

MISSED, MISQUOTED, & MISUNDERSTOOD?

Part 11

Matthew 22:29 NKJV

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:29 AMPC

29 But Jesus replied to them, You are wrong because you know neither the Scriptures nor God’s power.

Matthew 22:29 MEV

29 Jesus answered, “You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

Eschatology defined:

Christian eschatology is the study of what the Bible says is going to happen in the end times. How we understand Eschatology has an impact on how we should live our lives and what we are to expect to occur in God’s plan. Some important issues in Eschatology are these: What is the Rapture?, When is the Rapture going to occur in relation to the Tribulation?, Is the millennium literal or figurative?

Eschatology helps us to understand the Bible’s prophetic passages and how to live our lives in response to what God is going to do in the end times...Revelation 1:3a “Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who reads aloud [in the assemblies] the word of this prophecy”

Galatians 5:9-10,12 AMPC

9 **A little leaven** (**a slight inclination to error**, or a few false teachers) **leavens the whole lump** [it **perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church**].

10 [For my part] I have confidence [toward you] in the Lord that **you will take no contrary view of the matter** but will come to think with me. But **he who is unsettling you, whoever he is, will have to bear the penalty**.

12 I wish those who unsettle and confuse you would [go all the way and] **cut themselves off!**

Galatians 1:6-9 AMPC

6 **I am surprised and astonished** that you are so quickly turning renegade and **deserting Him** Who invited and called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that **you are transferring your allegiance**] to a different [even **an opposition**] gospel.

7 Not that there is **[or could be]** any other [genuine Gospel], but there are **[obviously]** some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you [with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

8 But **even if we or an angel from heaven** should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

9 As we said before, so I now say again: **If anyone** is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

The First Coming of Jesus (Christ) to Earth

John 1:14 AMPC

14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

The Second Coming of Jesus (Christ) to Earth

Revelation 19:11–16: Describes Jesus descending from heaven on a white horse, followed by the armies of heaven clothed in white linen to judge the earth.

Zechariah 14:4–5: States that Jesus' feet will touch down on the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem, accompanied by "all the holy ones [saints]”.

Acts 1:11–12: Notes that Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives, and the angels promised He would return in the same way.

Like the rapture, there are specific “things” described in God’s Word regarding Christ’s second coming. But, unlike the rapture in the clouds prior to the 7 year tribulation (1 Thess 4:13-18), Jesus Christ will come to earth with judgment. He will come back with His people (saints) at the end of the 7 year Tribulation and everyone will see His Return.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 AMPC

13 Now also we would not have you ignorant, brethren...

17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], shall simultaneously be caught up along with [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!

John 1:1 AMPC

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

Malachi 3:6 AMPC

6 For I am the Lord, I do not change;

Hebrews 13:8 AMPC

8 Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes] and forever (to the ages).

2 Peter 3:1-4 AMPC

1 Beloved, I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,

2 That you should recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires

4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

Note: _____

Peter said to recall things from the Old Testament Prophets and from the “things” Jesus said as recorded by the Apostles.

Isaiah 46:9-10 AMPC

9 [Earnestly] remember the former things, [which I did] of old; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like Me,

10 Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose

Matthew 24:3 AMPC

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?

Then, Jesus (the Word) responded to them... He didn't say? There's so many different ideas out there - just pick one...

Matthew 24:4-5 AMPC

4 Jesus answered them (His Disciples or followers), Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].

5 For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray.

Jesus is the Word (John 1:1), the Word doesn't change (Mal 3:6) the Word is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8)

Matthew 24:6 AMPC

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened or troubled, **for this must take place**, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:33 AMPC

33 So also when you see these signs, all taken together, coming to pass, you may know of a surety that He is near, at the very doors.

Jesus commands His followers or imitators (christians) to know the signs of His Coming. The End Time events that will take place so we are ready to meet the Lord in the air . (1 Thess 4)

John 16:1-8, 13 AMPC

4 But **I have told you these things now, so that when they occur** you will remember that I told you of them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

5 But now I am going to Him Who sent Me, yet none of you asks Me, Where are You going?

6 **But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts [taken complete possession of them].**

7 However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable (good, expedient, advantageous) for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

8 And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Why be on your guard? why are we commanded to know the signs of His Coming (in the clouds) or the Rapture? Why does Jesus tell His disciples to know the signs and to know the Word?

Because Jesus said many pastors, preachers and teachers will come and deceive many regarding: sin, judgment, righteousness and the things to come that were prophesied regarding His Coming in the clouds and what happens at the consummation or completion of the age at His Second Coming to the earth. This takes place at the end of the 7 year Tribulation.(Matthew 24, John 16, Luke 21 and 1 Thess 4)

**Where is the Rapture listed in the Bible? When will it occur?
What happens when the Rapture takes place?**

The Rapture of the church is the gathering together of those who died habitually righteous and those alive and are found to be habitually righteous when Jesus comes in the clouds prior to the 7 year Tribulation. These 2 groups of people will be “snatched out of harms way” (the definition of rapture), in order for the 7 year period of judgements to be poured out on the earth centered in and around Israel.

