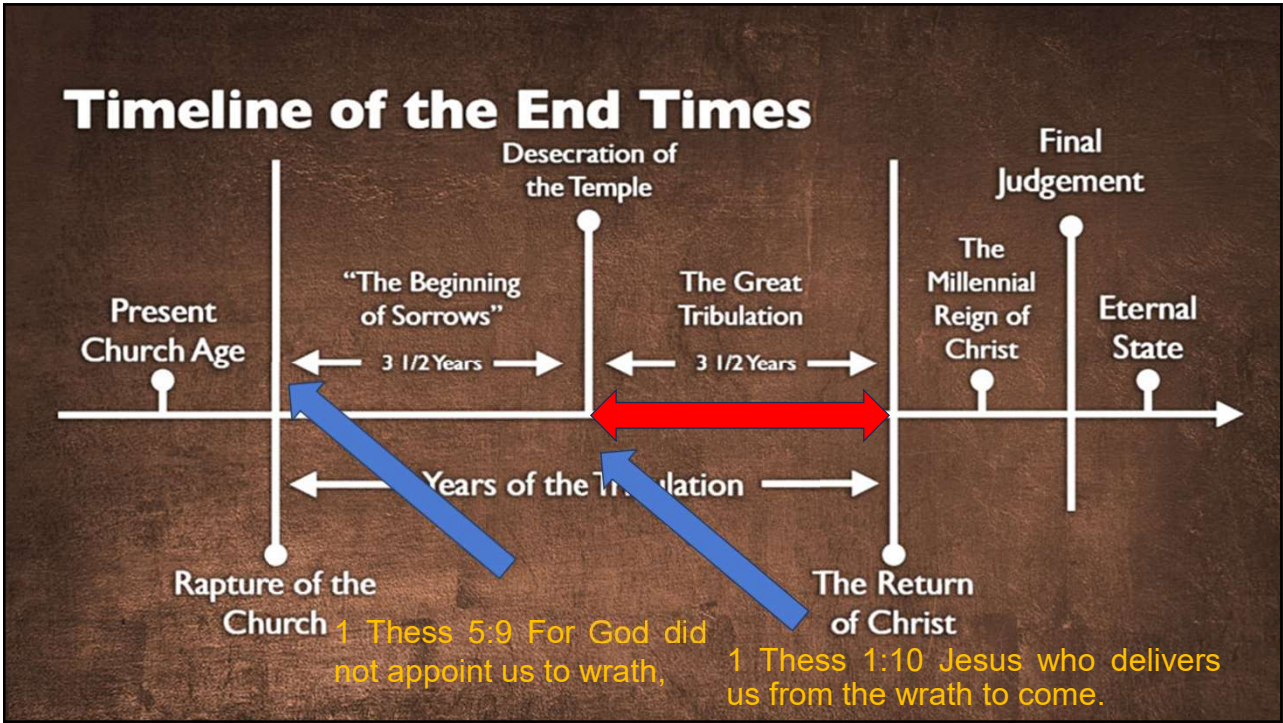


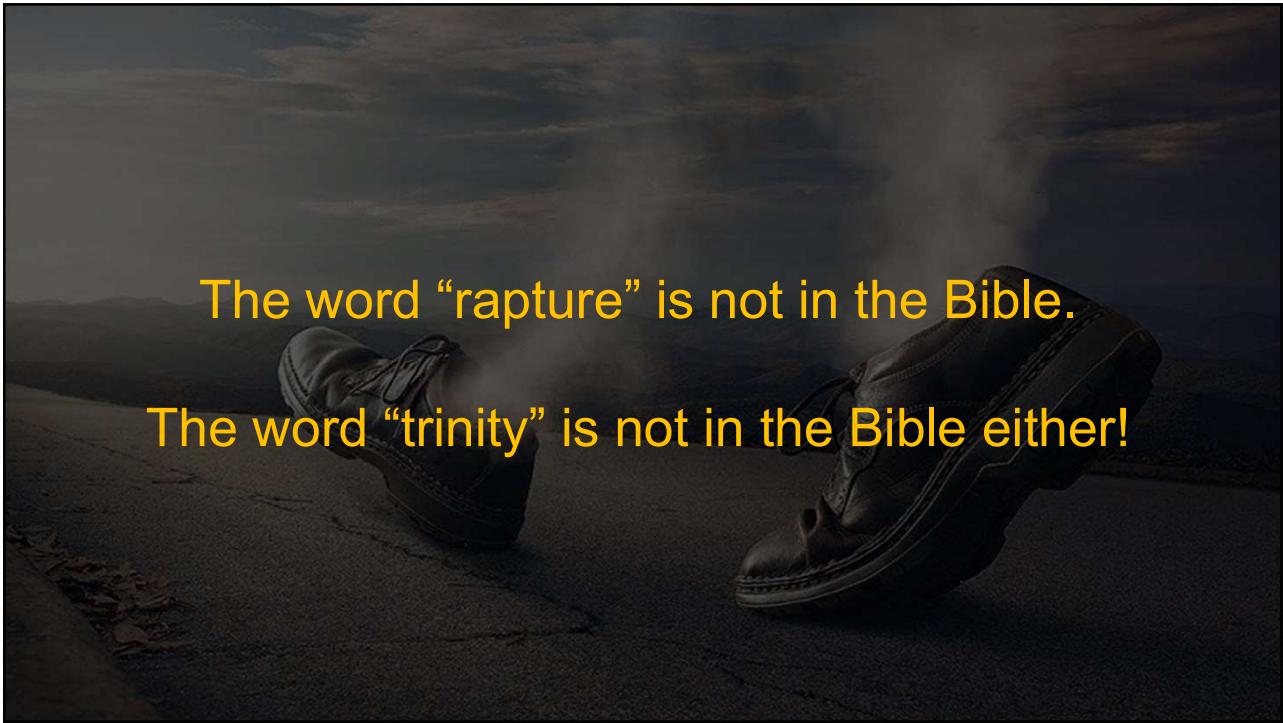
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The Rapture is a theory dreamed up by weak-kneed Christians who are too squeamish to suffer, so they believe in the rapture because they are escapists.

- **Jn 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”
- **Acts 14:22** “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”
- **2 Tim 3:12** all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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1. Christians are not the children of wrath

1 Thess 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess 1:10 Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Rev 6:15-17 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

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2. The great tribulation is for Israel

Dan 9:24 "Seventy weeks [490 yrs] are determined for **your people** and for **your holy city**, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

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Dan 9:25-27:

The rebuilding of Jerusalem 49 yrs.

The crucifixion of Jesus 434 yrs.

483 yrs.

The “final week” involves the covenant with the Anti-Christ and his breaking of that covenant 3½ yrs. into the covenant. (2 Thess 2:3-4)

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Jer 30:7 Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of **Jacob's** [Israel's] trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

Mt 24:21-22 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.²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the **elect's sake** those days will be shortened.

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3. God will finish His work through the Jewish people after He is finished with His work through the Gentiles

