

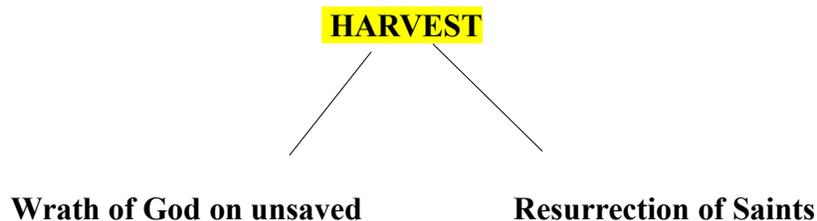
# The Harvest

The day of the Lord also known as the return of Christ, the revealing of the Son of Man and/or Second Coming, is the time of the harvest when Christ comes with Holy Angels and both the wicked and righteous will be judged. There is only one time that Christ comes to earth.

There is a doctrinal heresy in the church concerning a “rapture.” This theology falsely teaches that there will be one taken and one left behind, with the bride of Christ being the ones taken as they are “raptured.” There are differing views of when this occurs including pre, mid, and post tribulation adherents. In actuality the great event of born again Christians being with the Lord is in fact the **Resurrection** of the saints which happens after the tribulation at the time of the harvest upon His one and only return.

There is in fact one taken and one left but the bible paints a very different picture than the “rapture” theology/eschatology supporters. In the bible, the wicked are the ones taken. The bible describes these wicked as “tares”, “goats” and “sons of disobedience.” These wicked are taken for judgment. The bible describes their judgment using terminology of a “winepress” and reaping with a “sickle” and places it at the time of harvest. During this time of harvest the saints are resurrected as the Lord brings His children to Him to inherit His Kingdom. Among other titles the bible describes this Resurrection as the “gathering of wheat.”

The bible clearly describes major signs with the sun, moon, and stars being darkened during this harvest time, giving us a good reference to identifying this great event when studying scripture. This will be addressed in the “Time of Harvest” section.



## **Section 1:**

**At Christ's return known as coming and /or revealing of Son of Man ( Luke 17:30-37, Rev 19:11-17, Matt 24:27-28; 37-41) one is taken(to the winepress where the birds are gathered), one is left.**

**Luke 17:30** Even thus shall it be in the day when **the Son of man is revealed.**

**Luke 17:31** In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

**Luke 17:32** Remember Lot's wife.

**Luke 17:33** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

**Luke 17:34** I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the **one shall be taken**, and the other shall be left.

**Luke 17:35** Two women shall be grinding together; the **one shall be taken**, and the other left.

**Luke 17:36** Two men shall be in the field; the **one shall be taken**, and the other left.

**Luke 17:37** And they answered and said unto him, **Where, Lord?** And he said unto them, **Whersoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.**

The disciples ask Jesus/Yeshua where the people are taken and His response is that the bodies of the ones taken are where the eagles/vultures will be gathered. These are the ones taken by angels (expounded on later) to face the wrath of God at the winepress, where their bodies are eaten by eagles.

Lets look at what biblical prophecy says about the revealing of Christ on his return, as it relates:

**Rev 19:11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

**Rev 19:12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

**Rev 19:13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**Rev 19:14** And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

**Rev 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress** of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Rev 19:16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Rev 19:17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, **saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven**, Come and **gather yourselves together** unto the supper of the great God;

We see that the birds are harkened from the middle of the sky not from Heaven. Here is the Greek for "midst of heaven" in verse above **G3321** μεσουράνημα mesouranēma *mes-oo-ran'-ay-mah* From a presumed compound of **G3319** and **G3772**; **mid-sky**: - midst of heaven.

**Rev 19:18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and **the flesh of all men**, both free and bond, both small and great.

We see the birds are harkened to come and gather to eat the remains of the bodies of the wicked at the winepress, which is the wrath of God.

These birds are the same eagles spoken of in **Luke 17:37**. These birds gathering by dead bodies is also confirmed in other scripture regarding the coming of Christ at His revealing:

**Matt 24:27** For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also **the coming of the Son of man** be.

**Matt 24:28** For **whersoever the carcase is**, there will **the eagles be gathered together**.

Carcase in Greek for this verse above **G4430** πτώμα ptōma *pto'-mah* From the alternate of **G4098**; a *ruin*, that is, (specifically) lifeless *body (corpse, carrion)*: - **dead body**, carcase, corpse.

