

*Growing
in
Grace*

Lesson Eight

Bible Truth Ministry
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6. Luke 21:25-28

7. Acts 2:19,20

B. The Coming of Elijah (Malachi 4:5)

C. Unbelievers say "peace and safety" (I Thess 5:2,3)

D. Believers "not in darkness" (I Thess 5:4,5)

E. The "falling away first" (Israel) (II Thess 2:3)

F. The "man of sin revealed" (II Thess 2:3)

4. Will the Rapture precede God's Wrath The Day of the Lord?

A. Yes, the Believer is "not appointed unto wrath" (I Thess 5:9, Revelation 3:10)

B. God always delivers His children before His judgment

1. Noah and his family (Gen 7, Matthew 24:36-41)

2. Lot and his family (Luke 17:22-37)

C. The Day of the Lord will begin the same day Believers are raptured.
(Luke 21:25-28)

5. Should we expect the Lord's Return today?

A. Peter did not expect His imminent (at any moment) Return (John 21:18) Peter would grow old, and did not expect the Lord to return during his younger years.

B. The Disciples did not expect His imminent (at any moment) Return (Matthew 24:1,2) They knew the temple had to be destroyed in the future, and therefore did not expect the Lord to return until that event was completed.

C. The New Testament Christians did not expect His imminent (at any moment) Return. (Matthew 28;18-20) They had to evangelize the world before the Lord would return.

D. Paul did not expect His imminent (at any moment) Return (I Thess 5:1-10) (II Thess 2:1-4) Paul knew these events he wrote about had to take place before the Lord would return.

E. We should expect His Return to occur during our lifetime for we are seeing the beginning of "all these things" (Matthew 24:33) happen before our very eyes. The things Jesus spoke of to His disciples in Matthew 24:4-8.

Biblical Prophecy

Review from Lesson Seven. (Know the answers to these questions before doing Lesson Eight)

1. Who created the institution of marriage and why?

2. What are the roles of the husband?

3. What are the roles of the wife?

4. What are two important things in training children?

The central focus of Biblical Prophecy is the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, The Day of the Lord which immediately follows the Lord's Return, and His One Thousand Year Rule known as the Millennium.

I. Characteristics of the Lord's Rapture/Return

A. He promised He would return. "I go to prepare a place for _____ . And if I go and prepare a place for you I _____ ." (John 14:2,3)(Acts 1:11)

B. He will come in power and great glory. "And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with _____ and _____ ." (Matthew 24:30) (I Peter 1:7)

C. He will come in the clouds. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the _____ to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:17) (Matthew 24:30) (Revelation 1:7)

D. He will come at the Last Trump. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the _____ , for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (I Corinthians 15:52) (I Thessalonians 4:16) (Matthew 24:31) (Joel 2:1) (Zephaniah 1:16)

E. His angels will gather the elect. "And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather _____ from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:31) (Matthew 13:24-30; 13:36-43) (II Thessalonians 1:7)

F. Every eye shall see Him. "Behold He cometh with clouds, and _____ " (Revelation 1:7) (Matthew 24:30)

G. All the tribes of the earth shall mourn. "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the _____ , and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30) (Revelation 1:7)

H. Believers shall be caught up (raptured). "Then we which are alive and remain shall be _____ together with them" (I Thessalonians 4:17) (Matthew 24:31)

II. Characteristics of the Day of the Lord

A. It is God's Wrath/Judgment. "Alas for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a _____ from the Almighty shall it come." (Joel 1:15) "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain, let all the inhabitants of the land _____ ; for the Day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness" (Joel 2:1,2) "The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble; the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining; And the Lord shall utter His Voice before His army; for His camp is very great; for He is strong that executeth His Word; for the Day of the Lord is _____ and who can abide it? (Joel 2:10,11) (Isaiah 13:6-13)

B. It is a time of great trouble and distress. "The great Day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the Day of the Lord: the mighty man

shall _____. That day is a day of wrath, a day of desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." (Zephaniah 1:14,15)

