

The Destiny of the Church

The Rapture, the Bema Seat, and the Marriage Supper

Selected Scriptures (NKJV)

Matthew 24:6 “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. **8** All these are the beginning of sorrows.”

1. The _____ of the church

Hebrews 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

A. The _____ of the saints

1 Thessalonians 4:13 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.

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”

2 Corinthians 5:8 ...to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

B. The _____ of the saints

1 Thessalonians 4:16 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. **17** 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.

John 11:43 He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” And he who had died came out.

Matthew 27:50, 52 Jesus cried out...with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

2. The _____ of the church

Different judgments revealed in the Bible:

- 1) The judgment of _____
- 2) The judgment of _____
- 3) The judgment of _____

4) The judgment of _____

A. The _____ of the judgment seat

1 Corinthians 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

B. The _____ of the judgment seat

1 Corinthians 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

The New Testament speaks of five things that will be rewarded:

- 1) An imperishable crown (**1 Cor. 9:25**)
- 2) A crown of rejoicing (**1 Thess. 2:19**)
- 3) A crown of life (**Jas. 1:12**)
- 4) A crown of righteousness (**2 Tim. 4:8**)
- 5) A crown of glory (**1 Pet. 5:4**)

C. The _____ of the judgment seat

1 Corinthians 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

3. The _____ of the church

A. The _____ of the supper

Revelation 19:7 "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."

B. The _____ of the supper

Revelation 19:8 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.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him...

C. The _____ of the supper

Revelation 19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"