

## **Doomsday Prepping**

### **(2) The Rapture**

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:2...**

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who **sleep in death**, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have **fallen asleep** in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**.

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** together with them...

**Just think about the ABSOLUTE TERROR that this will cause in our WORLD!?**

...will be caught up together with them... **in the clouds**

**THIS IS THE "CATCHING UP"... NOT... THE "COMING BACK!"**

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** together with them **in the clouds** to meet the Lord **in the air**. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-2...**

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a **thief in the night**.

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:10...**

and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – **Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

#### **Revelation 3:10...**

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, **I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.**

#### **Matthew 24:27-30...**

For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, **so will be the coming of the Son of Man**. 28 Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. 29 "Immediately after the distress of those days "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the **heavenly bodies will be shaken.**" 30 **"Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.**

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:3-4...**

Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for **that day** will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:5-6...**

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 **And now you know what is holding him back**, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:7...**

For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the **one who now holds it back**

will continue to do so till **he** is taken out of the way.

So let me ask you a question here...

### **WHO... IS HOLDING IT BACK?**

**1 John 3:2-3...**

*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him should **purify themselves**, just as he is pure.*

*If you and I... **REALLY BELIEVE...** that **JESUS COULD COME BACK AT ANY SECOND...** then we would **LIVE EVERY SECOND...** as if it could be... **THE LAST SECOND!***