

## I. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW:

### A. Lesson 1: Introduction To Dispensationalism

1. Dispensationalists believe that Jesus, at His Coming, will set up an earthly kingdom in \_\_\_\_\_ and reign a literal \_\_\_\_\_ years.

2. There are many different aspects to the dispensational scheme of events. (See Chart)

### B. Lesson 2: Dispensationalism and The Church

1. Dispensationalists contend that the church and the kingdom are 2 unrelated entities. They assert that the kingdom's establishment was \_\_\_\_\_ because the Jews rejected Jesus.

2. They believe that the church was involved in God's *purpose*, but not His \_\_\_\_\_ *purpose*. Hence, they view the church as an \_\_\_\_\_, an *interlude*, an \_\_\_\_\_, a *parenthesis*, a *stop-gap* measure until the kingdom is established.

3. They believe that the church was not mentioned by the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The church was involved in God \_\_\_\_\_ *purpose* (Eph.3:8-11).

5. Something I omitted last week was the dispensational view of God's relationship to the church and to Israel. They teach that God has \_\_\_\_\_ separate plans - one for the church and a different one for Israel. They also believe that God has \_\_\_\_\_ distinct destinations for them. The church will spend eternity in \_\_\_\_\_ after the millennium while the Jews will spend eternity on \_\_\_\_\_ following the millennium.

## II. WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

A. Dispensationalists advocate that the \_\_\_\_\_ is the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of Jesus' coming. They believe the *rapture* is when the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ His saints, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. They also aver that the *first resurrection* mentioned in Rev.20 will occur at the same time.

2. When the *rapture* occurs, all the dead saints will be resurrected from the dead. All the living saints will be changed. Together they will be \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the Lord in the air and remain with Him for 7 years.

3. The *rapture* will bring to an end the \_\_\_\_\_ and will usher in the \_\_\_\_\_, a period when God's wrath will be poured out on earth like never before. Some refer to the last 3 1/2 years of the *tribulation* as the *great tribulation*.

4. Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ His saints 7 years after the *rapture*. They call this the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Notice what some dispensationalists foresee when the *rapture* occurs.

C. Passages dispensationalists use to corroborate the *rapture*.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

## III. WHAT DO THE SCRIPTURES SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?

- The word *rapture* is \_\_\_\_\_ found in the Bible.
- The *rapture* theory is flawed in many ways. Notice what is wrong with the *rapture* from a Biblical perspective.

### A. The Lord's Coming Will Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Dispensationalists contend that the Lord will *come for* His saints suddenly and secretly. They affirm that the unsaved will not see the Lord, but rather only the righteous dead and living. Thus, the Lord's *coming for* His saints will be an invisible coming to the lost.

2. Jesus' coming will be both an audible and a visible coming.

- a. It will be attended by a \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor.15:52).
- b. It will be a \_\_\_\_\_ coming (\_\_\_\_\_).
- c. It will be accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Th.1:7).
- d. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- aa.
- bb.

**B. The Lord's Coming Will Be The \_\_\_\_ Of The Material Creation.**

1. Dispensationalists assert that the *rapture* occurs when the Lord *comes for* His saints. They will remain with Him for 7 years, after which time the Lord will *come with* His saints to set up an earthly kingdom and rule for \_\_\_\_ years. According to dispensationalists the \_\_\_\_ of the world comes \_\_\_\_ years after the *rapture*!

2. The Bible instructs us that the created order will be \_\_\_\_\_ when Christ comes again.

- a.
- b. The Lord's coming will be the \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. The Lord's Coming Is A \_\_\_\_ Time Event**

1. Dispensationalists believe the *rapture* is the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of Jesus' coming. The *revelation* is the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage. The *rapture* is viewed as a component of Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Also, they believe that the \_\_\_\_\_ dead will be resurrected at the *rapture*.

2. The NT teaches only \_\_\_\_ coming of the Lord ( ).

3. The general resurrection will take place when Jesus comes again.

- a.
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

• The *rapture* theory should be rejected because there will be nothing secret about Jesus' Coming. When Jesus comes again it will be the last day, the end of the world and the beginning of eternity. All people will be assigned to their eternal destinies. The *rapture* is not taught in God's Word.

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