# Caught up in the clouds

If people have instantly vanished, it is because <u>God has taken them to Heaven</u>.

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:17

then we who are alive, who are left, will be **caught up together with them in the clouds** to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the
Lord forever.

# Seek Jesus now!

If this event has taken place, you have a **very short time** to choose life forever in Heaven with Jesus and all who followed Him, including those who disappeared, and to escape torment forever in Hell.

Before you do anything else, *do not delay in seeking Jesus and giving your life to Him*. It's too late to be caught up in the clouds, but it is **not too late** to become part of His final harvest and live in Heaven forever in perfect peace with your Creator.

If you've been trusting in yourself and something you've done, it's time to turn and place your trust completely in Jesus and His perfect sacrifice, for you, on the cross.

### **11** Luke 23:39-42

One of the criminals who was hanged insulted him, saying, "If you are the Christ, save yourself and us!"

But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Don't you even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." He said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **ACTS** 16:26-31

Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened. The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!" He called for lights, sprang in, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

### **■ Romans 10:8-13**

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart;" that is, the word of faith which we preach: that if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich to all who call on him. For, "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

#### **44** Romans 3:21-26

But now apart from the law, a righteousness of God has been revealed, being testified by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ to all and on all those who believe. For there is no distinction, for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God sent to be an atoning sacrifice through faith in his blood, for a demonstration of his righteousness through the passing over of prior sins, in God's

forbearance; to demonstrate his righteousness at this present time, that he might himself be just and the justifier of him who has faith in Jesus.

### **44** Romans 5:6-9

For while we were yet weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man. Yet perhaps for a good person someone would even dare to die. But **God commends his own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** 

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's wrath through him.

# Ephesians 2:8-9

for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast.** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before that we would walk in them.

# **■** John 1:11-13

He came to his own, and those who were his own didn't receive him.

But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to

become God's children, to those who believe in his name: who were

born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but

of God.

Will there be any outward indication that you have been washed and have become new? Absolutely! Things you find yourself doing, which are really God working through you, are later indications of a transformation that has already happened.

Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.** The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new.

# Philippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **For it is God who works in you** both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

### 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Or don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's Kingdom? Don't be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortionists, will inherit God's Kingdom. **Some of you were such, but you were washed. You were sanctified. You were justified** in the name of the Lord lesus, and in the Spirit of our God.

# **■** Matthew 25:34-46

Then the King will tell those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and take you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?'

"The King will answer them, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you didn't give me food to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'
"Then they will also answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and didn't help you?'

"Then he will answer them, saying, 'Most certainly I tell you, because you didn't do it to one of the least of these, you didn't do it to me.'

These will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal life**."

# A time of great deception

Recognize that in the time interval between the event where followers of Jesus are caught up in the clouds with Jesus (Greek ἀρπαγησόμεθα, Latin rapiemur, or English "rapture") and the event of the Second Coming of Jesus to earth, there will be great deception, worse than anything in history. We're not given specific details other than a warning that it could deceive even those who have placed their trust in Jesus.

### **■** Matthew 24:21-26

for then there will be great suffering, such as has **not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.** Unless those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved. But for the sake of the chosen ones, those days will be shortened.

"Then if any man tells you, 'Behold, here is the Christ!' or, 'There!' don't believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

"Behold, I have told you beforehand.

"If therefore they tell you, 'Behold, he is in the wilderness,' don't go out; or 'Behold, he is in the inner rooms,' don't believe it. For as the lightning flashes from the east, and is seen even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Tor in those days there will be oppression, such as there has **not been** the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will be. Unless the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved; but for the sake of the chosen ones, whom he picked out, he shortened the days. Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, there!' don't believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. But you watch.

"Behold, I have told you all things beforehand. But in those days, after that oppression, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. **Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory**. Then he will send out his angels, and will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky.

Deception will be projected by the global system of governance. There may be physical and visible involvement from evil spiritual beings, mixed with the appearance of great technology. There will be a first "beast" or global entity and its leader (the Antichrist) who will be assisted by another global "beast" and its leader (the False Prophet). The first beast will be known for statesmanship and an appearance of global peace and security and the second beast will be known for technology and an appearance of incredible wonders.

## **44** Revelation 13:11-15

I saw **another beast** coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a **lamb** and it spoke like a **dragon**. He exercises all the authority of the **first beast** in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the **first beast**, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs **great signs**, even making **fire come down out of the sky** to the earth in the sight of people. He **deceives my own people** who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an **image** to the beast who had the sword wound and lived. It was given to him to **give breath to the image** of the beast, that the

image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn't worship the image of the beast to be killed.

