

Going Up (Part 3) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Jesus, the _____, will come and collect His _____, the Church, at the Rapture.

...the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. - 2 Peter 3:10

“The day of the Lord” is a term that covers the future time period when God _____ the earth by pouring out His _____ upon it. It begins shortly after the Rapture of the Church and concludes with the destruction of the universe.

V.2: The Day of the Lord will come “as a thief in the night” to _____.

...scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.” For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

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*>>> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering (patient) toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- 2 Peter 3:3-9*

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V.9: Jesus took our appointment with _____ on the Cross, and instead appointed us “to obtain salvation”.

*For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and 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; 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, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) - then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations (trials) and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment...
- 2 Peter 2:4-9*

God knows how to _____ those who are His and reserve His _____ for those who have rejected Him.

“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.” - Revelation 3:10