

THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

XVIII. OF THE RESURRECTION AND RETURN OF CHRIST AND RELATED EVENTS

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that He (Jesus Christ) alone is our "merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God;" Hebrews 8:1; "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;" Consider the words of Jesus in Revelation 3:21; "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne." Hebrews 12:2; "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 9:11-12; "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and

more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;" "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 8:6; "But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." Hebrews 9:24; "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." I Timothy 2:5; "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men the man Christ Jesus." I John 2:1; "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" Hebrews 2:17; "Wherefore in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He might be a merciful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people." Hebrews 5:9-10; "And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec."

"That this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"----bodily, personally and visible; Luke 24:51; "And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Mark 16:19; "So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God." Acts 1:9, 11;" And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." [Then the angels that appeared spoke] "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." [This refers to the Second Coming of the Lord after the 7 year Tribulation when He will set up His earthly Kingdom for 1,000 years]

Revelation 19:11-16; that the "dead in Christ shall rise first," that the living saints "shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." [THE RAPTURE which occurs before the 7 year Tribulation Period. This will be part of the First Resurrection] 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:" I Corinthians 15:41-44; I Thessalonians 4:17; "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [Harpazw-Greek = to snatch out] together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Corinthians 15:51-53; Philippians 3:20-21; "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." [Jesus spoke the following to the disciples during the last hours that He was with them before His death on the cross.]

John 14:3; **"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."**

[Following the Rapture will be the GREAT TRIBULATION]

It will be a period of unequalled Trouble and Tribulation to the whole world!

Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21; Revelation 6:1-19: 10;

"that the Lord God shall give unto Him {Jesus} the throne of His father David;" and that Christ shall reign a thousand years in righteousness until He hath put all enemies under His feet." Luke 1:32; "He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David:" 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." Matthew 24:42; "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Hebrews 9:28; "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." Zechariah 14:1-15;. Revelation 20:1-6; Psalm 72:8; "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."

[What will the Kingdom Age be like?] Isaiah 11:1-12:6; Isaiah 65:19-25; I Corinthians 15:25; **"For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet." Revelation 20:7-15; I Corinthians 15:26; "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." [This will be followed by the New Heaven, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem] Revelation 21:1-22:7;**

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES TO CONSIDER REGARDING: THE LAST DAYS=

As it was in the days of Noah=Luke 17:26-27; Genesis 6:1-22; Matthew 24:37-51 ;

As it was in the days of Lot=Luke 17:28-33; Genesis 19:1-38;

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