Looking at another indicator in scripture regarding the wicked ones being taken at the coming of the Son of Man we find:

**Matt 24:37** But as the days of Noe were, so shall also **the coming of the Son of man** be.

**Matt 24:38** For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

**Matt 24:39** And knew not until the flood came, and **took them all away**; so shall also **the coming of the Son of man** be.

We see that the wicked are the ones referred to in **Matt 24:39** “knew not until the flood came, and took them all away.” This can't be talking about Noah and his family being taken away since they knew when the flood would come ( **Gen 7:4**). We see above that in the days of Noah the wicked were clearly the ones taken away. We are told it will be likewise at the coming of Christ, the Son of Man (**Matt 24:37**) and given examples. **Matthew 24:37-41** must be read together in context. We are given a description of the wicked being taken in the days of Noah and the chapter continues on in the very next verses to describe the future scenario in which similarly one will be taken and one left ( corresponding to account in **Luke 17:35-36** above).

**Matt 24:40** Then shall two be in the field; the **one shall be taken**, and the other left.

**Matt 24:41** Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the **one shall be taken**, and the other left.

## **Section 2:**

**Christ “Son of Man” returns with angels at His Revealing (2 Thess 1:5-8 , Matt 13:41 Luke 17:30) which reap the wicked first ( Matt 13:30,39; 24:39-41 , Luke 17:30-37, Rev 14:14-21) during the harvest.**

**2 Thess 1:7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when **the Lord Jesus shall be revealed** from heaven with his mighty angels,

**2 Thess 1:8** In flaming fire **taking vengeance on them that know not God**, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Matt 13:41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall **gather out** of his kingdom **all things that offend**, and them which do iniquity;

“Gather out” in the Greek from above **G4816** συλλέγω sullegō *sool-leg'-o* From **G4862** and **G3004** in its original sense; to *collect*: - gather (together, up).

We see at the Revealing of the Son of Man which is the coming of the Lord there will be angels taking revenge on those who “know not God” ( **2 Thess 1:8**). “All things that offend”( **Matt 13:41**) is obviously not talking about believers but rather referring to the wicked who are taken first (“gather out”) out of God's Kingdom on earth. This event is that of the angels reaping during harvest:

**Matt 13:39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; **and the reapers are the angels.**

Importantly, the context of all the verses we looked at earlier with the birds/eagles eating the flesh of the wicked, is at the revealing of the Son of Man aka the return of Christ. The bodies of those taken are outside of the city where the eagles are gathered ( **Luke 17:30-37, Rev 14:14-20, Matt24:27-28, Joel 3:12-13**) In the following verses these very same wicked ones are described as being reaped with a sickle and thrown in the winepress ( wrath of God) at the Son of Man's coming:

**Rev 14:14** And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto **the Son of man**, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a **sharp sickle**.

**Rev 14:15** 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 time is come for thee to reap; for **the harvest** of the earth is ripe.

**Rev 14:16** And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

**Rev 14:17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

**Rev 14:18** And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

**Rev 14:19** And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into **the great winepress of the wrath of God**.

**Rev 14:20** And **the winepress was trodden without the city**, and **blood came out of the winepress**, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

The location of the winepress is outside the city( **Rev 14:20**),which is Jerusalem ( **Joel 3:12-13** “Jehoshaphat” in **H3092** “a valley near Jerusalem”). This is the location where the birds will gather.

We know from section 1 above at the Revelation of Christ from **Revelation 19:13,15** that Yeshua/Jesus is covered in blood from treading the winepress. The timing for the judgment of the wicked consistently matches the revealing of the Son of Man throughout scripture, placing the harvest at the same time (**Matt 13:30-42 ,Matt 24:29-31;39-41, Rev 19:11-17 , Luke 17:30-37 , Rev 14:14-19 , 2 Thess 1:5-8 , 1 Thess 4:15-17**).

