sup>FL</sup>).

Then there is a second judgement ([Revelation 20:11-13](#)<sup>FL</sup>), and death itself is destroyed ([Revelation 20:14](#)<sup>FL</sup>). After that, only immortal saints will continue to live.

Some people interpret [Revelation 21:1 – 22:5](#)<sup>FL</sup> as a description of this period.

[Revelation 21:3-4](#)<sup>FL</sup>

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”*



## [Revelation 22:1-5](#)

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*

### **MORE VERSES:**

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only” (Mat 24:36). Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him” (Mat 25:1-6)

“Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the Master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly He find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch” (Mark 13:33-37).

“Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Rom 13:11-12).

“And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly” (Rom 16:20).

“So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 1:7).

“For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil 3:20).

“Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand” (Phil 4:5).

“And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come” (1 Thess 1:10).

“Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thess 5:6).

“That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Tim 6:14).

“Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus” (Titus 2:13).

“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation” (Heb 9:28).

“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the Day approaching” (Heb 10:24-25).

“For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry” (Heb 10:37).

“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door” (James 5:7-9).

“Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:13).

“But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer” (1 Peter 4:7).

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life” (Jude 1:21).

“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown” (Rev 3:11).

“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book” (Rev 22:7).

“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus” (Rev 22:20).

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** - Then we which 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. 4:13** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, <sup>g</sup>that you may not grieve as others do <sup>h</sup>who have no hope. **14** For <sup>i</sup>since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him <sup>j</sup>those who have fallen asleep. **15** For this we declare to you <sup>k</sup>by a word from the Lord, <sup>l</sup>that <sup>m</sup>we who are alive, who are left until <sup>n</sup>the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For <sup>o</sup>the Lord himself will descend <sup>p</sup>from heaven <sup>q</sup>with a cry of command, with the voice of <sup>r</sup>an archangel, and <sup>s</sup>with the sound of the trumpet of God. And <sup>t</sup>the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be <sup>u</sup>caught up together with them <sup>v</sup>in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so <sup>w</sup>we will always be with the Lord. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Luke 17:34-37** - I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ([Read More...](#))

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**Revelation 3:10** - Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

**Mark 13:32** - But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

**Matthew 24:29-31** - Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: ([Read More...](#))

**1 Corinthians 15:52** - In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet



shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**Daniel 12:1-2** - And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ([Read More...](#))

**1 Thessalonians 5:9** - For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Matthew 24:31** - And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**Luke 12:40** - Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

**Romans 10:9** - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

**Revelation 20:2-5** - And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, ([Read More...](#))

**1 Thessalonians 5:2** - For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

**Matthew 24:42** - Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

**Luke 17:34** - I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-7** - Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ([Read More...](#))

**Mark 13:32-37** - But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. ([Read More...](#))

**Matthew 24:27** - For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.