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The Olivet Discourse Discussion

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Some more indication for pre-tribulation rapture

- Who is here to establish the kingdom – what is the purpose?
- YoYo principle of rapture
- Majority of the church has escaped, why God takes through little bunch through tribulation

Events between rapture & second advent

- Judgment seat of Christ, *2 Corinthians 5:10*
- Marriage supper of the Lamb

Program for the church age

1. The rapture - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 & 1 Corinthians 15:51-54
2. Tribulation on the earth & The judgment seat of Christ in heaven
3. Second advent of Christ

Diff. between rapture and the second advent

- In the first event, Christ comes for His saints, in the second advent He comes with His saints
- In the first event, Rapture, Christ comes in the mid air position to receive His saints, in the he second advent, His feet touch the ground.

Trouble in studying prophesy

We try to take the attributes of the second coming and try to fit to the rapture or vice versa.

Matthew 24 & 25

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- a passage deals with the tribulation period.
- Particularly reference to the Jews.
- Need to be studied together with Mark 13, Luke 17 & 21

What do Matthew 24 & 25 deal with?

- Aimed to prepare the Jews for the second coming
- Christ's answer to disciples questions
- Disciples here are not the representatives of the church, but they are the representatives of Israel
- Church was not conceived, rapture never heard of.

What do Matthew 24 & 25 deal with?

It is a Jewish passage of scripture

- This is taking place in Judea
- Matthew 24:20 - A Jewish reference - the Sabbath, a Jewish thing.
- Matthew 24:15 - reference to the abomination of desolation. Happen in the middle of the tribulation.
- Matthew 24:24 the word "elect", it is often referred to the church, but here it is a Jewish thing.
- Luke 21, we are dealing with God's message and plan for the nation of Israel.
- In Luke 21 church is not mentioned, rapture is not mentioned and not even in the minds of the disciples.

Disciples' Questions

- Question no.1: Tell us when will these things be?
- Question no.2: What will be the sign of your coming?
- Question no.3: What will be the sign of the end of the age?

Jesus' answer

- Jesus answered the time question in 24:4-31, 25:31-46.
- He answered the sign questions in the section in between 24:32-25:30

Most pre-tribulation try to fit church and rapture here

- Gathering of the elect - Matthew 24:31 - Mark 13:27
- Matthew 24:40 & 41 – not about rapture, but about judgment

What to look for?

- Matthew 24:32-32 Parable of the fig tree

Bible interpretation rule:

- Coming events cast their shadows before them.

One of the many signs - Famine

Creation -1850 - 1 billion inhabitants

(80Y) 1930 - 2 b

(31Y) 1961 - 3b

(15Y) 1976 - 4b

(13 Y) 1989- 5 b

(10Y) 1999 - 6 b

Current 7.25 b

If we continue to grow in the same rate,

In 900 years we will have 60 million billion people on the earth, 100 people for every sq. yard of earth land or sea.