

# CITY OF THE LIVING GOD

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In dedication to all the soul-winners that need a Bible study on eschatology and the signs of the times.

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We live in a world of chaos and confusion that embraces the evil of the day and has disregarded all of the Signs of the Times. There seems to be a surge of end time prophecies being fulfilled and at the same time complete refusal to recognize them in that manner. While the world tries to seek peace in the political, environmental, economic, and even the spiritual arena, they have created the perfect environment for the acceptance of a false messiah. Their false sense of peace will really open the doors for the “sudden destruction” that will take place over the whole earth. It’s imperative that the Church recognize the time in which we are living for we are not of the “night,” but of the “day.”

# CHAOS, PERVERSION, & PERSECUTION

## **I Timothy 4:1**

*“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (NKV).*

## **Matthew 24:11, 24**

*“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many...For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”*

## **2 Peter 3:10**

*“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”*

## **Luke 21:11**

*“And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.”*

## **Luke 21:16**

*“And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.”*

## THE RAPTURE

As we approach the time of the Tribulation we will see the preparation of Satan's influence upon the world's powers and the setting up of the

kingdom of the Antichrist and his followers. They will not actually be revealed until after the rapture of the Church.

## **2 Thessalonians 2:6-7**

*“And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.”*

The rapture of the church is not the same event as the Second Coming of the Lord. The Scriptures call it the “catching away” which come from the Greek word, “harpazo” which is the equivalent to the Latin word “raptura” which is where the word rapture comes from. It is the time in which the saints (living and dead) will be caught up with the Lord in the clouds. All of the saints are raptured out of the earth and their bodies are changed in “twinkling of an eye”, from mortality to immortality. esus does not actually come to earth during this event.

## **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

*“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

## **1 Corinthians 15:51-53**

*“Behold, I shew 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: 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.”*

# THE RAPTURE IS BEFORE THE TRIBULATION

## **1 Thessalonians 5:1-3,9**

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## **Rev 3:10**

*“Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”*

## PROPHECIES FULFILLED

One of the most astounding prophecies fulfilled in our day is the time in which Israel became a nation on May 4, 1948. They lost their nationhood in 605 B.C. and have continued to survive as a people for 2500 years without a land to call home. The Bible predicts that in the last days, Israel would be restored their nationhood.

## **Isaiah 11:10**

*“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.”*

## Matt. 24:32-34

*“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”*

Jewish Population in Land of Israel	Year
1,117	1850
85,000	1914
175,000	1931
385,000	1936
450,000	1939
590,000	1947
805,600	1948
2,150,400	1961
3,115,600	1972
4,033,700	1983
4,500,000	1995
5,300,000	2005
6,135,000	2013
9,136,000	2020

A cashless society, especially one that pays with the hand or forehead is a major move towards the mark of the beast found in the book of Revelation.



### **Revelation 13:16-17**

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor; free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”*

As we approach the time of the tribulation when the antichrist will be revealed, the spirit of the antichrist will increase and there will be many false prophets arising like never before.

### **Matthew 24:11-12**

*“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.”*

## **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

### **2 Peter 3:10**

*“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.”*

### **Rev 1:7**

*“Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.”*

### **Luke 21:36**

*“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”*

**Rev 3:11**

*“Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.”*

**Rev 22:20**

*“He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”*

**Are you ready for the rapture?**

**Let's pray.**

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