

When We're Gone!

Things change Part 1

I. Introduction and background

1. The Rapture is the next event revealed in God's prophetic calendar.
2. The church is save from the wrath to come (Rom. 2:3-5; 5:9; 1 Thes. 1:10).
3. "That Day," of judgment, will occur after the church's departure (2 Thes. 2:3).
4. The 70th week of Daniel begins with the false Seven Year Peace Covenant (Dan. 9:27⁹¹⁵). See the Old Scofield Bible footnote on page 914 for the calculation of the 70 weeks of years.
 - 1) This is the first Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:1).
 - 2) This is the first horseman—false peace (Rev. 6).

II. The man of sin description (2 Thes. 2:3-13).

1. He will not be revealed until the church is gone (v. 3-6).
2. He begins to come into prominence after the Rapture and before the seven year Tribulation (Dan. 9:27⁹¹⁵; 8:23-25⁹¹³; Rev. 6:1-2).
3. He is NOT "the antichrist" (1 Jn. 2:18-19; 22; 4:3; 2 Jn. 7). Note: "anti" can mean "opposition" or "in place of," Green p. 14).
4. He is the first beast of Revelation 13.
 - 1) He is a Gentile (Rev. 13:1 *cf.* v. 11).
 - 2) He will become world dictator at Mid-Tribulation (Rev. 13:5; Dan. 7:25⁹¹¹).

III. During the Tribulation the Holy Spirit is no longer resident on earth.

1. The Holy Spirit became resident on earth after Christ's assentation (Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 1:5, 8; 2:4, 33).
2. The Holy Spirit comes back to earth at the beginning of the Kingdom Rule—Millennium (Joel 2:20⁹³²).
3. The Holy Spirit seems to leave with the church (2 Thes. 2:6-8).
4. The Holy Spirit is currently prohibiting the man of sin from predominance (2 Thes. 2:6-8).
5. When Holy Spirit leaves earth the dynamic forces drastically change (2 Thes. 2:8-12).