



# 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4: verses 13 to 18

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Following is the most specific description of the coming of the Lord in which Paul says exactly how He is going to gather his Bride. We will first read verses 13-18 and then, we will go through them again, verse by verse, with commentaries and Bible cross references.

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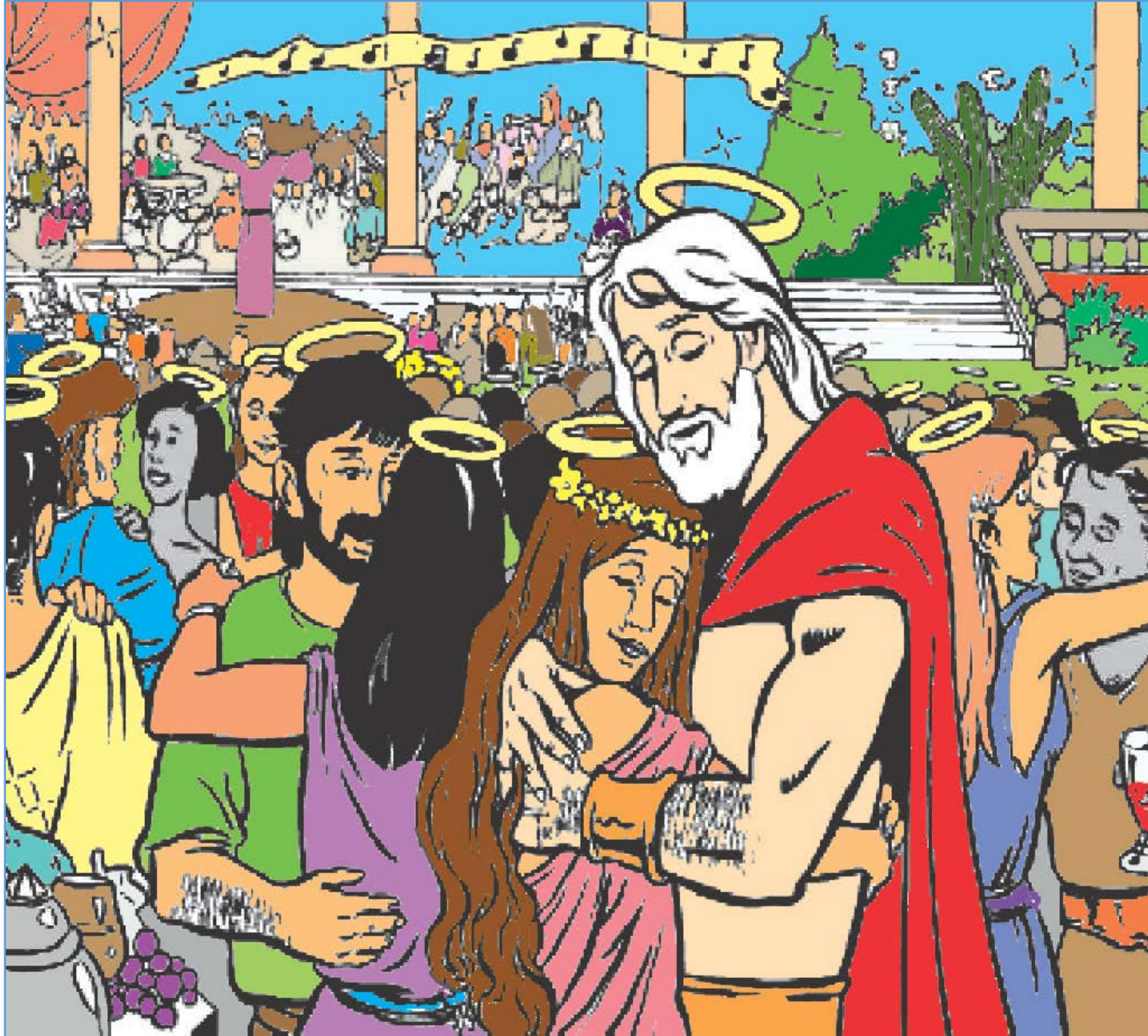
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## **Introduction:**

