

WHY heaven

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"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him through Jesus those who have fallen asleep [in death]. For this we declare to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede [into His presence] or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep [in Him in death]. For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first. Then we, the living ones who remain [on the Earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord! Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words." I Thessalonians 4:14-18 (AMPC)

Here is a great indisputable truth about our world, the Universe, the Earth and all its inhabitants: "God is the owner, the boss, the ruler."

He, Himself, declared this in Genesis 1:1 – "In the beginning, God created..."

What did He create? ...the Heavens and the Earth (the First and Second Heavens).

"God" is "Jehovah Elohim" means "creator" and refers to His sovereignty, authority, ownership. He is the "Supreme One," or "Mighty One."

Psalms 24:1 (AMPC) – "The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness of it, the world and they who dwell in it."

I Corinthians 10:26 (AMPC) – "For the [whole] Earth is the Lord's and everything that is in it."

God has never ceased His ownership of His creation – even you. You and I belong to Him. He is responsible for us.

Adam was given dominion over the Earth and its vast resources in Genesis 1:28-30. Adam forfeited his right to rule the Earth because of his sin or unbelief and disobedience.

Satan usurped dominion and Jesus, the Last Adam, came to Earth to begin the process of taking it all back.

Our Kingdom task, as assigned by God, is to establish the rule of His Kingdom on Earth by living righteous lives which produce justice.

At an appointed time, known only to God Himself, He will rapture His Church from the Earth along with all those righteous ones who died before His coming in the clouds. It is referred to as the Resurrection.

The word "rapture" comes from *I Thessalonians 4:17 (AMPC) – "Then we, the living ones who remain [on the Earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!"*

"Be caught up" is the Greek word "harpazo" which means "to be taken away by force." In English, it is "rapture." We will meet Jesus in the "air, the clouds."

There is a distinct difference between Jesus coming "for" His Church and Jesus coming "with" His Church. At the rapture, He will come for His Church. At His second coming, He will come with His Church. The second coming to the Earth is to establish His Kingdom on Earth.

Revelation 1:7 (AMPC) – "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the Earth shall gaze upon Him and beat their breasts and mourn and lament over Him. Even so [must it be]. Amen."

Colossians 3:4 (AMPC) – "When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in [the splendor of His] glory."

Jude 14-15 (TPT) – "Enoch, the seventh direct descendant from Adam, prophesied of their doom when he said, 'Look! Here comes the Lord Yahweh with His countless myriads of holy ones. He comes to execute judgment against them all and to convict each one of them for their ungodly deeds and for all the terrible words that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'"

The rapture could take place at any time—even this precise moment. There are no prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled before it occurs.

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Several prophecies are yet to be fulfilled before His second coming. The antichrist must be revealed. The great tribulation and judgement. Satan's kingdom of darkness in full power.

Without question, the spirit of the antichrist is already working in our world.

I John 4:3 (AMPC) – “This is the [spirit] of the antichrist, [of] which you heard that it was coming, and now it is already in the world.”

After Revelation 3, the Church is forever with the Lord. We, who know Him, love Him, and serve Him, will not be on Earth when the great tribulation occurs.

Revelation 1:19 (AMPC) – “Write therefore the things you see, what they are [and signify] and what is to take place hereafter.”

The things you see – A vision of Christ as He walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks holding the seven stars in His right hand. A description of the glorified Christ.

Things that are – The letters to the seven churches of Asia—seven actual churches of that day and seven church ages of church history.

We see these churches today – Ones who have left their first love. Ones who are persecuted, tried. Ones who are pagan, occultic. Ones with a Jezebel spirit. Ones that are dead. Ones true to God's Word. *Ones that have denied Jesus.*

Revelation 4:1 (AMPC) – “After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a [war trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future.’”

Chapters 2 and 3 are things pertaining to the Church. Afterwards, things that are future.

Verse 2 – “At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a Throne stood in Heaven, with One seated on the Throne!”

He then describes God's Throne with its emerald rainbow and the cherubim worshipping. He sees the 24 lesser thrones with elders sitting on them and watches and observes the heavenly worship declaring the eternal character, nature, and holiness of God—“They rest not day and night saying, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is and is to come.’” (Verse 8)

The elders fall on their faces and take their golden crowns and cast them on the glassy sea and declare, “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power, for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created.” (Verse 11)

John's attention is drawn to a sealed scroll with seven seals, with writing on the inside and outside. An angel proclaims with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals?”

Revelation 5:4 – John writes—“And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book or inspect it.”

Many scholars believe this scroll was the title deed to the Earth according to the Jewish Law of Redemption. There was an established time when you could redeem forfeited or lost property provided you fulfilled the requirements within the deed.

Jesus purchased and paid the price to redeem His bride, His Church. You have only one opportunity or the usurper permanently gets control. John was sobbing because no one was stepping up.

Verse 5 – “Then one of the elders [of the heavenly Sanhedrin] said to me (John), ‘Stop weeping! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root (Source) of David, has won (has overcome and conquered)! He can open the scroll and break its seven seals!’”

A worship time like no other breaks out, and you and I are there as Jesus reclaims dominion and ownership of the Earth to redeem it for us. You cannot miss this worship – G.O.A.T. – Greatest Of All Time!

Discussion Questions:

- God is the owner, the boss, the ruler of the _____.
- Jehovah Elohim means _____.
- What is our Kingdom task on Earth? _____
- What is the meaning of the word “rapture?” _____
- Jesus will come _____ His church and then He will come _____ His church.
- Revelation 1 refers to things John _____. Revelation 2 & 3 refers to things that _____. Revelation 4-20, refers to things that are _____.
- Only Jesus can atone for our Adamic _____ and redeem back the Earth.