



"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain King, which made a marriage for His Son. ...Then saith he (the King) to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore, into the highways and as many as ye shall find bid to the marriage." -Matt. 22:2,8,9.

"Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching; Verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself and shall make them to sit down to meat and will come forth and serve them." -Luke 12:37.

THE CLIMAX OF THE CHURCH

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:16,17).

Many become confused over the coming of the Lord and the catching away of the saints to meet Him in the air. If you notice the above scripture at the beginning says, "...caught up together with them in the clouds." Now please notice the following scripture: "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe" (Rev. 14:15). Doesn't this compare with the scripture in the first paragraph? Both say "in the clouds." This is before the plagues are poured out. Following the reaping of the harvest of the earth, another angel follows and reaps the grapes of the earth and casts them into the winepress of the wrath of God. What is the wrath of God? "And I saw another sign in heaven, great

and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God" (Rev. 15:1). We can clearly see that the harvest of the earth is first reaped, then the grapes were gathered and cast into the wrath of God, which we just showed was the seven last plagues.

Now, when the earth's harvest was reaped, where were they taken? We have shown from two scriptures that they were taken up to the clouds, which would not be too far. Now we shall see where we find those who are resurrected and the living who are changed and caught up with them. "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, **stand on the sea of glass**, having the harps of God" (Rev. 15:2). We are glad to say that the Church of God is the pioneer in the doctrine of the Sea of Glass. Many people are so confused that they cannot believe God when He says there is as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire. It is a glorious thought to know the Church of God has believed and taught these precious truths so long. Could there be a better place for the Lord to take His people, the Church of God, which He purchased with His blood for the

marriage supper? Then the seven last plagues are poured out, and they will be poured out after this, for the angels were given seven golden vials **full** of the wrath of God. None has been poured out as they were full. While this is going on the temple of heaven is filled with smoke from the glory of God, and no man is able to enter into the temple till the seven last plagues are fulfilled (Rev. 15:7-8).

At the present time we can enter into the temple of heaven because we have an advocate, Christ Jesus, but then He will be out and with the saints on the sea of glass. How do we know? In speaking of the coming of the Son of Man, Jesus said, "For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together" (Matt. 24:28). Jesus again spoke of His coming and told the disciples that two would be grinding at the mill, one shall be taken and the other left, also two in the field. One shall be taken and the other left. They said, "Where Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together" (Luke 17:37). Now we have found out when the dead in Christ are resurrected, and the living ones, changed, where they are taken. We know that Jesus sets foot on the earth at the ending of the plagues. They end with the nations being gathered at

Armageddon (Rev. 16:15,16). This also is the end of Gentile times when the stone cut out of the mountain without hands smites the Gentile nations on the feet as seen by Daniel.

We are also told where He will stand and what He will do. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the house rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south...And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one" (Zech. 14:4,9).

It is easy to see that the trumpet sounds and the dead are raised, and

we who are alive will be changed. See I Cor.15:51-54, also I Thess. 4:15-18. We are then taken up into the clouds on the sea of glass mingled with fire. The grapes and vine of the earth are reaped and cast into the wrath of God, which is the seven last plagues. The temple is closed so no man can enter until the plagues are poured out. Then, He brings the Saints with Him as Paul states. "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (I Thess. 4:14). Also see last part of verse 5 in Zech. 14. "...and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee." This does not mean they have always been in heaven, but as I have shown, they are caught up to meet the Lord in the air. "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" (Rev. 19:7-9). The Lord tells us, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should over-

take you as a thief" (I Thess. 5:4).

Dear ones, we are drawing very near that time. Are you going to remain in darkness that that day overtake you as a thief in the night? God forbid! For those who are not ready are going to call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them, and there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Please read these words over carefully, because you do not want to be found unprepared, and without knowledge of what God is going to do. We must pray and study the Word of God. Ask the Lord to spare you in that day. He is good and His mercies endureth forever. Praise His name!

This is truly the climax of the church. We ARE the people of Christ invited to the Marriage of the Lamb. We then become one through the marriage of the Lamb to His bride. When the marriage supper is over we start to rule the world, and it is then He takes the saints with Him in that day when He stands on the Mount of Olives. We then will be priests of God and His Christ and reign with Him one thousand years. We have reached the place then which we have so long looked forward to. We will have eternal life and heirs of the kingdom, joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Who overcomes here, the Church

of God or Israel? The members and saints will all be changed to immortality, ready to do the work for the King of kings. All who are righteous and saved will be in the ruling class. Those who are not will be ruled over. Praise the Lord! Yes, the twelve original Apostles will be on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Doesn't this show that Israel is not saved then? If they were, then they would be changed to immortal beings at this time, and would have no need to be ruled over. Let us strive now to become Sons of God in the Church of God, purchased with the blood of Jesus. Yes, we overcome through the blood of Christ and not through any nation or people. The ruling will not be left to mortal man, but to immortal beings so that no mistakes will be made again. Isn't that a glorious thought? We will rule until all things will be turned over to the Father that He may be all in all. Redemption is fully completed and we are reinstated in favor with God. Everything is restored to its Edenic state. The accuser of our brethren is cast down and destroyed, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan. There will be no more sickness, no more sorrow, no more death, no more pain, no more tears. Could you ask for a greater or better climax for the

Church of God? All these things will be ours along with eternal life to enjoy it all.

"And then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom...And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him,...And they that were ready (watching) went in with him (the bridegroom) to the marriage and the door was shut" (Matthew 25:1-10).

"Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen clean and white; for the fine linen (the Wedding Garment) is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God" (Revelation 19:2,7-9).