The angels reap the wicked ( tares) first:

**Matt 13:30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the **time of harvest** I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares**, and bind them in bundles **to burn them**: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The angels take the wicked and throw them into the winepress with their dead bodies fed to the birds. As their souls leave their bodies, they are thrown in the fire of hell ( **Matt 13:30;42; 49-50, Rev 14:14-20**)

**Matt 13:49** So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and **sever the wicked from among the just**,

**Matt 13:50** And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Notice how in **Matthew 13:49** it says the wicked are severed from “among the just”, not that the just are severed away from among the wicked as the false rapture theology would have one believe. Note also that the just must remain until this time since “both grow together until the harvest” (**Matt 13:30**)

Important verses about the gathering of the wicked ( “tares”) include **Matt 13:40-42 ,49-50 , 24:39-41, 25:31-32, , 2 Thess 1:7-8, Rev 14:18-19**. All these verses refer to the gathering of the wicked as they are thrown into the winepress which is the wrath of God.

Believers are not thrown into the winepress but rather are resurrected in the event of gathering the righteous ( “wheat”) which occurs at the same time. Important verses about the gathering of the righteous aka the Resurrection include: **Matt 13:30 , 24:29-31 , 25:31-32 ,1 Thess 4:13-18 , 2 Thess 2:1, 1 Thess 4:15-17**. The Resurrection of the saints is expounded on more in the “ Time of harvest” section.

An important marker of Christ returning with His angels is the last trumpet (after the tribulation) Here are verses that address this ( **Matt 24:31, 1 Thess 4:16, 1 Cor 15:52, Rev 11:15**):

**Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

**Matt 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming** in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Matt 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet,** and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**1 Thess 4:16 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:

**1 Cor 15:50** I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

**1 Cor 15:51** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

**1 Cor 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**Rev 11:15** Then the seventh angel blew his **trumpet**, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

We see from these verses that the last trumpet, the Second Coming, and the Resurrection (**1 Cor 15:50-52** describes the changing of our bodies, with the dead in Christ raised incorruptible and those alive in Christ being changed instantly with imperishable bodies) occur at the same time, after the tribulation during the harvest. There is only one gathering time for the righteous (**2 Thess 2:1**). The gathering of the righteous at any other time is impossible.

\*Note some things:

1. Son of Man is revealed with His angels ( **Matthew 24:29,Matt 25:31**)
2. Angels reaping is the one taken one left event( **Matthew 13:30,Matthew 25:32**)
3. Angels gather the wicked and the just at the same event,but the wicked first in the order(**Matt 13:30**)
4. The ones taken to the winepress are the wicked “tares”who were taken first (**Matthew 13:30**)
5. The Birds are gathered to eat the bodies of the wicked (**Rev 19:17 Matt 24:28 , Luke 17:30,37**)
6. The last trumpet, Second Coming, and Resurrection occur at same time ( **Matt 24:31, 1 Thess 4:16, 1 Cor 15:52, Rev 11:15**)

Here are some commentaries that confirm the exegesis we hold from scripture above.  
(Disclaimer: we of course do not endorse any rapture theology that may be held by any of the commentators)

#### **Matthew Henry Commentary on Mat 25:31-46**

“4. When Christ comes in his glory to judge the world, he will bring all his holy angels with him. This glorious person will have a glorious retinue, his holy myriads, who will be not only his attendants, but ministers of his justice; they shall come with him both for state and service. They must come to call the court (**1Th\_4:16**), to gather the elect (**Mat\_24:31**), to bundle the tares (**Mat\_13:40**), to be witnesses of the saints' glory (Luk\_12:8), and of sinners' misery, **Rev\_14:10**.

III. The distinction that will then be made between the precious and the vile; He shall separate them one from another, **as the tares and wheat are separated at the harvest**, the good fish and the bad at the shore, the corn and chaff in the floor. Wicked and godly here dwell together in the same kingdoms, cities, churches, families, and are not certainly distinguishable one from another; such are the infirmities of saints, such the hypocrisies of sinners, and one event to both: but in that day they will be separated, and parted for ever; Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, Mal\_3:18. They cannot separate themselves one from another in this world (1Co\_5:10), nor can any one else separate them (Mat\_13:29); but the Lord knows them that are his, and he can separate them. This separation will be so exact, that the most inconsiderable saints shall not be lost in the crowd of sinners, nor the most plausible sinner hid in the crowd of saints (Psa\_1:5), but every one shall go to his own place. **This is compared to a shepherd's dividing between the sheep and the goats;** “

