

Selections from Ashley and Scott's teaching on the rapture

Is there a great tribulation coming upon the earth?

Matt 24:21 (Jesus) **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.**

What are some of the signs Jesus said indicate that this time is getting near? Wars, Famines. Pandemics, lawlessness, people getting offended, Christians falling away.

Matt 24:14 **And this gospel of the kingdom will (first) be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

Will there be a catching away, or rapture, of some people before the great tribulation?

1 Thess 4:16 **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 (who died righteous, sin free, and alive to God) will rise first.**

17 **Then we who are alive (not just physically but spiritually alive in Christ) and remain will be caught up (raptured) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.**

Matt 24:40-41 **Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.**

Who will go in the rapture and who will be left behind and face the great tribulation?

Those who obey God: Rev 3:10 (Jesus) **Because you have patiently obeyed Me despite the persecution, therefore I will keep you from the time of Great Tribulation and temptation, which will come upon the world to test everyone alive.**

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Those who are worthy, blameless before God: Luke 21:36 (Jesus) **Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."**

Those who are made righteous by God: 2 Peter 2:4-7 **God did not spare...the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;**

6-7 **And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and delivered righteous Lot...**

Mal 3:6 **For I am the LORD, I do not change...(I will spare the righteous – in Christ)**

Those who walk with and please God: Gen 5:24 **Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him** (raptured him).

Heb 11:5 **By faith Enoch was taken away** (caught away, raptured) **so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

What will happen then to those who are raptured? An eternal union with Christ:

Rev 19:7 **Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife (the Church) has made herself ready."**

8 **And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.**

A major question for us all: Is my name written in the Lamb's book of life?

Rev 21:2 **Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride (the Church) adorned for her husband (Christ).**

Rev 21:27 **But there shall by no means enter it (New Jerusalem) anything that defiles...but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

Luke 10:20 (Jesus) **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**

Until I am caught away in the rapture my mission is to make others ready to go in it:

Luke 1:17 **He (John the Baptist) will also go before Him (Jesus) in the Spirit and power of Elijah (the Holy Spirit), 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to become as children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (for His first coming – but then after John the Baptist had already come, Jesus said this:)._**

Matt 17:11 (Jesus) **Jesus answered and said to them, Indeed, Elijah is coming first (before His second coming) and will restore all things.**

Am I submitted to the same Holy Spirit of Elijah and anointed to preach reconciliation?

1 Thess 2:19 **For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?**