

When We're Gone!

Things change Part 2

I. Introduction and background

1. The Rapture is the next event revealed in God's prophetic calendar, "We" (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:14, 15, 17).
2. There are no "signs of the times;" no prophecy need to be fulfilled before the Rapture.

II. The man of sin

1. He will not be revealed until the church is gone (1 Thes. 2: 3-6).
2. 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. When the Church departs earth the Holy Spirit also leaves (2 Thes. 2:6-8).

1. The man of sin then becomes predominate on the world stage.
2. In every generation Satan has been ready with someone to empower as the man of sin.

IV. The Man of Sin is taken rendered inactive by, or with a "breath" from Christ's mouth (2 Thes. 2:8).

1. He sent directly to lake of fire (Rev. 19:20; 20:10; Dan. 8:25⁹¹³; 11:45⁹¹⁹).
2. He is sent away at Christ's Second Coming.

V. The Man of Sin is taken at, or by the brightness of His Second Coming (2 Thes. 2:8).

1. Brightness has the idea of striking splendor.
2. There is a sign for His Second Coming (Mt. 24:27-31; Rev. 21:9-11; Heb. 12:18, 22; 13:10-14).

VI. There will be no second chance for those "left behind." (2 Thes. 2:10-11).

1. Those exposed to the Gospel before the Rapture.
2. They belief The Lie—that you can put something alongside God (Rom. 1:25).
3. They willfully believe not the truth regarding God.
4. They had pleasure in unrighteousness.

VII. Believers are not to misuse imminent Rapture truth.

1. Do not misapply early church practice (Acts 5:32-36).
 - 1) The next event they knew about was the Glory (Acts 3:18-19).
 - 2) They had not revelation regarding the Dispensation of Grace or the Rapture (Acts 9:15; 22:10; 26:16; *cf.* Eph. 3:2-9).
 - 3) Paul personally warned those at Thessalonica to continue to work (2 Thes. 2:5; 3:1, 4-5, 8-13).