#### **John Wycliffe bible commentary on page 1057 for Luke 17:34-37**

“**Taken** is often applied to the saints, but it may refer to the gathering out of the offenders to judgment. Compare all the allusions to the tares ) **Matt 13:41,42** to the vine of the earth **Rev 14:18,19**  
**37.wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.** When the disciples wished to know where the person removed would be taken in Jesus answered by a proverb, **body** may be translated corpse (cf **Matt 24:28** *carcase*) and **eagles** are really *vultures*, for the true eagle does not eat carrion. The interpretation that the birds represent the saints gathering around Christ is foreign to the meaning of the proverb, it refers to the sudden descent of judgment upon a decadent and evil culture”

#### **ESV Study bible commentary on page 1874 on Matthew 24:28**

“**wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.** It seems best not to “over-interpret” this striking proverbial expression. It probably means simply that just as people from far away can see vultures circling high in the air, Christ's return in judgment will be visible and predictable. A similar view is that the vultures suggest the widespread death that will accompany the return of Christ to judge those who have rejected his kingdom.”

#### **ESV study bible commentary on page 18:75 on Matthew 24:40-41**

“**taken ... left** the description may indicate that one is taken away to final judgment (cf v 39)”

#### **John Wycliffe bible commentary on page 973 for Matthew 24:37-42**

“the days of Noah. As the **days of Noah** closed an era with judgment, so shall Christ's return. In an age of great wickedness (Gen 6), men went about their daily living undisturbed by impending doom (**eating drinking marrying giving in marriage**.) but the **flood took them away all the wicked**, so that only the righteous were left to inherit the earth. Likewise the **coming of the Son of Man**. Following the Great Tribulation (verse 29-31) will remove the wicked, in order that the faithful remnant who have

come out of the Tribulation may participate in the Millennial blessings(**Matthew 25:31-46 Matthew 13:30,41-43,49-50.**)

**40- 42.** the two in the field, and the two at the mill. **Then** places this illustration in the same period as the preceding , precisely explained in verse 29 as “after the tribulation” thus it does not refer to the rapture of the Church.”

**ESV study bible on page 2316 on 2 Thess 1:7**

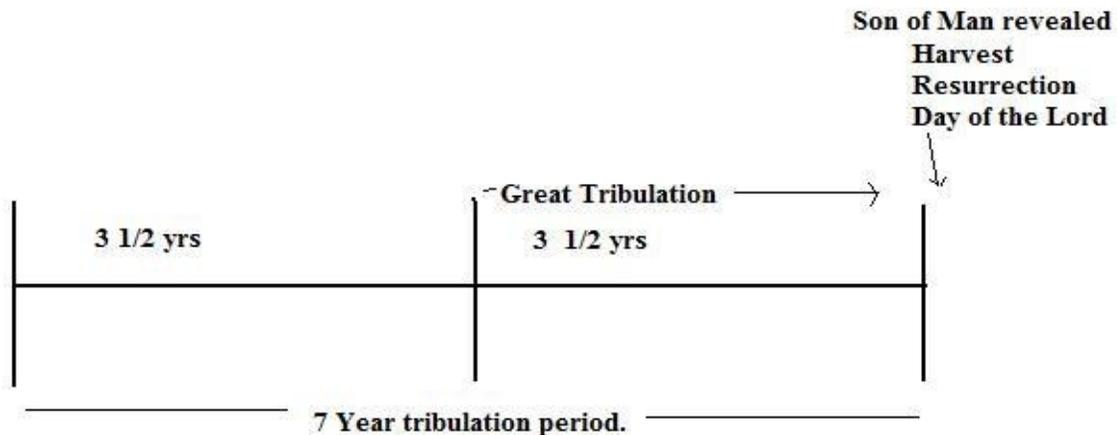
“ the just judgment of God comes in fullness at the second coming, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven**(cf **1 Thess 4:16-17**) Jesus is called “Lord” which identifies him as Yahweh who executes final judgment.”