**Just after the darkest hour in World history, the Great Tribulation, we are going to have the brightest dawn! The brightest dawn comes after the darkest night, and Jesus is going to come back again and rescue His Own, His children, His church, His people, everyone who loves and knows Him, believes He is the Son of God, the Messiah and who believes that He is the Savior of the World, the Jehovah of the Bible. He is going to come back to rescue us out of this world! He's going to say, "*Stop the World! I want them to get off!*" Hallelujah!**

**And you're going to be caught up together with Him in the air, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord! There's going to be hell on Earth as the judgments of God rain down, while we're having a great wedding feast and party up yonder in Heaven with the Lord!**





**The marvelous experience of the Rapture! It's the joining of the Bride to her Bridegroom. Our union with Him as we are caught up together with those who are resurrected from the dead is likened in His Word to the union of the Bride, the Church, with our Bridegroom, Jesus!**

**And the event which follows is described as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Marriage Feast of Jesus in which His Bride is joined to Him in a great wedding and a final union forever! --Never separated again, never to be apart again! Always with Him forever, living with us forever!**

**Let us examine those dramatic verses again, one by one.**

**1TH.4:13** But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, **that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

Paul tells us not to be ignorant. You see, the world at large has no true hope of what happens after death. Many people say, *"Well, once you die, you die. You rot in the ground and are eaten by worms. You simply cease to exist."* If we believed that, we'd do what the Bible says...

*"If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."* (1Cor. 15:32)

But believers are not this way. When we understand what happens to a believer when they died, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Paul had heard that the Thessalonian believers were troubled about those among them who had died. He used the gentle term *"asleep"* to describe these departed ones. We DO miss our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord. And we DO long to be with them once more. Feelings like anger and depression DO exist in those who know such loss, even when they are in Christ. But there is indeed a difference. We know something, or rather we know **SOMEONE** the world does not know. We know the **LORD**, who gives us a sure hope that we will be with not only Him, but also with our loved ones once more. Our grief is not the same as *"the rest who have no hope."* (Eph.2:12) 2Cor. 5:8, (Ph. 1:21-24)



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All the millions of them that have already gone to be with the Lord, they're all going to come on that trip with Jesus when He comes back to get us, especially because they're coming back to reclaim their bodies, their resurrected bodies, supernatural bodies, new bodies! It's not the same old body. But if you didn't believe it was the same body, there would be no resurrection. And that's a part of the Apostle's Creed: *"I believe in the Resurrection of the Dead!"* And if you don't believe in the resurrection, then you don't believe Jesus rose from the dead and *we're of all men most miserable. (1Cor.15:19).*

You have to believe that God is literally going to resurrect the physical bodies of the dead. It's going to be the same body, but glorified, as God's Word says. *(1Cor. 15:40)* It's going to be so much the same and yet so different. Paul spent a considerable time trying to explain what it's going to be like in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians chapter 15. And on this same subject, the apostle John just sort of gives up and says, *"Well, all we know is we shall be like Him."* *(1Jn.3:2)*





**1CO.15:51-53** Behold, I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump (that's the seventh trumpet of tribulation):**

for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal must put on immortality.**

**PHI.3:20-21** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,** according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Well, He's coming, in a twinkling of an eye you'll be changed, completely transformed with your new body for your spirit, for you. In other words, you will get a new body, an actual body. --Not flesh and blood, but flesh and bone. Jesus said,

*"Touch me, feel me, that it is I myself and **not a ghost!** For a spirit hath not flesh and bone as ye see me have." (Luk.24:39)*

Jesus already had His resurrection body, His supernatural, miraculous Heavenly body. But it was real enough they could touch it and feel it! Think of it! --So much like the ones we have now. You're beautiful now, but you're going to be more beautiful then with your eternal body! You are going to look just about like you do right now or we wouldn't recognize each other. You'll be just absolutely glowing with eternal life, more beautiful than you've ever been, but not so different that we won't recognize you.





