

Is the World Falling Apart?

In my previous message, I shared briefly with you about the Mystery of the Trumpet. That moment in time when Jesus descends with a loud command, the shout of the archangel, and the trumpet call of God. Then those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord, whether dead or living, will be raised up in the air to meet Jesus and be with Him forever.

While we, His followers, are experiencing the joy of His visible presence, those who are left behind are going to be plunged into chaos and confusion. Think about it with me for a moment in this second message.

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Our disappearance from the Earth has been foretold in the Bible. It is an event that has been planned by God. Read the following Scriptures prayerfully.

Isaiah 26:19

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

These are truly stunning Scriptures. They sound somewhat like science fiction. Except they are God's Word. They are true. This event will take place at a specific point in time.

There are other Bible passages that speak of this event, but these are the clearest and most familiar descriptions. This event has been labeled the Rapture of the Church. It does not mean that everyone who is a church member will go to be with Jesus. It is not referring to an organization or denomination or religion. It is referring to the Body of Christ, which is

made up of individuals all over the world who have placed their faith in Him as Savior and Lord. When we disappear, remember, the world is not falling apart. It is falling into place according to God's sovereign purpose. Don't worry about those who have disappeared. Don't grieve for us. We are safe with Jesus. We will not be coming back until He does, in about seven or eight years from the time of our disappearance.

Our disappearance signals The Beginning of the End. God's final judgment on the world has now begun. The world will be plunged into chaos. You will witness very quickly political, financial, national and institutional collapse. Planes will fall out of the sky when pilots disappear; cars will crash on highways when drivers disappear; battles will be lost when soldiers disappear; crime will skyrocket as police officers disappear; patients will die when surgeons and nurses get the picture: Chaos.

But there is hope. This is my word to you in that chaotic moment: We have disappeared, but God has not. He is still right there. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is in control, and His love for you has not been diminished. He still loves you with an everlasting love. He is still the One who is watching over you, who even now is calling out to you through this message, inviting you to turn to Him—put your trust in Him—right now.

He will be with you 24/7 as you go through these terrible days. My prayer is that you will turn to God, which is the subject of my next message.

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