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Sunday pm

Last Days Series: “What Should We Expect?”

Sermon: “The Millennial Kingdom”

Revelation 20:1-6

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Recap:

By a plain, chronological reading of the book of Revelation, as well as from other scriptures, we see that the rapture, or “snatching up”, is the next event on the prophetic timetable. The church will be removed, individually transformed in a moment into glorified, eternal bodies, and snatched up to be with the Lord. The bodies of those dead in Christ will be resurrected and transformed into glorified, eternal bodies, and reunited with their spirits, who have been with the Lord since death. We will all meet Him together in the air and be with Him where He is. Following the rapture, each believer will stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ, where rewards will be given for works done in the body.

Following the rapture of the church, there will be a time of tribulation on the Earth, to a degree that the Earth has never seen before. The tribulation will be a 7 year period (the last week of the 70 weeks of Daniel’s prophecy) of God’s wrath poured out on the Earth that will result in death, destruction and the turning of many to Christ. The antichrist will ascend to world power at the beginning, make a covenant with Israel and break it 3 ½ years into it.

144,000 of Israel will be sealed by God and be witnesses during the Tribulation. There will also be 2 witnesses that have supernatural protection and power during their ministry. At the end of their ministry, the Lord will remove their protection and the Antichrist will kill them. People of the Earth will rejoice. Three days later they will be resurrected and ascend to Heaven.

The tribulation will culminate in the Return of Christ to destroy all of those who are not His, throw the antichrist and the false prophet into the Lake of Fire, and bind Satan and establish His millennial kingdom on Earth.

* The binding of Satan 20:1-3
  + Dragon = Satan
    - Ancient Serpent = throwback to the garden
  + Bottomless pit – “holding cell” for demons
  + Bound for 1,000 years
* The millennial reign 20:4-6. Christ’s Kingdom established on Earth
  + Those on thrones with authority to judge (v4) = raptured saints
  + Those who had come to Christ and killed in the tribulation will be resurrected and also reign with Christ (v4). \*Resurrection of life
  + Wicked not resurrected yet – not until after the 1,000 year reign of Christ (v5). \*Resurrection of judgement
  + No activity or influence of Satan (no deception, temptation from him, etc.)
  + Perfect and just ruler, no imperfect politicians
  + Isaiah 2:4, 9:1-7, 11:1-10, Micah 4:4, etc. fulfilled
  + See also Gen 3:17-18, 9:1-3, and Rom 8:18-23