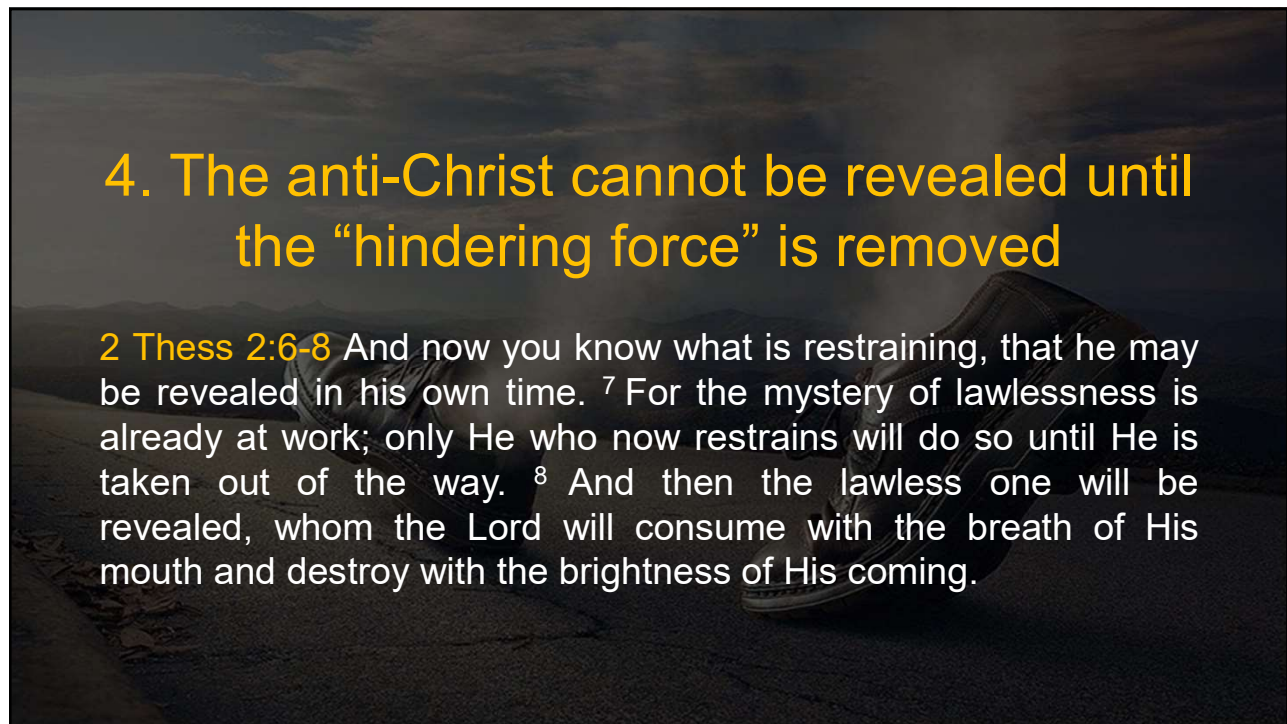
Rom 11:1,2,26-27 I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! ... ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. ... ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

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Lk 21:24 And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Rom 