

PROPHECY QUESTIONS

Last Sunday, December 3, 2017 I concluded the series on “Hope for the Last Days. Following the Word we received questions. Listed below are the questions that were asked and the answers. I trust you will find this helpful.

QUESTION #1: “I have Christian friends that think we will go through the Tribulation. What can we tell them?”

ANSWER: People who believe that the church goes through the Tribulation often correlate the Rapture with Christ’s 2nd Coming. But they are 2 different events. The Rapture happens **before** the Tribulation. Christ’s earthly return happens **after** the Tribulation. Nowhere in Scripture do we see that the church, Christ’s bride goes through the Tribulation. The Rapture is our blessed hope.

SCRIPTURE SUPPORT:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 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 will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.”*

1 Corinthians 15:53-57 *“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” ⁵⁵ “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Luke 21:36 *“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.”*

2 Thessalonians 2:7 *“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He^[a] who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:9 *“For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Revelation 3:10 *“Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”*

QUESTION #2: “Explain the Two Witnesses. When do they appear on the Earth?”

ANSWER: The Two Witnesses are talked about in Revelation 11:3-12.

“The Two Witnesses” will appear on the earth at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (The last 3 1/2 years). These are two men, not covenants or dispensations. They are Christ’s witnesses. They will be given power when they come to earth, and will prophesy for 3 1/2 years. They are symbolized by two olive trees and two candlesticks (See also Zech 4:11-14). They will be invincible for the 3 1/2 years of their ministry. They will have the power to destroy their enemies. Fire will come out of their mouths. They will have power to stop the rain and power to smite the earth with plagues. When their ministry is finished, a supernatural demon spirit out of the Abyss shall kill them. Their dead bodies will be in the street of Jerusalem.

Their death shall cause great celebration on the earth because the two prophets tormented them. After 3 1/2 days the Spirit of Life returns to their bodies and they stand on their feet, which results in great fear upon the people. They are then translated or raptured to Heaven while their enemies look on.

Who are these Two Witnesses?

It is clearly stated in the Bible who one witness shall be. Malachi 4:5-6 predicts that it will be Elijah. While scholars agree that Elijah is one witness they disagree on who the other witness will be. The two schools of thought are: Moses – since he was transfigured along with Elijah on the mountain (Matt 17). Or Enoch – because he, along with Elijah, were taken up to Heaven without dying. Heb. 9:27 states that it is appointed unto man to die once. So, both Elijah and Enoch will return to the earth as witnesses and then taste death.

QUESTION #3: “I have heard that Christians will judge the angels at Armageddon. Is this true?”

ANSWER: Rev 12:1-17 reveals a lot about the “bad angels”, aka demons. They are made up of the 1/3 of angelic hosts that rebelled with Satan and were thrust out of Heaven sometime in the eternal past. They will spend eternity in hell with Satan, the Anti-Christ and the false prophet.

Angels will be judged like men by God.

SCRIPTURE SUPPORT:

2 Peter 2:4 *“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.”*

Revelation 20:10 *“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”*

Jude 1:6-7 *“And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; ⁷ as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”*

QUESTION #4: “When will we receive our glorified bodies?”

ANSWER: We know that there will be a major change in our bodies. It will happen at the rapture.

SCRIPTURE SUPPORT:

1 Corinthians 15:34-38, 44 *“Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. ³⁵ But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” ³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”*

Philippians 3:20-21 *“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.”*

QUESTION #5: “Will the Battle of Armageddon be contemporary or modern warfare?”

ANSWER: The Battle of Armageddon is found in Revelation 19:11-21. Although the Anti-Christ’s armies will probably be pressured for modern warfare, i.e. bombs, missiles, nuclear war heads, etc. the Sword from Christ’s mouth will annihilate them before they can fire the first shot! The Battle will only last one day!

SCRIPTURE SUPPORT:

Zechariah 14:2-7 *“For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. ⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. ⁵ Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee, As you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You. ⁶ It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; The lights will diminish. ⁷ It shall be one day which is known to the Lord—Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light.”*

I hope this confirms the answers that I shared on Sunday. I wanted to provide a lot of Scriptural support.

****Remember, I will begin a study on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm for all who are interested in Prophecy.**