**ESV Study Bible on page 2317 on 2 Thess 2:1-2**

“Paul discusses Christ's **coming** (Gk. Parousia) , his return in glory at the end of the age to save the elect and punish the wicked , and **our being gathered together** (Gk. Episyngoge) **to him**(see **Matt 24:31**w with the related verb *episyngoge*; cf also **1 Thess 4:16-17** ) The idea that the day of the Lord had already come (**2 Thess 2:2**) may have made the Thessalonians fear that Jesus's coming and the gathering of his people to him were no longer legitimate or realistic expectations”

“The Thessalonians were thinking in terms of a complex of events that would lead to the second coming , Paul seems to assume here , as elsewhere (**1 Cor 1:8 , Phil 1:10 , 1 Thess 5:1-4 , 2 Thess 1:7-10**) that **the arrival of the day of the Lord and the second coming occur at the same time.**”

## Time of Harvest



Let us begin by looking at **Matthew 25:31-34** as it references the harvest. The verses describe the dividing of the wicked and righteous:

**Matt 25:31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**Matt 25:32** **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:**

**Matt 25:33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**Matt 25:34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

The following Joel verses reference the wicked being judged ( near Jerusalem) at the harvest as well as the sun, moon, and stars being darkened:

**Joe 3:12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.**

**Joe 3:13** Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

**Joe 3:14** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

**Joe 3:15** The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

We can see these verses describe a gathering for judgment which includes sickle reaping and a winepress ( **Joel 3:12-13**). **Joel 3:15** of course describes the sun, moon and stars darkened at the time this harvest occurs. Other confirming verses with the darkening of the sun, moon, and stars in the day of the Lord with the wrath of God on the wicked include:

**Isa 13:6** Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

**Isa 13:7** Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

**Isa 13:8** And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

**Isa 13:9** Behold, the **day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with **wrath** and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

**Isa 13:10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.**

**Isa 13:11** And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

In **Joel 3:12** above when it states“ for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about” it is referencing the “tares” being gathered and judged as we have seen earlier. We have seen that Christ returns with angels at the harvest with the “tares” (wicked) taken first , and “wheat” (righteous) gathered after. The “wheat” being gathered of course talking about the Resurrection of the saints. Let us look at the relevant verses in full context. The following parables are a critical part of harvest study as Jesus himself says that these parables are likened to the Kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-50:**

**Matt 13:24** Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

**Matt 13:25** But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

**Mat 13:26** But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

**Matt 13:27** So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

**Matt 13:28** He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

**Matt 13:29** But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

**Matt 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest:** and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

**Matt 13:36** Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

**Matt 13:37** He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

**Matt 13:38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

**Matt 13:39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

**Matt 13:40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

**Matt 13:41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

**Matt 13:42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

**Matt 13:43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Matt 13:44** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

**Matt 13:45** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

**Matt 13:46** Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Again the harvest is referred to in this parable:

**Matt 13:47** Again, the **kingdom of heaven** is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

**Matt 13:48** Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

**Matt 13:49** **So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,**

**Matt 13:50** And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Both gatherings of wicked and righteous occur in the same event. Clearly, neither wicked nor righteous are separated until the harvest time at the end of the world ( **Matt 13:30**, **Matt 25:31-33**)

In **Matthew 24:29-31** Jesus/Yeshua when asked by his disciples about the sign of his coming says:

**Matt 24:29** Immediately **after the tribulation** of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

**Matt 24:30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall **all the tribes of the earth mourn**, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Matt 24:31** And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and **they shall gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Yeshua/Jesus describes the harvest event with sun, moon, and stars being darkened after the tribulation with himself returning with angels, the tribes of earth **first** mourning ( because of the wrath of God), then the gathering of the the saints ( Resurrection) is mentioned.

Important to note that is not a secret rapture event as falsely taught. The whole world will see Him as is confirmed in:

**Rev 1:7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him**, and they also which pierced him: and **all kindreds of the earth shall wail** because of him. Even so, Amen.

