

Personal/Small Group Study Notes

Week of August 29, 2021 A.D.

The Coming Wrath of God

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

1. The event described in these verses is commonly called “the rapture of the church.” During the rapture, do the feet of Jesus touch the ground of the earth? Will there be any humans alive on planet earth after the rapture? Is it better to be “raptured” or left behind? Why?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

2. Will it be a good thing or a bad thing for a person to be living on planet earth during “the day of the Lord”? Will “the day of the Lord” occur before or after “the rapture”? Will the people who are described in verse 3 see “the antichrist”? Why will the inhabitants of earth say “peace and safety”? Who will cause their destruction? How?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

3. Do these verses mention (a) the word “tribulation”? or (b) the word “wrath”? Is tribulation more often experienced by (a) righteous people, (b) unrighteous people, or (c) both at random? Is wrath more often experienced by (a) righteous people, (b) unrighteous people, or (c) both at random?
4. Please explain the meaning of verse 9. What does this verse have to do with “the rapture”?
5. Does God ever promise to protect the followers of Christ from experiencing tribulation during their lives on earth? Does God ever promise to spare the followers of Christ from experiencing God’s wrath? Does God ever promise to spare non-believers from experiencing God’s wrath? See John 3:35-36.

Read Revelation 6:1-17

6. Even though Jesus initiates each of the events found in these verses, when you look only at verses 1-11, is there anything which will happen on earth which (a) will require a supernatural act of God for it to occur? (b) hasn’t already happened before and/or which is not currently happening on earth in the affairs of mankind? or (c) could only occur as a result of the “extreme anger” (i.e. the wrath) of God?

7. Is it possible that the events of verses 12-14 are intended by God to be the final call for repentance before God unleashes His wrath on planet earth? Is it possible that verses 15-17 are intended by God to confirm the verdict pronounced by Jesus in John 3:19-21?

Read Revelation 7:1-8

8. Is Jesus “the king of the Jews”? Would the church have ever come into existence if the Jews would have dethroned King Herod, acknowledged Jesus as their Savior, and served Jesus as their Messiah and King? Are the Jews still God’s chosen people? Is God going to use the “144,000 from all the tribes of Israel” to call the Jews to salvation and repentance?
9. Does verse 3 sound like “the wrath of God” is about to officially begin? Does verse 3 amplify and describe “the wrath of God” mentioned in Revelation 6:16-17? Does verse 3 indicate that the 144,000 Jews will receive God’s protection while they evangelize God’s chosen people during the time of trouble which is about to begin?

Read Romans 11:25-32

10. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “God has already determined the exact number of Gentiles which are to become members of the family of Christ. When that number has been reached, the rapture will occur; and, the Jewish people will then become the primary mission field for the kingdom of God on planet earth.”

Read Revelation 7:9-17

11. How do these verses relate to the verses of Revelation 6:9-11? In your opinion, are the saints from Revelation 6:9-11 included in the “great multitude” of saints identified in chapter 7? Will all of the saints described in chapter 7 be martyrs? Or, will some of them be “raptured saints” who have been spared from both martyrdom and the coming wrath of God?

Read Matthew 24:29-31

12. It is interesting that verse 29 is strikingly similar to Revelation 6:12-14. It is interesting that verses 30-31 are strikingly similar to 1 Thess. 4:16-17. It is interesting that Revelation 7:9 refers to “a great multitude that no one can count” and Revelation 7:14 states that they “have come out of the great tribulation” (Notice: The tribulation must therefore happen before “the great day of the wrath of God” against mankind which does not begin until Rev. 8:1.) What do you think?

Consider: Jesus said, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart. I have overcome the world.” You think about that. Amen.