11:25-27 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; ²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins."

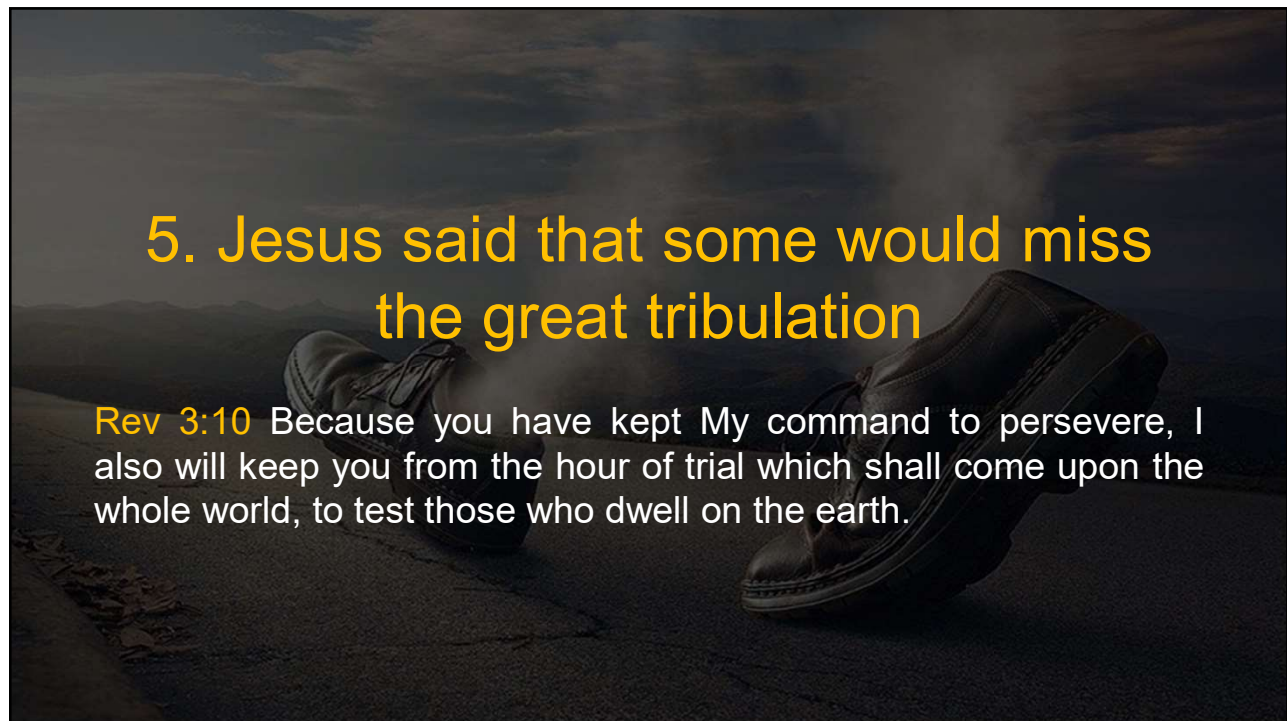
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4. The anti-Christ cannot be revealed until the “hindering force” is removed