As we see in both **Mathew 24:30** and **Revelation 1:7** it will be a grievous time for those who are not saved as they are unexpectedly shocked by the Lord coming, since he will be coming to them as a thief in the night. Facing judgment as an unsaved person is grievous indeed. God is just and is not mocked. The Lord comes not as a thief to secretly rapture the bride, but rather as a thief to those lost without salvation. Those who are truly of Christ are not in darkness to be taken like a thief.

**1Thes 5:4** But ye, **brethren, are not in darkness**, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Let us revisit **Matthew 25:31-34** showing this same great harvest event, and specifically look at verse **25:34**:

**Matt 25:31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**Matt 25:32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**Matt 25:33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**Matt 25:34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the **kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

To reiterate again we see Christ coming with angels separating the wicked and righteous at the harvest (**Matt 31-33**). As we have seen the time of harvest, with the wrath of God upon the wicked( "goats") is consistently described throughout scripture as that of being reaped by a sickle and put in a winepress. In verse 34 Christ the King talks about giving the saints ( sheep) the kingdom of God prepared for them. This is the same Kingdom promised to come to earth and establish dominion at the time of the Son of Man's return at the harvest with judgment and Resurrection of the saints in **Daniel 7:9-10; 13-14 , 26-27, Rev 20:4**:

**Dan 7:9** I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

**Dan 7:10** A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

**Dan 7:13** I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

**Dan 7:14** And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

The following verses describe the Antichrist's Kingdom being destroyed and the Kingdom of God being established on the earth:

**Dan 7:26** But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

**Dan 7:27** And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

The harvest occurs at the last trumpet as seen in **Revelation 11:15-18** which describes the Kingdom coming to earth, the thrones, the wrath, and dead in Christ being judged ( favorably).

**(ESV)Rev 11:15** Then **the seventh angel blew his trumpet**, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ**, and he shall reign forever and ever."

**(ESV)Rev 11:16** And **the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God** fell on their faces and worshiped God,

**(ESV)Rev 11:17** saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

**(ESV)Rev 11:18** The nations raged, but your wrath came, and **the time for the dead to be judged**, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

At this event the thrones are brought down to earth and judgment occurs at the last trumpet when the Son of Man sits on His throne as further confirmed in **Dan 7:9, Rev 20:4, Matt 19:28**:

**Dan 7:9** **I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit**, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

**Rev 20:4** **And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them**: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

**Matthew 19:28** And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration **when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging** the twelve tribes of Israel.

Now let us turn and look at what the Lord said about receiving the saints unto himself. In the following verses Jesus/Yeshua is explaining how he has prepared a place for the saints in the Kingdom of God.

**John 14:1-3:**

**Joh 14:1** Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

**Joh 14:2** **In my Father's house are many mansions**: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**Joh 14:3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself**; that where I am, there ye may be also.

When he says in my fathers house are many mansions He is not talking about literal mansions. The place is talking about a dwelling for saints in the Kingdom of God. Being with the Lord in a heavenly Kingdom is what is described. Heaven is coming to earth and the saints of God will rule and reign on earth for a 1000 years with Christ ( **Rev 20:4**). Jesus was not talking about bringing physical mansions to earth as a physical place for the saints to live. When the Lord says “I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also”, that is describing His second coming and receiving his children during the Resurrection of saints at harvest.

Now moving on, we see more confirming verses about the harvest event with the sun, moon, and stars being darkened along with Christ returning with his army:

**Joe 2:10** The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the **sun and the moon shall be dark**, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

**Joe 2:11** And the LORD shall utter his voice before his **army**: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the **day of the LORD** is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

In **Revelation 19:11-19** we also see Christ returning with his army ( **Rev 19:14**) before describing the treading of the winepress as judgment for the wicked (**Rev 19:15**), the birds eating their flesh (**Rev 19:17-19:18**) and a battle of armageddon ( **Rev 19:19**)

**Rev 19:11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

**Rev 19:12** His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

**Rev 19:13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

**Rev 19:14** And **the armies which were in heaven followed him upon** white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

**Rev 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Rev 19:16** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

**Rev 19:17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

**Rev 19:18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

**Rev 19:19** **And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

Please note that the wicked being gathered is a longer process compared to the Resurrection of the saints which happens quicker as a “twinkling of an eye” ( **1 Cor 15:52**) right after the dead in Christ are raised:

**1 Cor 15:52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Importantly, first the reaping starts with the wicked ( tares), then saints are resurrected ( wheat gathered) in a quick moment and the reaping of the wicked continues during the battle of armageddon ( **Rev 19:19**) with the wicked continued to be thrown in the winepress.

