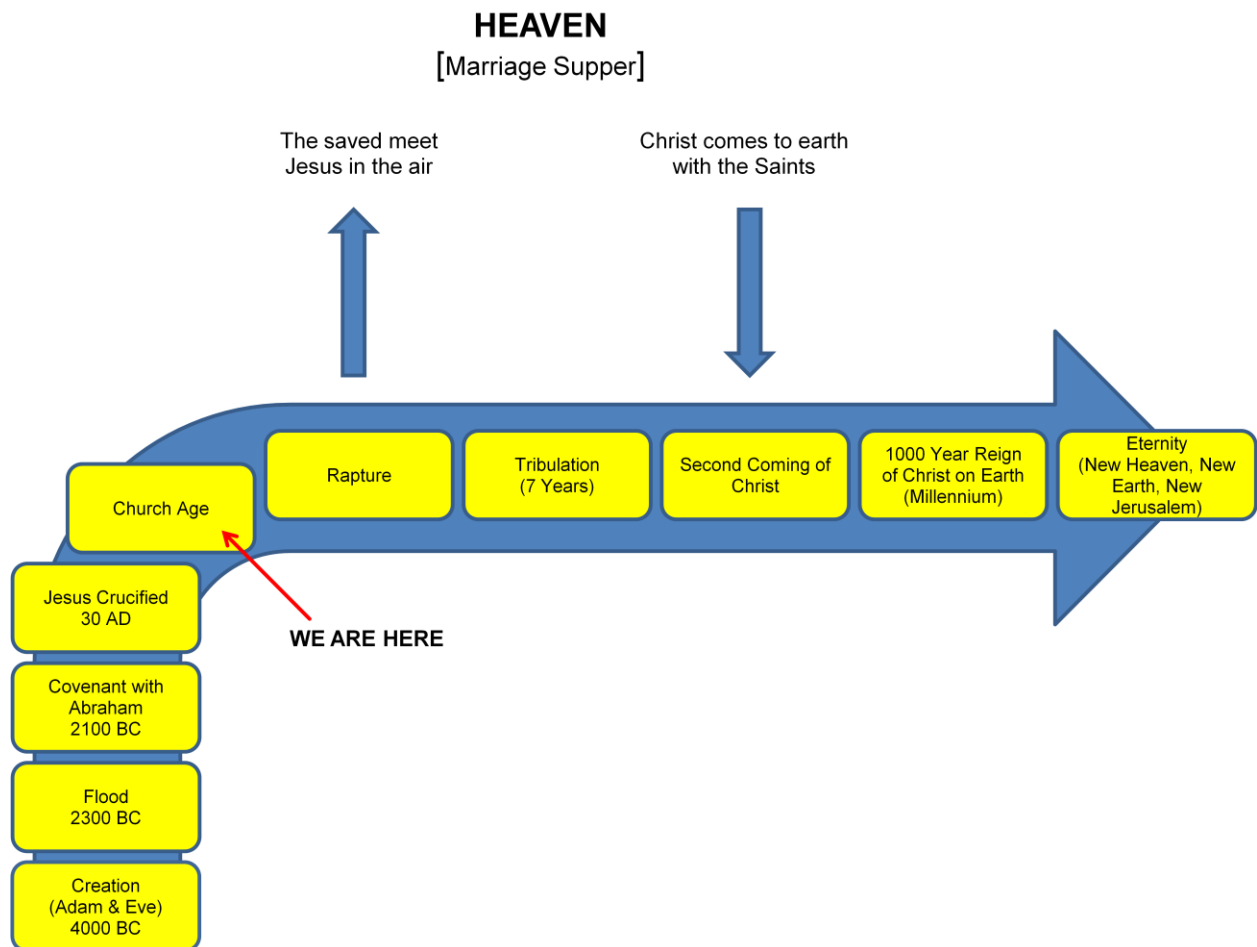


# BIBLE STUDY – LESSON 2

## SUBJECT: THE RAPTURE & GLORIOUS APPEARING

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## 1. 1 Thessalonians 4

### 1.1. The Comfort of Christ's Coming (Verses 13-18)

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## 2. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

### 2.1. Our Final Victory (50-58)

<sup>50</sup> Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. <sup>51</sup> Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall

all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.<sup>54</sup> 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.*”<sup>55</sup> “*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?*”<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

### 3. Matthew 24

#### 3.1. No One Knows the Day or Hour (Verses 36-44)

<sup>36</sup> “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.<sup>37</sup> But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.<sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,<sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.<sup>40</sup> Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.<sup>41</sup> Two *women* will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.<sup>42</sup> Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.<sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

### 4. Revelation 19

#### 4.1. Marriage Supper (Verses 7-9)

<sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”<sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed *are* those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

### 5. Matthew 24

#### 5.1. The Coming of the Son of Man (Verses 29-31)

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.<sup>30</sup>

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.<sup>31</sup> And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

### 6. Revelation 19

#### 6.1. Christ on a White Horse (Verses 11-16)

<sup>11</sup> Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.<sup>12</sup> His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.<sup>13</sup> He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.<sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.<sup>15</sup> Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.<sup>16</sup> And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.