100 SECONDS ‘TIL MIDNIGHT

COULD THIS BE THE YEAR THAT JESUS RETURNS?

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The 100 Seconds Until Midnight Series:
• The Rapture
• The Coming World Calamity
• What To Do If You Get Left Behind
• The Battle Of Armageddon
• The Millennial Reign Of Christ
• The Two Judgments
• What Heaven Will Be Like
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• Matthew 16:3  "You Know How To Interpret The Appearance Of The Sky... But You Cannot Interpret The Signs Of The Times."

• We Need To Know How To Be Able To Interpret The Signs The Times
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• *Date Setting For The Rapture Is Not Wise*

• *Date Setting For The Rapture Is Not Scriptural*

• (Mark 13:32 NIV) "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

• (Mark 13:35 NIV) "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. (36) If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. (37V) What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'" --- "AND BE READY"
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• We Believe In The Imminent Return Of Jesus Christ

• IMMINENT = "about to occur"

• The return of Christ can happen at any minute

• We are to live in the expectation of His any-moment appearance for us
The Times We Are Living In: The End Of The Age

• Hebrews 9:26  "But Now He Has Appeared Once For All At The End Of The Ages To Do Away With Sin By The Sacrifice Of Himself."

• 1 Peter 1:20  "He Was Chosen Before Creation Of The World, But Was Revealed In These Last Times For Your Sake."
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When Jesus Came It Was The Beginning Of The End

• 2 Peter 3:3,4  _Scoffers Will Come ... Where Is This Coming?

• 2 Peter 3:8,9  _Don't Forget With Lord One Day Is 1,000 Years

• _God Is Not Slow But Patient_
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• Jesus’ Coming Was The Beginning Of The End

• Even Though It Was 2,000 Years Ago It Was Only Two Days In God's Sight
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When Are These Last Days Events Going To Take Place?

• (Mat 24:3 NIV) As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"
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*The Disciples 3 Questions:*

1. When Will This Happen?

2. What Will Be Signs Of Your Coming?

3. What Will Be Signs Of The End Of The Age?
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**Two Important Definitions**
- Christ’s Coming
- The End Of The Age

- Christ's Coming Is The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Coming
  - Occurs At End Of 7 Year Tribulation

- End Of The Age Is The End Of Age We Are Presently In
  - The Rapture Signals The End Of Church Age
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Jesus Return Is In Two Stages.

1) Stage 1 -- The Rapture Of The Church
2) Stage 2 -- The 2\textsuperscript{nd} Coming Of Jesus

• (1 Cor 15:22-24 NIV) For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. (23) But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.(24) Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.
The Rapture Of The Church

(1 Th 4:16-17 NIV) 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 in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
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• **Rapture** = *Caught Up With Great Force ... To Meet Him In The Air.*
  • *Snatched – Taken – Plucked – Claimed – Seized by Force*

• Who Will Be Involved Or Caught Up In The Rapture? Two Groups Of Believers
  • 1) The Dead In Christ
  • 2) Those Still Alive In Christ
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“The Believing Will Be Leaving”

• **There Are Some Who Will Not Escape:**

  • (1 Th 5:2-3 NIV) for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. (3) While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
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Those Who Will Not Escape:

• Those Who Are Asleep
• Those Who Are In Darkness
• Those Who Are Not Ready
• Those Without Self-Control
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*Reasons To Believe In Pre-Trib Rapture:*

- Three Different Schools of Thought:
  - Pre-Trib — Before The Tribulation
  - Mid-Trib --- In The Middle Of The Tribulation
  - Post Trib --- At The End Of The Tribulation
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• **The Case for a Pre-Trib Rapture:**


• **I Thessalonians 1:10** "Wait For The Son From Heaven, Whom He Raised From The Dead - Jesus, Who Rescues Us From The Coming Wrath."
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• 1 Thessalonians 5:4-9  You Are Not In Darkness  "But Be Alert And Self Controlled."

• V. 9 "For God Did Not Appoint Us To Suffer Wrath But To Receive Salvation Through Our Lord Jesus Christ."

• 2 Peter 2:9  "If This Is So The Lord Knows How To Rescue Godly Men From Trials And Hold Unrighteousness For Day Of Judgement, While Continuing Their Punishment."
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• **Book Of Revelation** In The 1st Three Chapters Of Revelation The Church Is Mentioned 19 Times As Being On Earth. After Chapter 4, Not One Reference To Church Being On Earth.

• **WHY?** The Church Has Been Caught Up To Heaven
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• *The Pre-Trib Rapture Is Only Way Christ's Return Could Be Imminent*

• **Rev 3:10** To The Loyal Church In Philadelphia: "Since You Have Kept My Commands To Endure Patiently, *I Will Also Keep You From The Hour Of Trial That Is Going To Come Upon The Whole World* To Test Those Who Live On The Earth."
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• **HOW WILL THIS HAPPEN? For Those Who Are Ready For His Coming. The Lord Will Come And Catch Them Away In The Rapture Before The Great Tribulation.**

• *(1 Cor 15:51 NIV)* Listen, I tell you a mystery: *We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--*(52)* in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
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- CHRIST’S COMING FOR BELIEVERS IS THE BLESSED HOPE

- Titus 2:11–13 (NIV84) — 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

- He Is Not Keeping Us Through The Tribulation
- He Is Keeping Us From The Tribulation
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- The Greatest Time Of All Times For Believers -- Will Be The Worst Of Times For Those Who Are Not Ready To Meet Jesus

- After The Rapture Will Come Great Tribulation

- The Tribulation Is Casting Its Shadow Here and Now
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The Great Tribulation Is A 7 Year Period Where:

• Anti-Christ Is Revealed
• One World System Of Buying And Selling
• Only Those With Mark Can Buy And Sell.
• 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, And 7 Bowl Judgments.
• The Worst Calamity That The World Has Known.
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• The Rapture Can Happen At Any Moment

• We Need To Make A Choice With Our Lives

• The Countdown To Eternity Has Started
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• The Time To Make That Decision Is Now

• Isa 55:6 “Seek The Lord While He May Be Found And Call On Him While He Is Near”

• Jesus Said: “Be Ready Because I Am Coming Like A Thief In The Night”
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How To Get Rapture Ready: The A B C's of Salvation:

• **A-Admit** that you are a sinner
• **B- Believe** that Jesus is Lord, died for your sins and rose from the dead.
• **C- Call** upon his name
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