

In A Moment

INAM-07 "THE RAPTURE & THE DAY OF CHRIST"

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"THE DOCTRINE OF THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS"

PHIL 1:6 "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion **[until]** **THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.**"

As you are aware, I have been attempting to get through the subject of **THE DAY OF CHRIST** for the last 2 Lessons. **Tonight, we will!** When we reflect on the details that lead up to, and accompany **THE DAY OF THE LORD**, we can see significant differences with what is revealed about **THE RAPTURE** and **THE DAY OF CHRIST**. As Believers, we do not await a **Day** of fear, judgement, and terror. Instead, WE await, *and long for*, a **Day** of great joy, relief, and rescue... a **Day** of **Resurrection** and **Reward**.

PAROUSIA: THE ARRIVAL

Arrival / Coming... - **PAROUSIA** – *to be present / an arrival at a certain place or time / to come to a place...*

In the NT, the understanding of the **Arrival (PAROUSIA)** must be determined by its context in relation to the **"Occasion of the ARRIVAL"** The word was used by the Greeks for **natural events**; but Biblically it is used for **THE RAPTURE**; and, as we have seen, for **THE 2ND COMING**.

Last week we reviewed verses in which the **Parousia / Coming** refers to the events of **THE DAY OF THE LORD**. Those passages definitely refer to **THE SECOND COMING**.

However, as we look into the **other references** in the NT to the use of the word, **"PAROUSIA"**, we see a totally different picture...

➤ **THE RAPTURE / CATCHING AWAY (HARPAGMOS-Greek / RAPTURU-Latin);**

1 COR 15:20-22 "But in fact **CHRIST has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, **by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.**

²² For as in Adam all die, so also in **CHRIST shall all be made alive.** "But each in his own order: **CHRIST the firstfruits, then at His coming** those who belong to **CHRIST.**"

1 THESS 2:19-20 "For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at His **coming?** ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

1 THESS 3:13 "...so that **HE may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our GOD and FATHER, at the coming** of our **LORD JESUS with all HIS saints.**"

1 THESS 4:15 "For this we declare to you by a word from the **LORD, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming** of the **LORD, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**"

1 THESS 5:23 "Now may the **GOD OF PEACE himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming** of our **LORD JESUS CHRIST.**"

2 TIM 4:8 “Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His “coming / Arrival.”

1 JN 2:28 “And now, little children, abide in HIM, so that when HE appears [PHANEROS – to be seen] we may have confidence and not shrink from HIM in shame at His Coming [PAROUSIA - arrival].”

➤ **THE DAY OF CHRIST [JESUS]** – A **NEW TESTAMENT** phrase used in reference to the **“DAY” CHRIST comes for the Saints...** The **“CATCHING AWAY!”** (RAPTURE)

PHIL 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion [until] THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.”

- GOD’S work WITHIN us will continue until the time of the **RAPTURE**...
- **THEN** we will be **“fully changed”** into His glorious image...

PHIL 3:20-21 “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a SAVIOR, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body ... to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to HIMSELF.”

“Transform...” – **metaschematizo** – to make **“outward change ONLY”**

“Our “lowly” bodies...” – the **“change”** is ONLY to the **“lowly body”** in which we dwell...

“To be like...” – **summorphos** – To be fashioned into the **“form”** of another’s which is **NOT** representative of the previous **“form”**

WHY only **“outward change”**? – **Because** we are **Already** created in **His own** image and likeness **Within**...

Contrast: **ROMANS 12:2** “Be Transformed...” – **“Metamorphoo”** – to change the outward form so as to represent what it truly is inwardly ... “Metamorphosis”

1 COR 15: 50-57 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of GOD, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

PHIL 2:16 “holding fast to the word of life, so that in **THE DAY OF CHRIST** I may be confident that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.”

- Our **“labor”** will be complete at the time of: 1) **Death**; or 2) **RAPTURE**
- Our **“rewards”** will then be recognized based on what we have done in THIS life...

1 COR 3:12-13 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one’s work will become manifest, for **the Day** will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

JOHN 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

COL 3:4 When CHRIST who is your life appears, then you also will appear ... with him in glory.

1 THESS 2:19-20 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our LORD JESUS at his Coming? Is it not you? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

2 TIM 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the LORD, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

REV 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the SPIRIT, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

➤ **DELIVERED FROM WRATH:**

1 THESS 4:17-18 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the LORD in the air, and so we will always be with the LORD. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 THESS 5:8-11 "But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For GOD has not destined us for wrath..."

"destined to wrath..." – to be once and for all given over to the receiving of a pending judgment of wrath - reserved for those who have NOT believed upon the LORD JESUS CHRIST

JOHN 3:36 Whoever believes in the SON HAS eternal life; whoever does not obey the SON shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

JOHN 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 THESS 1:10 "...and to wait for [a settled expectation of] His SON from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, JESUS who delivers us ... from the wrath to come." [Same phrase used in REV 3:10 "rescued away from / kept from..."]

"...but to obtain salvation through our LORD JESUS CHRIST, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are:

- awake - those who are alive and remain...
- or asleep – those who have [physically] died [believing] in the Lord...

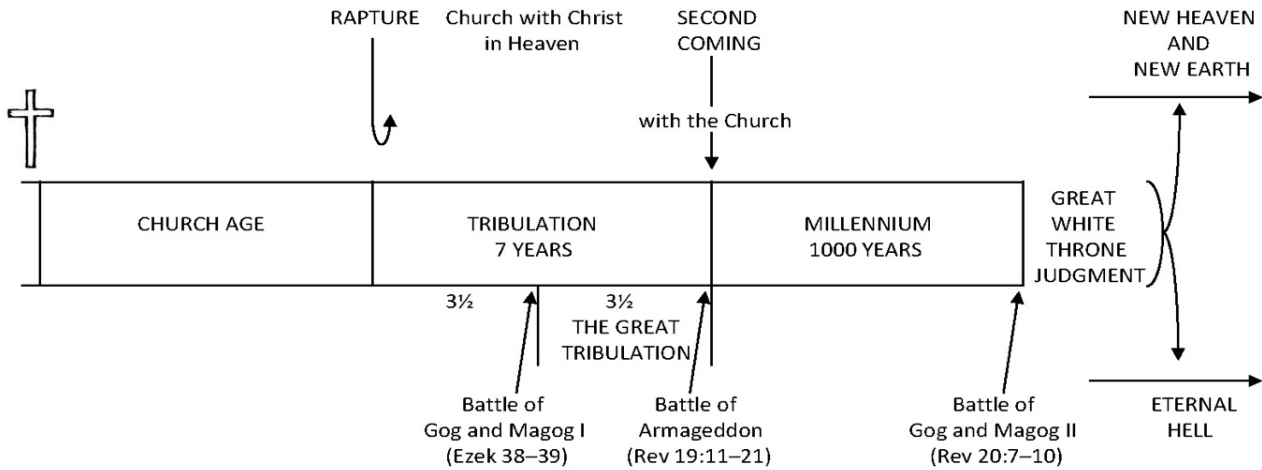
we might live with HIM.

¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- Addition Of "Building-Up" – to Re-enforce / Mend / Repair / Complete what was started...
- THE LAST DAYS = PENTECOST...TRIBULATION... to the 2ND COMING
- THE DAY OF THE LORD = The 2ND COMING
- THE CHURCH AGE = From PENTECOST to the RAPTURE are a part THE LAST DAYS

The End Times Chart

"THE PRE-TRIBULATIONAL ... PRE-MILLENNIAL VIEWPOINT"



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