- C. It is a day of the trumpet and alarm. "Blow ye the _____ in Zion, and sound an _____ for the Day of the Lord cometh..." (Joel 2:1) "A day of the _____ and _____ against the fenced cities, and against the high towers." (Zephaniah 1:16) (Zechariah 9:14)(I Corinthians 15:52) (I Thessalonians 4:16)
- D. It will begin the same day the Rapture occurs. "And there shall be _____ in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth _____ of nations, with _____, the sea and the waves roaring, Men's hearts failing them for fear...And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory; And when these things begin to come to pass, then _____, and _____, for your _____ draweth nigh." (Luke 21:25-28) "Until _____ that Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all...But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." (Luke 17:27-30)
- E. There will be signs in the Heavens preceding The Day of the Lord. "The sun shall be turned into _____ and the moon _____, before the great and the terrible _____." (Joel 2:31) (Isaiah 13:6ff)(Ezekiel 32:7,8) (Joel 2:10,11; 3:14-16)(Matthew 24:29)(Mark 13:24,25)(Luke 21:25) (Acts 2:19,20)(Revelation 6:12-17)

III. Characteristics of the Millennium

- A. Christ will rule on earth for a thousand years. "They lived and _____ with Christ a _____ years. (Revelation 20:4)
- B. Jesus shall literally sit on His Throne. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He _____ of His glory." (Matthew 25:31) (Revelation 5:13)
- C. All nations will gather before Him. "And _____ : and He shall separate them one from another" (Matthew 25:32)
- D. He will judge the righteous. "Then shall The King say unto them on His right hand, _____" (Matthew 25:34)
- E. He will judge the wicked. "Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, _____" (Matthew 25:41)
- F. He will sit on the Throne of David. "And the Lord God shall give unto Him the _____." (Luke 1:32) (Isaiah 9:6,7)
- G. His Throne will be on earth "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto _____ a Righteous Branch, and a _____ shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice _____." (Jeremiah 23:5)
- H. He will have a literal Kingdom. "And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a _____, that all people, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His _____ that which shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:14)
- I. He will rule with His saints. "But the _____ of the Most High shall take the _____ and possess the _____ for ever, even for ever and ever."

(Daniel 7:18)(Revelation 5:10)

- J. All kings and nations will serve Him. "Yea, _____ shall fall down before Him; all _____." (Psalm 72:11) (Isaiah 49:6,7) (Revelation 15:4)
- K. All shall worship the King. " _____ whom Thou hast made shall come and _____ before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy Name." (Psalm 86:9) (Zechariah 14:16)
- L. He will rule from Jerusalem. "At that time they shall call _____ the Throne of the Lord; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the Name of the Lord, to _____." (Jeremiah 3:17) (Isaiah 33:20ff)
- M. The Apostles shall sit upon twelve thrones judging Israel. "When the Son of man shall sit in the Throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon _____ judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Matthew 19:28) (Luke 22:28ff)
- N. The Glory of the Lord shall return to the Temple. "And behold the _____ came from the east...and, behold, the Glory of the Lord filled the house." (Ezekiel 43:2,5)
- O. The wilderness will be fruitful. "And the _____, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest." (Isaiah 32:15)
- P. The desert will blossom as a rose. "And the _____, and _____." (Isaiah 35:1)
- Q. His rest will be glorious. "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and His _____." (Isaiah 11:10)
- R. The animal kingdom shall be subdued. "The _____ and the _____ shall _____ together and the _____ shall eat _____ like the _____." (Isaiah 65:25).

Prophetic Questions and Answers

- Can we know when the Lord will Return?
 - We can not know the specific "day and hour"(Matthew 24:36), but the Lord expects us to know when "it is near, even at the doors" when we see "all these things"(Matthew 24:33) the things He spoke of in the preceding verses. (Matthew 24:4-26)
 - Paul also tells the believers, they will not be "in darkness" concerning the Lord's Return and The Day of the Lord. (I Thessalonians 5:4)
- What is The Day of the Lord?
 - It is the time of God's future wrath/judgment on Israel and unbelieving Gentiles as described in numerous Old Testament passages. (Joel 1:15, 2:1-11, Zephaniah 1:14-18, 2:1-15, 3:8)
 - The Day of the Lord is important to the Christian for it is directly linked to the Rapture of the Church. (I Thess 4:13-5:10, II Peter 2:4-10)
- What events must precede God's Wrath the Day of the Lord?
 - Signs in the Heavens
 - Isaiah 13:9-13
 - Ezekiel 32:7,8
 - Joel 2:1-11, 28-32, 3:9-17
 - Matthew 24:29-31
 - Mark 13:24-27