**It says in Hebrews 12 that we're surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. And here in Thessalonians it says that the Lord Himself will bring them with Him when He comes. Which means all the departed saints are going to come back with the Lord when He comes. It's part of the victory, and we're all going to rise to meet Him in the air. All of us!**

**You can imagine that's going to be quite a cloud of people, quite a cloud of spirits when the departed dead come back to get their resurrection bodies, all these bodies rising from the ground to be in Heaven! That will be quite a scene!**

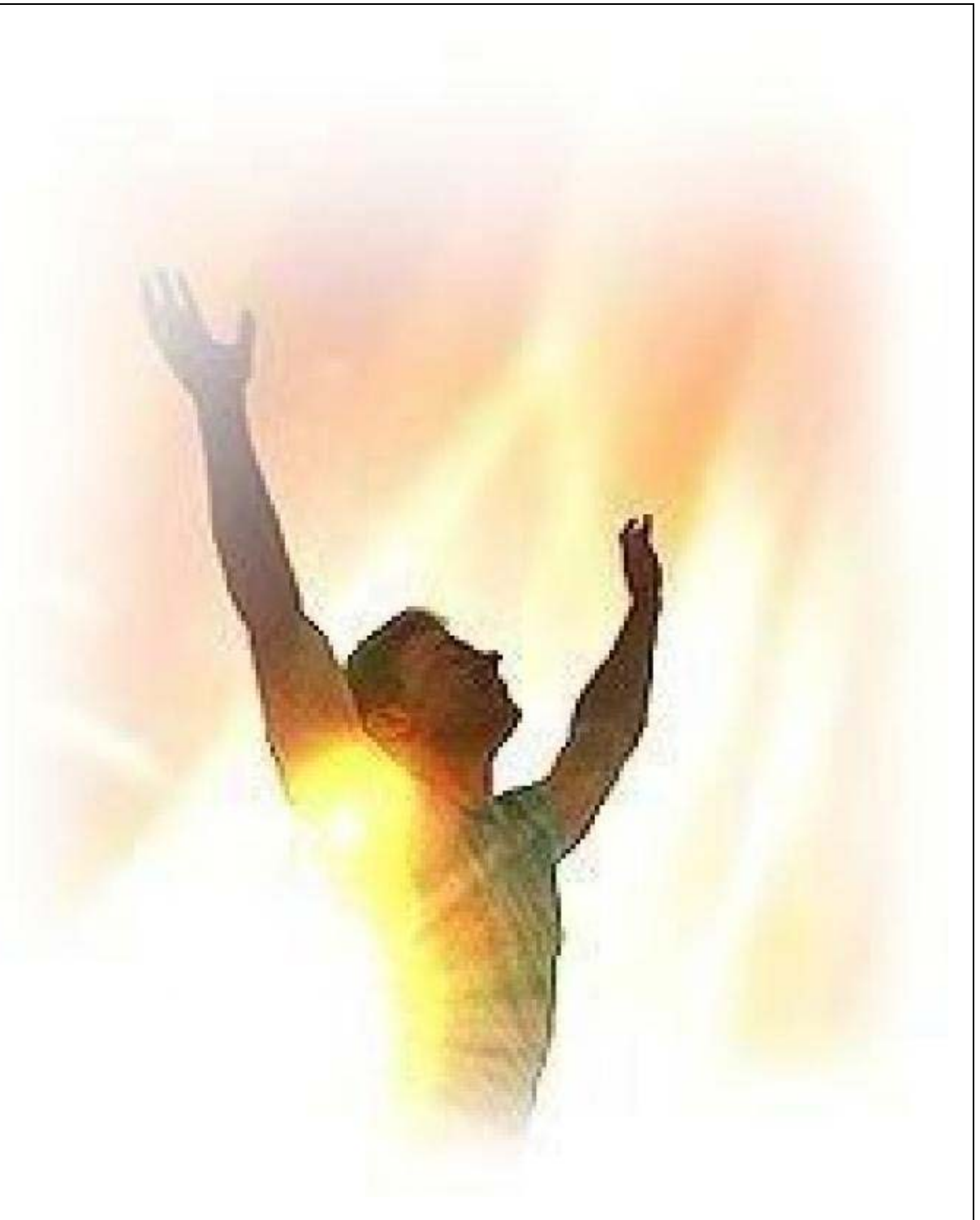