2 Thess 2:6-8 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

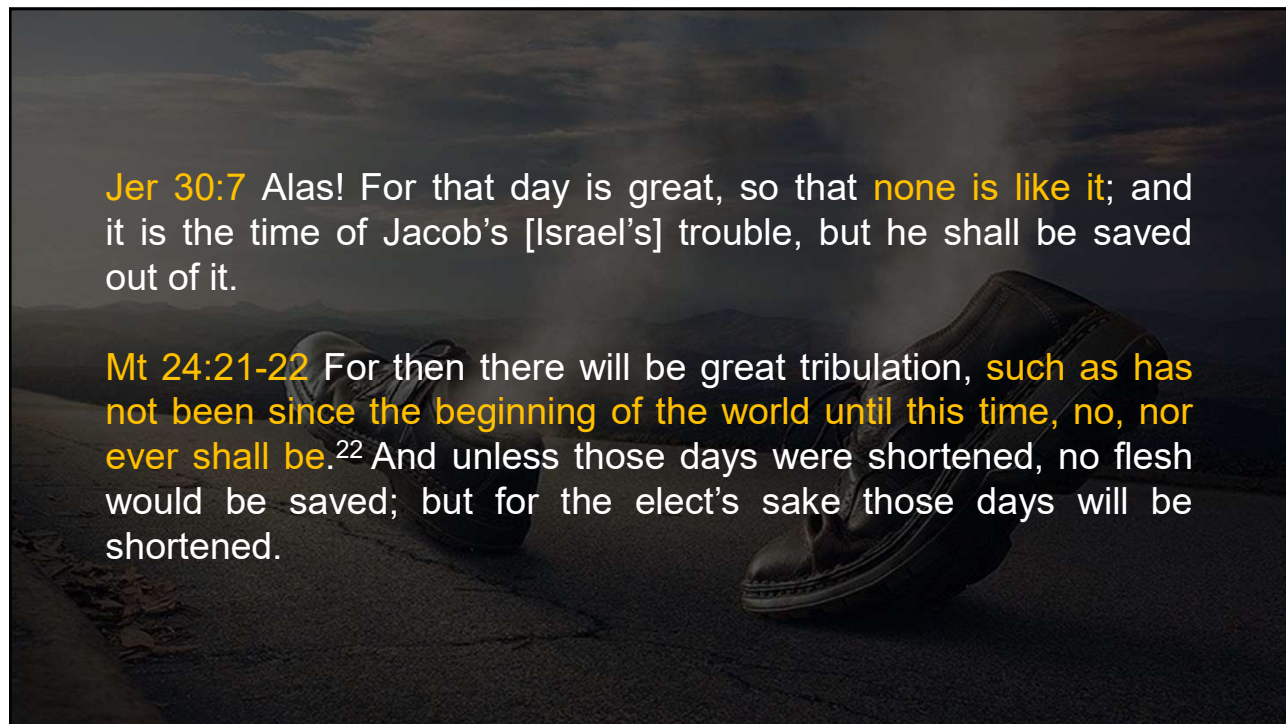
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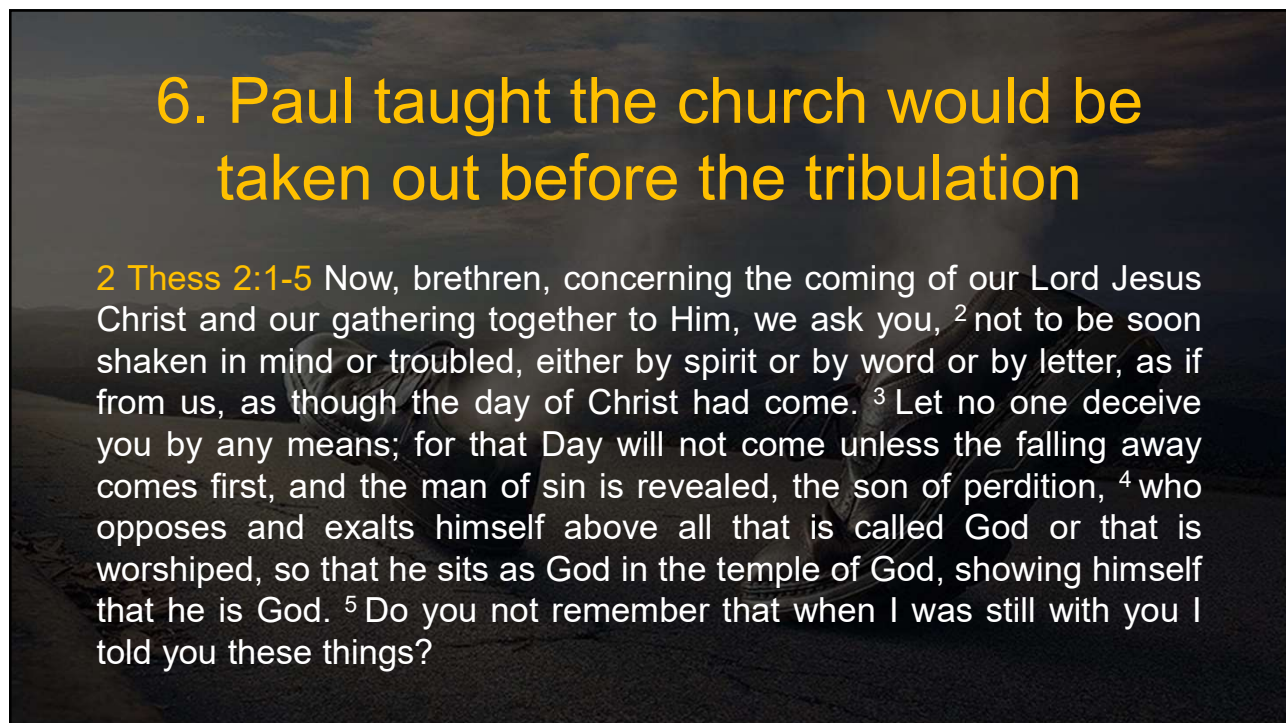
5. Jesus said that some would miss the great tribulation

Rev 3:10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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6. Paul taught the church would be taken out before the tribulation