Jesus is described as treading the winepress in **Revelation 19:15** which is the same winepress mentioned in **Revelation 14:14-20** and in **Joel 3:12-15** earlier.

Many attempt to describe the “rapture” using **1 Thess 4:17** when in fact a Resurrection is being described. Let us look at **1 Thess 4:15-17**:

(ESV) **1Thess 4:15** For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that **we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

(ESV) **1 Thess 4:16** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first.**

(ESV) **1 Thess 4:17** 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.**

It is key to look at context. We see that the Lord's return is described along with the Resurrection of dead in Christ before the chapter continues on in **1 Thess 4:17**. It is key to note that the **1 Thess 4:17** states, “we which are alive and remain” before talking about meeting the Lord. This is referring to those that have survived the tribulation without being martyred. **1 Thess 4:15-17** describes those in Christ that will have lived through the tribulation and will have remained to be resurrected in glorified bodies when meeting with the Lord right after the dead in Christ are first resurrected. The two events of the Lord's return and the Resurrection clearly cannot be separated as both occur together after the tribulation (**Matt 24:29-31**) at the end of the world harvest (**Matt 13:39**).

Many also attempt to defend rapture theology by stating that Christians are not appointed to wrath thinking that the 7 year tribulation is the wrath of God. It is true that true Christians are not appointed to wrath however the wrath is not the 7 year tribulation. It is important to understand what the wrath of God actually is. First let us look at the relevant verses referred to by Apostle Paul:

**1Thes 5:9** For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **1Thes 5:10** Who died for us, that, **whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.**

To make clear why the Apostle Paul said we are not appointed to wrath we must understand what Paul was talking about. In biblical terms wake or sleep means alive or dead. This is referencing the Resurrection at the harvest event in which believers will not be appointed to wrath as the wicked but rather will live together with Christ in resurrected form whether alive ( “wake”) and remaining ( **1 Thess 4:17**) at that time or dead (“sleep”) in Christ (**1 Thess 4:16**). The wrath that believers are not appointed to is the winepress after the tribulation during the harvest. The wrath of God being the winepress is seen in the following verses:

**Rev 19:15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the **winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

**Rev 14:19** And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the **great winepress of the wrath of God**.

To reiterate, Paul says that we are not appointed for wrath(winepress) but for salvation, then references the Resurrection (gathering of the wheat). The wrath of God and Resurrection are mentioned alongside each other because they occur alongside each other. This is further confirmed when looking at what Paul wrote in **Ephesians 5:3-6** about those that do not have any “inheritance in the kingdom”:

**Eph 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

**Eph 5:4** Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

**Eph 5:5** For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any **inheritance in the kingdom** of Christ and of God.

**Eph 5:6** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the **wrath of God** upon the children of disobedience.

**“Inheritance in the kingdom” again is referencing the Resurrection** at harvest (**Matt 25:34** “inherit the kingdom”, **1 Cor 15:50** “inherit the kingdom”). Apostle Paul warned that those that engage in works of the flesh ( “fornication” “covetousness” etc) do not inherit the kingdom of God. He then mentions the wrath of God upon such disobedient people. The harvest event with both the Resurrection of saints and the wrath of God on the wicked is essentially being described together.

The mention of the coming of the Lord Jesus changing our body in a Resurrection (**1 Cor 15:51-52**, **Phil 3:21**, **Col 3:4**, **Rom 8:11;17;23**, **2 Thess 1:10**) and subduing all things unto Himself occurs at the Kingdom coming to earth at the harvest.

**Phil 3:20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for **the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ**:

**Phil 3:21** **Who shall change our vile body**, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to **subdue all things unto himself**.

“Whence also we look for the Saviour”( **Phil 3:20**) is talking about awaiting the Lord's return, after which immediately a Resurrection is described (**Phil 3:21**). True believers await the Lord's return to be with Him at the Resurrection. True believers do not wait for the Lord in a “rapture” event but rather the hope to look forward to is only in a Resurrection.