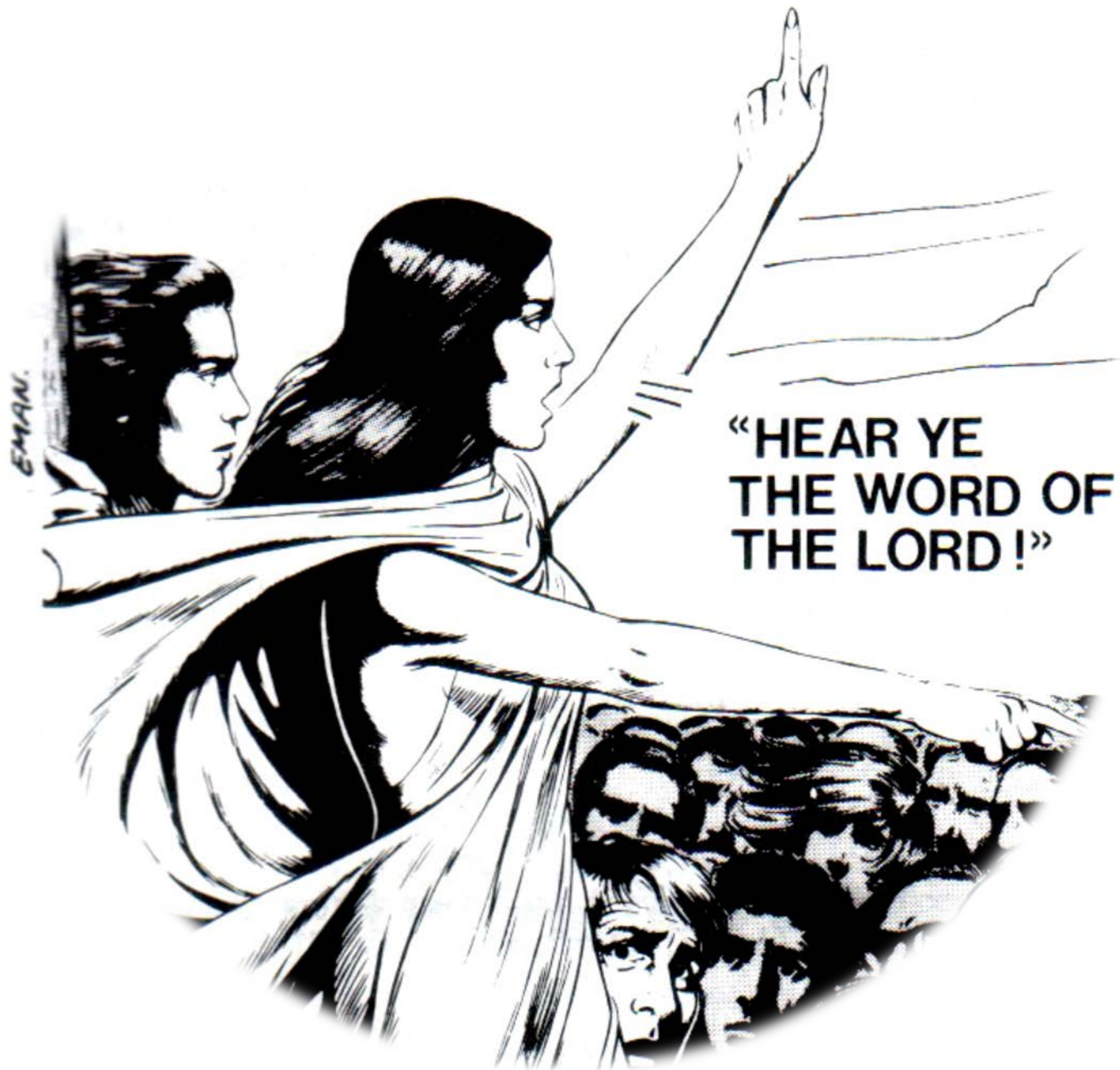
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**In the Rapture, "The dead in Christ shall rise first", then "we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with Him in the air. We shall not prevent them." --Literally meaning precede them in this case. We're going to follow them in fact. In the resurrection, who's going to rise first? The dead in Christ! Not the dead in Moses or the dead before Christ. It's so plain! In other words, the Church! --Christians!**