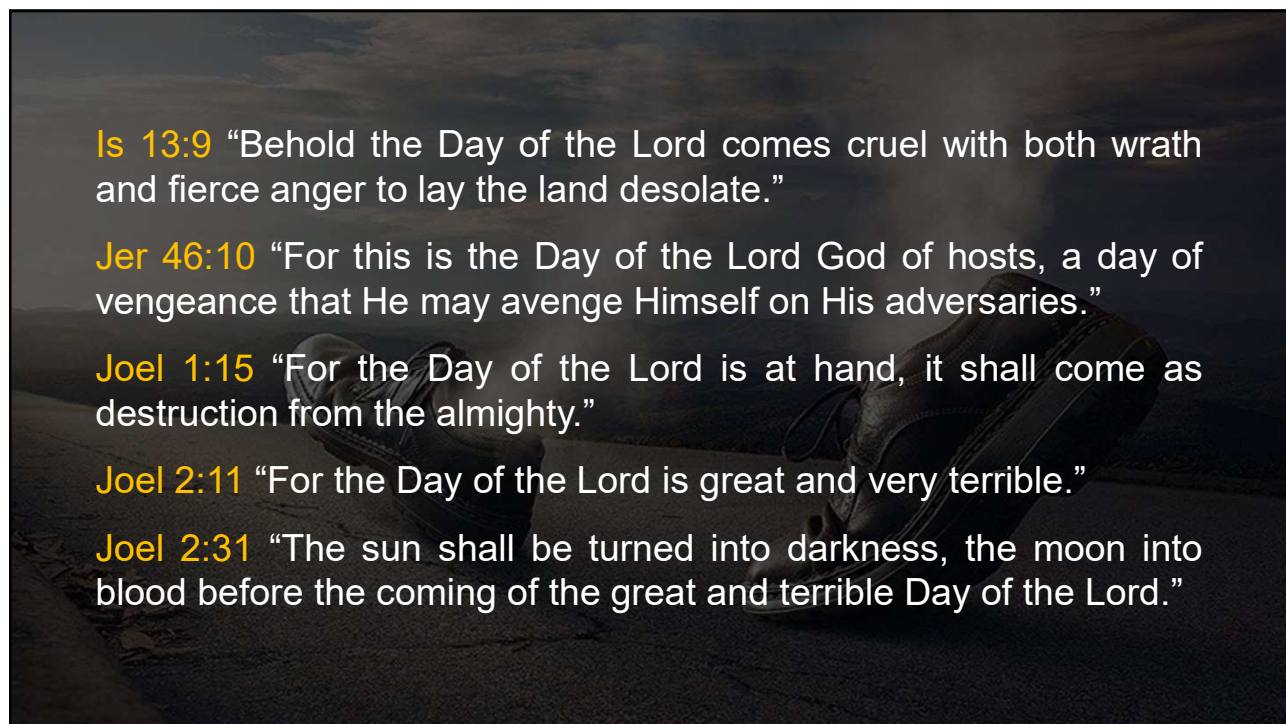
2 Thess 2:1-5 Now, brethren, concerning **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though **the day of Christ** had come. ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day** will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

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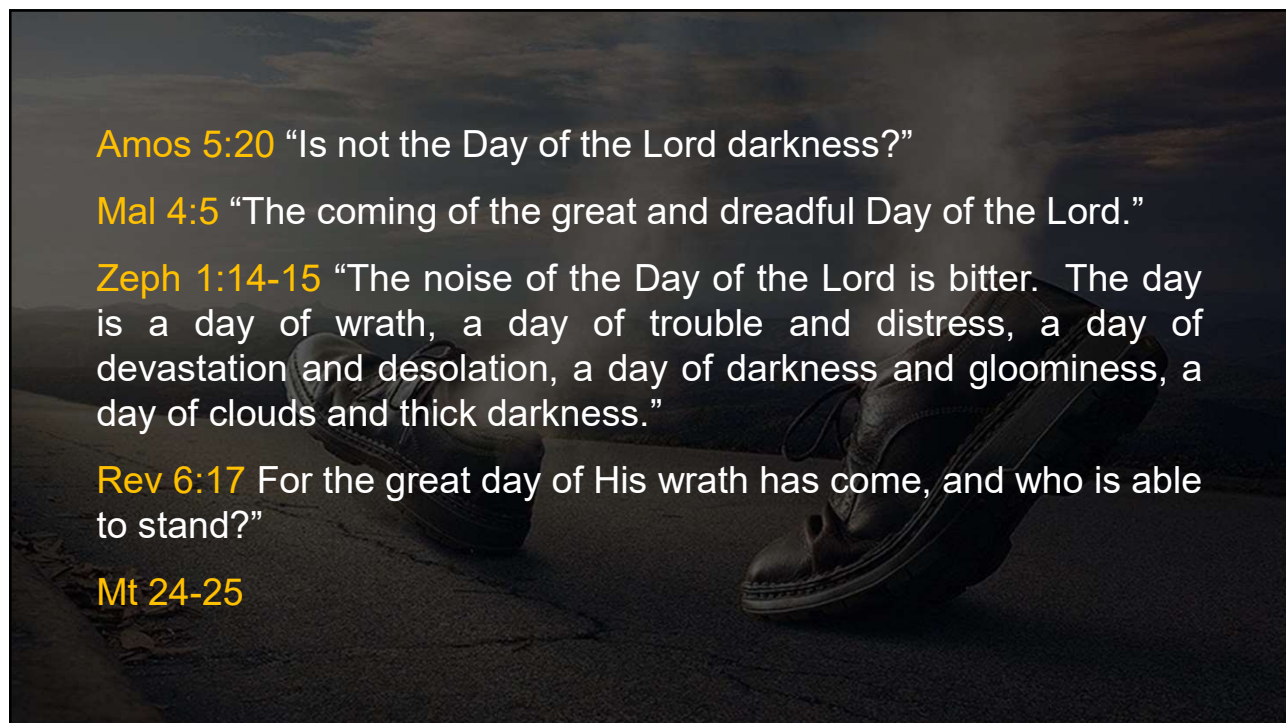


