

ESCHATOLOGY 101 – 2
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REVIEW:

- Be ready – Video.
- Don't be driven by fear or greed.
- Occupy until Jesus comes.
- End-time signs.

CONTINUE: ZECHARIAH 14:12 This verse is descriptive of nuclear warfare. The threat is more real now than ever!

THE RAPTURE – 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

1. Post-Trib view. This view has believers raptured at the end of the tribulation just before Christ returns to the earth. **JOHN 16:33** is used to support this view.
 - A. **REVELATION 6:16-17** – Tribulation is God's wrath being poured out on an unbelieving world, not persecution.
 - B. **NAHUM 1:2, ROMANS 5:9, 1 THESSALONIANS 1:10, 5:9** – Believers don't have an appointment with God's wrath, His enemies do!
2. Mid-Trib view. This view has the church raptured in the middle of the tribulation. **REVELATION 11:11-12, 15** and **1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-52** are used to support this view.
 - A. **REVELATION 13:7** – Makes this view hard to defend. If all the saints are raptured, who does He make war with?
 - B. The trump in **1 CORINTHIANS** sounds victory over death, while the trumpet blast in **REVELATION** is one of judgment.
3. Pre-Trib view. This view has the church raptured before the tribulation. Verses that support this view include:
 - A. **REVELATION 4:1** – The church is not mentioned again until **CHAPTER 19**.
 - B. **2 THESSALONIANS 2:3** – Kenneth Wuest “Do not begin to allow anyone to lead you astray in any way, because that day shall not come except the aforementioned departure of the church to heaven comes first and the man of lawlessness is disclosed. (Antichrist)

C. DANIEL 9:24-27

- **V24** – 70 weeks pertain to Jews and Jerusalem. They are 70 weeks of years in which six things are accomplished, none of which could be fulfilled without Christ.
- **V25** – The 70 weeks include three divisions 7 (49 years), 62 (434 years), and 1 (7 years) = 490 years. The Messiah would be crucified after 483 years from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem.
- **V26** – This was fulfilled in AD 70 when the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The ruler to come is the Antichrist.
- **V27** – Most scholars believe we are now living in the gap between Daniel's 69th and 70th week. The final week being God's wrath.

4. The purpose of the rapture and tribulation.

- The rapture removes the restrainer that prevents the Antichrist from being exposed, and the church from God's wrath.
- The tribulation is for Israel's redemption. **JEREMIAH 30:7 (NIV)**

THE MYSTERY CHURCH AGE – EPHESIANS 3:1-10

Jewish time has paused. This is the time of the Gentiles (2,000 years). **ROMANS 11:25-28 (NLT)** – Jewish times begins again, Gentile time ends.

THE CHURCH DURING THE TRIBULATION (3 THINGS)

1. Judgment seat of Christ. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:8-10**,
1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15 – everyone's works will be tried by fire.
 - A. Victor's crown. **1 CORINTHIANS 9:25-27 (GW)**
 - B. Soul winning crown. **1 THESSALONIANS 2:19 (NLT)**
 - C. Crown of glory. **1 PETER 5:2-4 (NLT)**
 - D. Crown of righteousness. **2 TIMOTHY 4:8 (NLT)**
 - E. Crown of life. **JAMES 1:12 (NLT)**
2. Marriage Supper of The Lamb. **REVELATION 19:7-9** Jewish marriage customs involved three steps.
 - A. Betrothal. Groom takes his bride to his father's house approximately one year after the betrothal. Marriage supper.
 - B. Betrothal period is now. The rapture takes us to the Father's house. The marriage supper and festivities last one week! Daniels 70th week.
3. Preparation for Armageddon. **REVELATION 19:11-14**,
ZECHARIAH 14:5, **1 THESSALONIANS 3:13**