**We know some of us are going to be alive and remain at His coming because the Apostle Paul said so in this chapter. Are there going to be any Christians alive and remaining even at the end of the Antichrist rule? Yes, perhaps even millions!**

**The Antichrist horrible reign of terror, the worst the world has ever known, may even serve to turn millions toward the Lord again and away from this satanic man, knowing that he is not the Messiah! The Jews will finally recognize he's not the Messiah! Christians will see that he is certainly the Antichrist prophesied of! Perhaps even the Muslims will recognize that this is not the man, not the Mahdi, the great one that they look for to come. So, there may be millions of us still alive, still surviving whom God has marvelously protected.**

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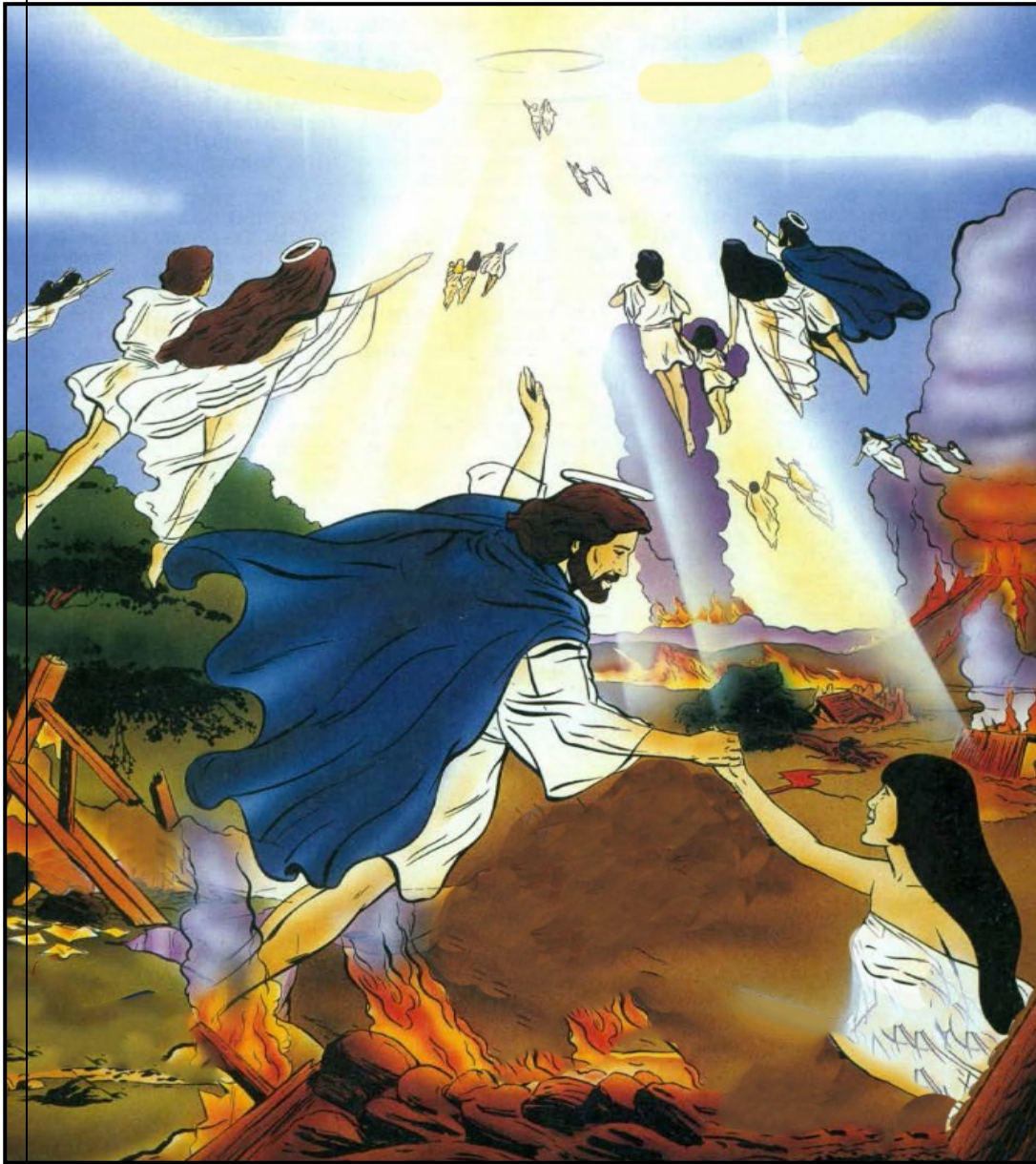
Three great big noises when the Lord comes. He shouts, the Angel shouts and the Trumpet is blown! You'll know when the Lord comes, you're going to hear it! --Not only see Him, but you're going to hear Him! The whole World is going to hear it!

