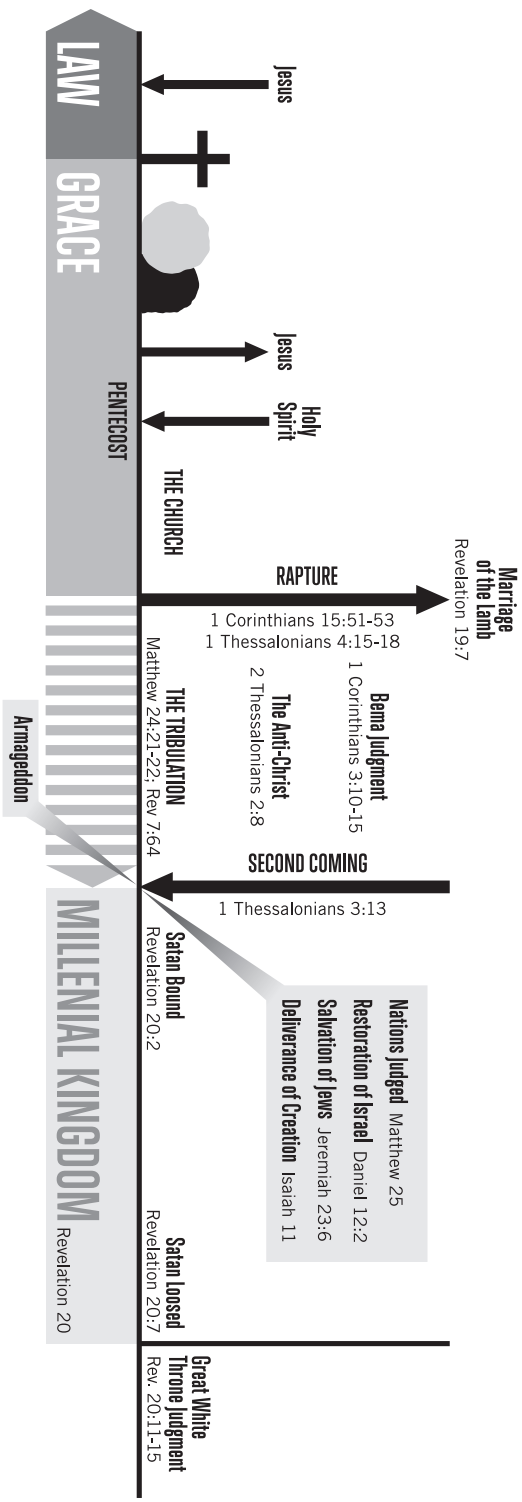


GETTING READY FOR THE END OF THE WORLD

Part 4: One Little Chart
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Matthew 24:36-41

³⁶ "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing

about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

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Conclusions

Eschatology without Jesus is information without transformation.

No one knows the time so be watchful and ready.

We get to choose our judgment.

Jesus wins and the Bride wears white.

Next Steps

In 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Paul tells us that every believer has the opportunity to start with the foundation of Jesus Christ and build something on it. He leaves it up to us what we will build, and what materials we will use. Will we build with the best, most valuable things he has given us or will we build with things that cost us little (but may burn up in the fire)?

If you're a follower of Jesus, set aside just one hour this week to take stock of what you are building on your foundation of Jesus Christ. Are there areas where you are giving of yourself? Are you sacrificing for the sake of another through God's strength? Are you making the most of the limited time we have? If so, ask God to encourage you and empower you in your efforts. If not, ask God to show you at least one area where you can make your life count for his eternal purposes. Then tell someone and act on what you discover.

Invite Someone to Trunk-or-Treat

Though it may seem insignificant, an easy way to introduce unchurched friends or family to the community of believers is by inviting them to Trunk-or-Treat. It may be the unlikely entry point for a family's new relationship with Jesus and a new eternal destiny. *Monday, October 31 from 6:00-8:30 PM.*

Small Group Questions



- 1) When it comes to your life, are you a planner or a spontaneous, live in the moment kind of person? How has your approach to your life benefited you? What is hard for you to understand about someone who's the opposite?
- 2) If you had a choice (emphasis on the word if), where on the timeline would you hope the rapture takes place? Why?
- 3) No one likes to talk about judgment but we are going to talk about it anyway. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and then answer the question, "What will we be judged for?" How does the answer change the way you are living your life?
- 4) What do you want to be doing when Jesus comes back?
- 5) Did anything Grant talked about on the weekend cause the response of fear or joy? What do you believe God is trying to say to you through your response?
- 6) How can we pray for you?