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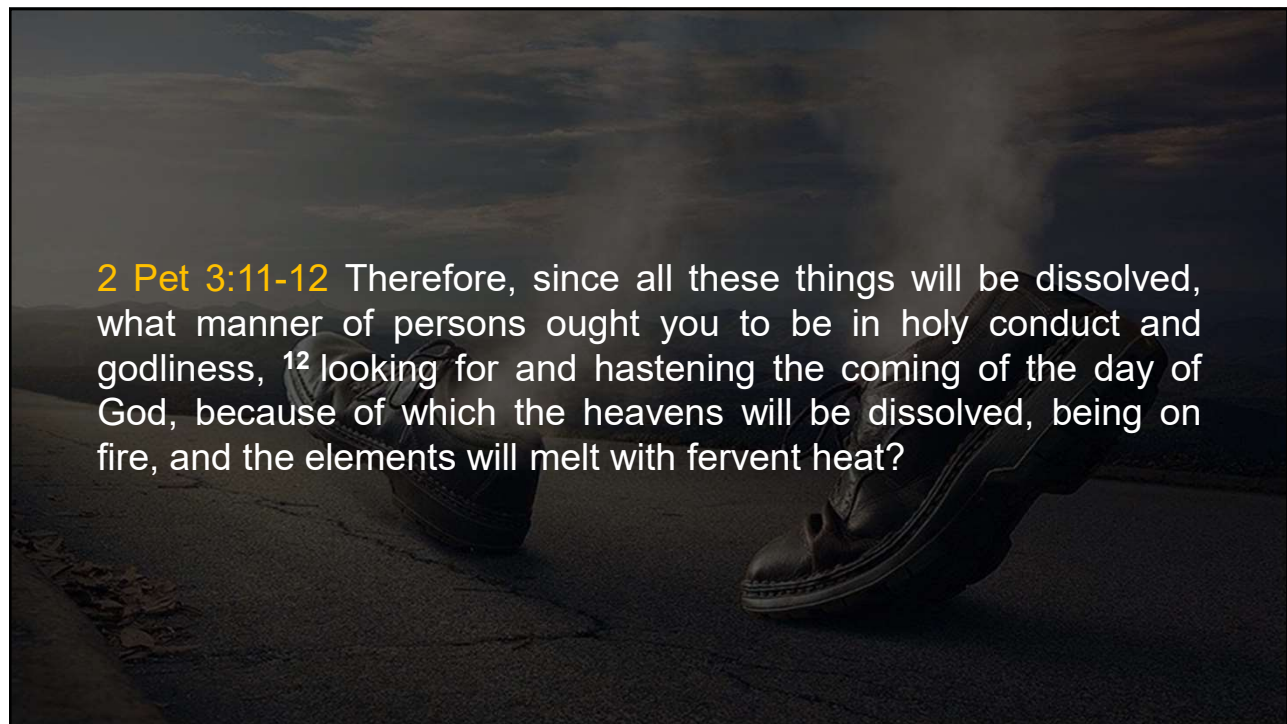
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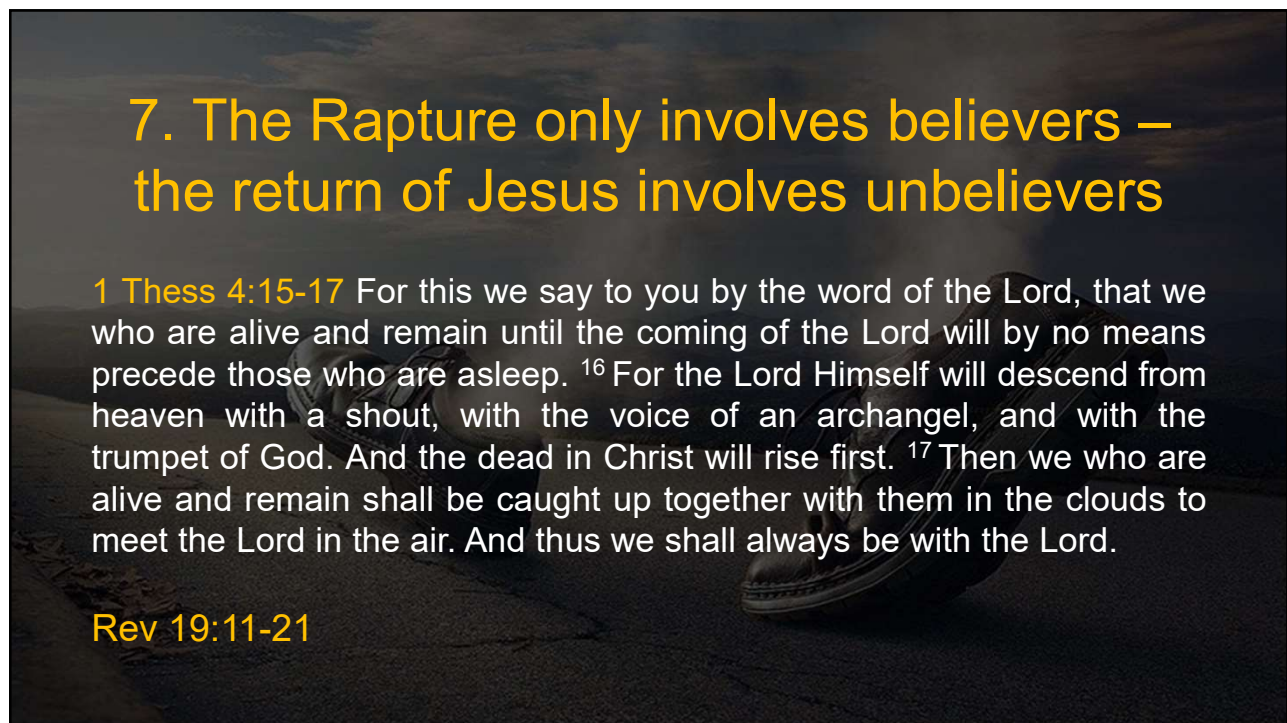


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2 Pet 3:11-12 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

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7. The Rapture only involves believers – the return of Jesus involves unbelievers

1 Thess 4:15-17 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Rev 19:11-21

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8. Jesus taught that there will be two resurrections

Jn 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth – those who have done good, to the **resurrection of life**, and those who have done evil, to the **resurrection of condemnation**.

Rev 20:5-6 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the **first resurrection**. ⁶ Blessed and holy is he who has part in the **first resurrection**. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

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9. What comes down must first go up

- Believers come down to the earth when Jesus returns – Rev 19:14, 7:13-14
- So they had to first go up to be with Jesus – 1 Thess 4:17

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10. Scripture teaches the rapture is imminent

Js 5:7-8 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

1 Pet 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

1 Jn 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

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11. Believers should be looking for Christ – not the Anti-Christ

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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