In **Col 3:4-6** below we see mention of Christ's appearing at His second coming along with the same warning in **Ephesians 5:5-6** about mortifying the deeds of the body because of the wrath of God (winepress). Again both the wrath of God and the Resurrection are mentioned alongside each other:

**Col 3:4** **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

**Col 3:5** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

**Col 3:6** For which things' sake the **wrath of God** cometh on the children of disobedience:

“glory” is referring to the Resurrection, with saints appearing in glorified bodies. Let us look to the book of **Romans 8** for further confirmation of this. We again see the pattern of the Resurrection

mentioned along with a warning of mortifying the flesh just like in **Col 3:5** and **Eph 5:5-6**:

**Rom 8:11** But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit** that dwelleth in you.

**Rom 8:12** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

**Rom 8:13** For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do **mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

“quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit” and “Ye shall live” are talking about obtaining resurrected bodies. Just a few verses later we see glorified bodies aka resurrected bodies being referred to:

**Rom 8:17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also **glorified together.**

**Rom 8:18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** which shall be revealed in us.

**Rom 8:19** For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

**Rom 8:20** For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

**Rom 8:21** Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

**Rom 8:22** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

**Rom 8:23** And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body.**

Finally let us also look at **2 Thess 1:7-10**:

**2 Thess 1:7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the **Lord Jesus shall be revealed** from heaven with his mighty angels,

**2Thess 1:8** In flaming fire taking **vengeance on them that know not God**, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**2Thess 1:9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

**2Thess 1:10** When he shall come to **be glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Importantly again we see the Wrath of God (“vengeance on them that know not God”) is mentioned along side the Resurrection of believers (“**be glorified in his saints**”) at the same time that the Son of Man is revealed from Heaven. The harvest is again described with mighty angels being sent out to gather first tares “them that know not God” and then wheat “his saints.”

## Conclusion

### **The day of the Lord is coming!**

**Joel 2:31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before **the great and the terrible day of the LORD** come.

The day of the Lord ( revealing of the Son of Man) will be great for the saints of God and terrible for all others. This will be the time of harvest (**Luke 17:30-37, Matt 13:30;39;49-50,** ) after the last trumpet ( **Matt 24:31, 1 Cor 15:52**) which announces Christ's rule on earth ( **Rev 11:15**). Both the wicked and the righteous are gathered at the harvest (**Matt 13:30 ,Matt 25:31-33**) starting with the process of gathering the wicked (tares) first with a winepress and sickle reaping (**Matt 13:30;24:28, Rev 14:14-20, Luke 17:34-37, Revelation 19:17-18**) followed by a quick gathering of the saints ( wheat) in a Resurrection ( **Matt 25:33-34;24:31;13:30, 1 Thess 4:17, 2 Thess 2:1, 1 Cor 15:51-52**)

Reviewing these points straight from the bible, confirmed with multiple other sources, it is impossible for any one to be “raptured” before, during or after the tribulation because there is no such thing as a “rapture” but rather only a Resurrection The two events of the Lord's return and the Resurrection cannot be separated as both occur together after the tribulation (**Matt 24:29**) at the end of the world harvest (**Matt 13:39**). This day of the Lord, at harvest, with the revealing of Christ from heaven is a one time event accompanied by the sun, moon, and stars being darkened (**Joel 3:15;2:31;2:10, Isa 13:10, Matt 24:29, Mark 13:24,** )

Anyone teaching that the ones taken are the righteous are under the grave sin of false teaching/doctrine before God. The Church must reform and unite under one Spirit with sound doctrine and expose this false doctrine that has crept into the body like a cancer. This “rapture” doctrine will do nothing but ship wreck the followers of it when it does not occur. It was meant to destroy faith and divide the body of Christ from the doctrine's inception. We must call out this false doctrine and expose the heresy for the sake of the souls snared in its grasp, all with the love of Christ in truth.

There is certainly a great event, a hope for all true believers, with a very real Resurrection of the saints in which the true children of God will be with the Lord!

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\* Note that the Resurrection of the dead not in Christ will happen at the end of the thousand year reign (**John 5:29, Rev 20:5**) and has not been addressed in this document.

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