

7. \_\_\_\_\_:
- A “Pretribulation” Rapture explains why the church is mentioned throughout the first 3 chapters of Revelation, but is \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned from Rev. 4:1 until 19:7 (Marriage Supper of the Lamb)
  - “meta tauta”: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Revelation 1:19; 4:1-2
  - I Thessalonians 4:16-17
8. \_\_\_\_\_:
- A “Pretribulation” Rapture is the only viewpoint that truly offers a \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Titus 2:13; Luke 21:36
9. \_\_\_\_\_:
- A “Pretribulation” Rapture is the distinction that Paul made in his teaching while trying to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the Thessalonian church.
  - II Thessalonians 2:1; I Thess. 4:18; John 14:1-3
10. \_\_\_\_\_:
- A “Pretribulation” Rapture fits the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb”, and mirrors the picture of a Jewish wedding: Rev. 19:7-9; II Cor. 5:6-10

JEWISH WEDDING	END TIME EVENTS
• Bridegroom comes from his father’s house to claim his bride.	• The return of Christ for His bride, “The Church”: John 14:2-3
• Bridal party returns to father’s house.	• The “rapture” of all believers to heaven: I Thessalonians 4:13-18
• Wedding feast lasts for 7 days, during which the bride is veiled.	• The 7 year period of the Antichrist and Great Tribulation: Rev. #4-19
• Presentation of the bride to the wedding party.	• Second Coming of Christ, with His Bride, and the beginning of His 1000 year reign in Jerusalem: Rev. 20:4
• Union that is not put asunder	• Final losing and judgment of Satan, and the Eternal rule of God and Christ: Rev. 20:7-15



## IS THE END NEAR?

### Msg. 5: The Great Translation (Rapture)

- Review: Matthew 24:15-30
- Matthew 24 and the “Rapture” of the Church:
  - What does Matthew 24:31-44 describe?
    - The “Rapture” of the church? –*or-* the “Judgment” of the wicked at the Second Coming of Christ?
      - “Rapture”: removal, translation, \_\_\_\_\_ by force.
      - Of the church: I Cor. 15:50-53; I Thess. 4:15-18
    - The context of the Scripture is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the establishment of His \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom.
    - The “elect”, as identified in Matthew 24:22, are the tribulation believers who have come through the Great Tribulation.
    - This is not the New Testament Church. The Church, (The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ) – returns with Christ: Revelation 19:14-15.
    - Just as Noah was “taken away” from the destruction of the wicked, the “elect” will be taken away from total destruction at the Battle of Armageddon when Christ returns.
  - Why does Matthew 24:36-44 look like the rapture?
    - The rescue of the “elect” is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the rapture of the church.

2. Similarities:

- a. Rescue: As Noah was raised above the destruction, so believers will be raised above the destruction in the rapture.
- b. Imminence: Noah lived in readiness, even though he did not know the day or the hour. Believers are called to live in readiness.

III. The “Great Translation” (Rapture) – *Our Blessed Hope!*

A. **Ten Reasons I Believe The “Rapture” Will Take Place Before The Great Tribulation!**

1. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture explains the Early Church’s belief in the imminent return of Jesus Christ – at \_\_\_\_\_!
  - b. I Corinthians 7:29-31; I Thessalonians 5:1-8; II Peter 3:8-10; Philippians 3:30; Colossians 3:4
  - c. **Luke 21:28**: “**Now when these things begin to happen, \_\_\_\_\_ and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.**”
2. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture is in agreement with Jesus’ teaching that \_\_\_\_\_ the day or the hour of His return.
  - b. Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32-33; I Thess 5:4-6
3. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture reconciles with the teaching accepted by the Early Church fathers regarding a literal \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Christ on earth: Ezekiel 37:1-4; Jeremiah 31:30-40; Acts 1:6
  - b. The church is seen as the “Bride of Christ”, present with Him at His coming, and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him during the Millennium: Rev 19:1-16; 20:4-5

4. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture explains why the church is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Scriptures during the time of the Great Tribulation.
  - b. Daniel 9:24-27; 12:1-2; Jeremiah 30:4-11; Matthew 24:15-31; Jeremiah 30:7
5. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture explains why there will be \_\_\_\_\_ humans left on earth after the Second Coming, and during the Millennium, until the unleashing of Satan and the deceiving of the nations: Revelation 20:7-8
  - b. The “elect” are left to populate the world: Isaiah 60:20-25; Revelation 20:7-9
  - c. The “nations” are judged at the second coming of Christ, prior to the Millennium, as to how they treated the “elect” during Great Tribulation: Matthew 25:31-34; Joel 3:1-2; 3:12-14.
  - d. This is different from the “Great White Throne Judgment”. The criteria for the final judgment is the \_\_\_\_\_!
6. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - a. A “Pretribulation” Rapture offers an \_\_\_\_\_ from the wrath to come, and an \_\_\_\_\_ into the presence of God in heaven, while judgment falls upon the earth.
  - b. God has not appointed us unto wrath! I Thessalonians 5:9-10; II Thess. 2:13;
  - c. Revelation 3:10-12: God promised the “faithful church” that He would keep them from the \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble, that was coming upon the whole world.