



PART 3

**The Future of the Church**



# 2 PRIMARY OPPOSING VIEWS

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## The Optimist's View

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## The Pessimist's View

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## The Optimist's View

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## The Pessimist's View

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## The Apocalyptic View

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**Ex-Anastasis** – an OUT-RESURRECTION.

2 EVENTS THAT  
HAS TO DO  
WITH BEING  
**CAUGHT UP**





## ***LIST OF QUALIFICATIONS BY PAUL***

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

**Philippians 3:10-11**





## ***JESUS ALSO COMMENTED ON QUALIFYING***

Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

**Luke 21:36**





2 EVENTS THAT  
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WITH BEING  
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**1** The first 'Translation' is the Greek word:  
**Ex-Anastasis** – an OUT-RESURRECTION.

**2** The second 'Translation' is **The Rapture**,  
which will happen immediately after  
the 'GREAT TRIBULATION'.





# ***3 FUTURES OF THE CHURCH***

**The Immediate  
Future**

**The Intermediate  
Future**

**The Ultimate  
Future**





# The Immediate Future

- ◆ In Matthew 24, Jesus refers to a period of time called '**THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS**' where the world will experience her birth pangs.
- ◆ There will be **INCREASING DECEPTION** on this planet – not just false prophets and false teachers, but false Christ(s) as well.





# The Immediate Future

- ◆ An increase of **wars**, and rumours of wars.
- ◆ An increase in **pestilences and pandemics**.
- ◆ **Famines** in various places.
- ◆ **Stronger earthquakes** and **greater tsunamis**.





# The Immediate Future

- ◆ Christians will be **despised and persecuted.**
- ◆ **A great falling away** will take place and the **love of many will grow cold.**





# ***A FEW THINGS THAT WOULD HAPPEN***

**1** Massive revival within the next few years.

**2** Huge missions mobilisation in the coming season.

**3** Rapid decline of America and rise of China as the dominating world power.



# The Intermediate Future







**THE GOSPEL WILL GO TO  
EVERY NATION IN THE WORLD.**



CORNERSTONE



***THE LAST GREAT INGATHERING OF SOULS  
WILL PRECIPITATE 2 OTHER EVENTS***



The Great  
Tribulation





For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

**Matthew 24:21-22**





***THE LAST GREAT INGATHERING OF SOULS  
WILL PRECIPITATE 2 OTHER EVENTS***



The Great  
Tribulation



The  
Rapture



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.

**1 Thessalonians 4:17**





Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

<sup>12</sup> His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

**Revelation 19:11-16**





He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

**Revelation 19:11-16**





Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword,  
that with it He should strike the nations. And He  
Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.  
He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness  
and wrath of Almighty God. <sup>16</sup> And He has  
on His robe and on His thigh a name written:  
**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

**Revelation 19:11-16**





For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. <sup>3</sup> Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

**Zechariah 14:2-4a**





<sup>4</sup> And in that day His feet will stand on  
the Mount of Olives, which faces  
Jerusalem on the east...

**Zechariah 14:2-4a**





# The Ultimate Future







# THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT WILL TAKE PLACE

Revelation 20:11-15





# THERE WILL BE **A NEW HEAVEN AND** **A NEW EARTH**

**Revelation 21**



**Rev 22:3a**

There shall be **no more curse.**

**Rev 22:4a**

They shall **see His Face.**

**Rev 22:5a**

There shall be **no night.**

**Rev 22:5b**

They shall **reign forever and ever.**