The second beast will didōmi (furnish, artificially) a pneuma (spirit or rational intelligence) into an eikōn (image, icon) of the first beast, where the usage of the word *image* is similar to the phrase "disk image". In modern terminology, you could say the second beast develops an artificial intelligence (AI) clone of the first beast. This may be as simple as tapping an *icon* on your phone and opening an app to receive (evil) advice or guidance from the virtual AI assistant provided by the world government.

The second beast will also publicly demonstrate a system to project pyr (fire, lightning) from an ouranos (sky, space) platform, evidently as an incentive.

Additionally, if there appear to be non-human beings walking around claiming to be aliens or anything else, they are simply demonic spirits who fell with satan.

# **44** Revelation 16:13-14

I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, **three unclean spirits, something like frogs**; for they are **spirits of demons, performing signs**, which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited earth, to gather them together for the war of that great day of God the Almighty.

The Bible warns about satan and his ministers being able to falsely appear like angels of light.

# **44** 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. And no wonder, for even **Satan masquerades as an angel of light**. It is no great thing therefore if **his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works.

# The Mark

# Do not take the mark!

The Bible tells us there will be a permanent identification mark, issued by the global government, which will be required to complete any financial transaction. No one will be able to buy or sell without this identification mark. Everyone who receives the mark will give their allegiance to the leader of the global government (the Antichrist), and it will be a **permanent decision**, from which there will be **NO RETURN!** 



There will be NO HOPE of ETERNAL LIFE in Heaven for anyone who receives the identification mark!

## **44** Revelation 13:16-18

He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given **marks** on their **right hands** or on their **foreheads**; and that no one would be able to **buy or to sell** unless he has that **mark**, which is the **name of the beast** or the **number of his name**. Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is **six hundred sixty-six**.

#### Revelation 14:9-11

Another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger. He will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. The smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. They have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

# Our Hope is Eternal Life in Heaven!

In this coming 7 year period, things are going to get worse and worse. But the Good News is that Jesus is coming back! Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. Seven years from now, Heaven will open and He will appear. Then the evil global government will be destroyed and with it anyone who gave in and worshiped the beast, "just to survive". **Don't give up and give in**, even if it means losing your life. Gaining 7 more years in this life is not worth losing Eternity with God! When Jesus comes back, those who have followed Him and have not received the identification mark of the beast will reign with Him here on earth for 1000 years, followed by life forever in the New Heaven and New Earth!

### **11** Luke 9:23-26

He said to all, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For **whoever desires to** save his life will lose it, but whoever will lose his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits his own self? For whoever will be ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels. But I tell you the truth: There are some of those who stand here who will in no way taste of death until they see God's Kingdom."

## **11** Luke 17:30-33

It will be the same way in the day that the Son of Man is revealed. In that day, he who will be on the housetop and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away. Let him who is in the field likewise not turn back. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever seeks to save his life loses it, but whoever loses his life preserves it.

# Revelation 7:13-17

One of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and where did they come from?" I told him, "My lord, you know."

He said to me, "These are those who came out of the great suffering. They washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. He who sits on the throne will spread his tabernacle over them. They will never be hungry or thirsty any more. The sun won't beat on them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the middle of the throne shepherds them and leads them to springs of life-giving waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

# **44** Revelation 14:12-13

Here is the perseverance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow with them."

# Revelation 19:11

I saw the **heaven opened**, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it is called **Faithful and True**. In righteousness he judges and makes war.

# **44** Revelation 19:19-21

I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him who sat on the horse and against his army. The beast was taken, and with him the false prophet who worked the signs in his sight, with which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. The rest

were killed with the sword of him who sat on the horse, the sword which came out of his mouth. So all the birds were filled with their flesh.

# A taste of things to come

Very soon the 7 years will be over and Jesus will reign physically on earth for 1000 years. Then there will be one more conflict and then He will create a New Heaven and New Earth for eternal peace together with the Lord!

#### Revelation 20:2-4

He seized the dragon, the old serpent, who is the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole inhabited earth,† and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years were finished. After this, he must be freed for a short time.

I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and such as didn't worship the beast nor his image, and didn't receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

# **44** Revelation 20:14-15

Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

# **2** Peter 3:10-13

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat; and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will

be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for **new heavens and a new earth**, in which righteousness dwells.

## Revelation 21:1-5

I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away, and the sea is no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with people; and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.** Death will be no more; neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more. The first things have passed away."

He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." He said, "Write, for these words of God are faithful and true."

# See you there!