What a shock when suddenly all these people go up in the air right before their eyes! We don't believe in that stuff about everybody's just going to suddenly vanish and they're going to wonder where they went, a secret rapture. The Bible doesn't teach that at all! The Lord's going to come like lightning shining from the East to the West!

*“For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.” (Mt.24:27)*



The whole sky is going to light up where it's daylight as well as where it's dark, so bright, the Lord coming brighter than the sun, with big noises, big voices, trumpets!



***“Immediately after the tribulation of those days...shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (MAT.24:29-31)***

Jesus is going to come then in the clouds with lightning, thunder, earthquake, stars falling, moon darkened and sun blacked out! --Why?

The whole world's going to know something very unusual and very apocalyptic is happening! And it's going to be the Apocalypse for sure! --The revelation of Jesus Christ Himself coming in the heavens, in the clouds, in great power and glory, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God; Christ Himself will shout and call us from every part of the Earth and we'll

be gathered together to be with Him! ***"And so,"*** He tells us, ***"shall we ever be with the Lord!"***



**Won't that be some feeling when all of a sudden you see and hear all of these things going on around you and all of a sudden, your clothes are changed to that beautiful wedding gown, and suddenly you feel your body is changed! You feel like a young bride longing for her lover and you jump into the air and you don't come down again! You jump for joy for Jesus and you go sailing right off into the air clear on up into the clouds to be with the Lord! Praise God!**

**You will be glad the tribulation is over then; Jesus has come and we go to be with the Lord at the great Wedding Supper, the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in**

**Heaven in that wonderful Holy City. --Where He's gone to prepare a place for us in our Father's house where there are many mansions. (Jn.14:2.)**

**1TH.4:18** Wherefore **comfort one another with these words.**

When do we comfort one another? After Jesus comes? No! When? Now! And especially when? When you're in the midst of the horrible Great Tribulation and you're having a tough time finding something to eat, you can't buy any groceries, you can't sell anything to get any money to buy anything with, you can't buy or sell 'cause you don't have the credit card that belongs to the Beast, you don't have the Mark, his credit card in your forehead or in the palm of your hand, and you're going to have a tough time staying alive. These scriptures are going to be a great comfort to you to know, "Well, it's not many more days! If I can just hold out a little longer, praise God!"

*It is important to remember that the Great Tribulation period with its 7 angels and 7 trumpets is a different and separated event from the Wrath of God and its 7 angels and 7 vials. According to the scriptures, the Lord returns for the rapture when the seventh trumpet sounds at the end of the Tribulation, to gather all the saved to be with Him. When we are safe with Him in Heaven, then begins the awful period of the wrath of God on those left on the earth. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath..." (1TH.5:9). We believe no Christian will be left behind during the Wrath of God! (1 Cor.15:52, Mat.24:29-31, 1 Thes.4:16, 2 Thes.2:1-3)*

*Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please do this simple prayer:*

*"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and You died for me. I invite You into my heart, into my life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen."*

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