CHAPTER 22

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

LAST DAYS OF THE CHURCH

Describe the LAST DAYS of the Church. 2 Timothy 3:1-7

How does the present time of Grace end? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:17. The Latin word for "caught up" is "Rapto." From this Latin word, we get the word "Rapture" which is the event of the catching away of the Church.

How fast does the Rapture happen? 1 Corinthians 15:52

What happens to living believers at the Rapture? 1 Thessalonians 4:17

What happens to the dead in Christ? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

What sounds will be heard? 1 Thessalonians 4:16

How will believers be changed? Philippians 3:20-21

What is the destination of the Church? Ephesians 1:3; 2:6; 3:10; 6:9; Colossians 1:5

NOTE:

The term "heavenly places" could be translated the heavens above the heavens.

What is another name given for the Church? Romans 11:25

We are in the "fullness of the Gentiles" which lasts until the Church, the Body of Christ, is finished, complete, or full.

What is called the fullness of Christ? Ephesians 1:22-23

LIFE APPLICATION

God determined and knows the future. Where does He already see believers? Ephesians 2:6

What will believers be doing there? 1 Corinthians 6:2-3

In the ages to come, what does God want to show believers? Ephesians 2:7

You are ready for the Rapture if you have trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

How does contemplating Christ's return help us?

How can anticipating Christ's return have a purifying affect on our lives? 1 John 3:2-3

What happens to the Body of Christ after the Rapture? 2 Timothy 4:1