The Never Wrong Prophet Isaiah told us that God’s Word has told us from the Beginning what would happen at the End. Peter told the “beloved”, the genuine follower or imitator of Jesus Christ to go read the Prophets and the Words of Jesus recorded by the Apostles regarding the End Times. So, let’s go back to the beginning and look at what happened in Genesis to a godly man named Enoch.

Genesis 5:21-24 AMPC

21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born.

22 *Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah* 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

24 And *Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him].*

Habitual defined: (*Webster's Dictionary 1828*)

Habitual - *adjective* Formed or acquired by habit, frequent use or custom.

1. Customary; according to habit; as the habitual practice of sin; the habitual exercise of holy affections.
2. Formed by repeated impressions; rendered permanent by continued causes; as an habitual color of the skin.

Synonyms for Habitual:

perpetual	repeated	accepted	accustomed	automatic
common	continual	confirmed	conventional	customary
disciplined	star	familiar	fixed	frequent
ingrained	mechanical	natural	normal	ordinary
perfunctory	permanent	persistent	practiced	regular

As we read the Words of Paul, we need to ask ourselves, Why did God choose Paul? Because Paul didn't care what happened to himself personally. He cared more about the listeners "forever", eternity then his "for now", present circumstances.

Galatians 1:1-20 AMPC

1 Paul, an apostle—[special messenger appointed and commissioned and sent out] **not from [any body of] men** nor by or through any man, but by and through Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and God the Father, Who raised Him from among the dead

2 And all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace and spiritual blessing be to you and [soul] peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah),

4 Who gave (yielded) Himself up [to atone] for our sins [and to save and sanctify us], in order to rescue and deliver us from this present wicked age and world order, in accordance with the will and purpose and plan of our God and Father—

5 To Him [be ascribed all] the glory through all the ages of the ages and the eternities of the eternities! Amen (so be it).

6 I am surprised and astonished that you are so quickly turning renegade and deserting Him Who invited and called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.

7 Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you [with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

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10 Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).

11 For I want you to know, brethren, that the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard].

12 For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

13 You have heard of my earlier career and former manner of life in the Jewish religion (Judaism), how I persecuted and abused the church of God furiously and extensively, and [with fanatical zeal did my best] to make havoc of it and destroy it.

14 And [you have heard how] I outstripped many of the men of my own generation among the people of my race in [my advancement in study and observance of the laws of] Judaism, so extremely enthusiastic and zealous I was for the traditions of my ancestors.

15 But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing), saw fit and was pleased

16 To reveal (unveil, disclose) His Son within me so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles (the non-Jewish world) as the glad tidings (Gospel), immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood [did not consult or counsel with any frail human being or communicate with anyone].

20 Now [note carefully what I am telling you, for it is the truth], I write this as if I were standing before the bar of God; I do not lie.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 AMPC

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud cry of summons, with the shout of an archangel, and with the blast of the trumpet of God. And those who have departed this life in Christ will rise first.

*17 Then we, the living ones who remain [on the earth], **shall simultaneously be caught up along with** [the resurrected dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so always (through the eternity of the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!*

1 Thessalonians 4:17 KJV

*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.*

Paul calls this event that will take place “a mystery”...

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 AMPC

*51 Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). **We shall not all fall asleep [in death], but we shall all be changed (transformed)***

*52 In a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye,** at the [sound of the] last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, **and the dead [in Christ] will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay), and we shall be changed (transformed).***

The word changed in Greek, is the word metamorphoo. We shall be changed or translated from one condition to another or from one state to another.

Metamorphoo defined:

to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, to translate

Hebrews 11:5 KJV

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

In Chapter 4 of the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica is where we get the great revelation of how the Lord will return to ***“catch up”*** the living saints in the air. Those who died habitually righteous and alive who are living habitually righteous will be ***“caught up together”***.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV

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:
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.

Key Word: Caught up together

The Meaning: to seize or pluck up by force

The Greek translation: harpazó

Phonetic Spelling: (har-pad'-zo)

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition: to seize, snatch, obtain by force, to take by an open display of force, yank out of dangers way.

In the modern day Greek language, this idea of harpazó could be explained by: if you had a child that was playing in the street and a car was coming, you pull them by the top of their hair and yank them out of danger's or harm's way. The word, harpazó, is found in several places in the New Testament.

Ephesians 1:10 KJV

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might **gather together in one** all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

Key Word: Gather together in one

The meaning: To sum up together in one

Greek Translation: anakephalaioó

Phonetic Spelling: (an-ak-ef-al-ah'-ee-om-ahee)

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition: to sum up, to summarize, gather up in one place

Notice, the Apostle Paul said ***all things***. He then defined those things by first stating, those in heaven which are those who died in Christ and are now in paradise. In 2 Corinthians 12:4 ***he was caught up into paradise...*** Luke 23:43 ***today you will be with me in paradise...*** 2 Corinth 5:8 ***to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.***

The Apostle Paul speaks about those on the earth which are the living saints. This ***summing up*** is for those who are dead in body, but alive in paradise and those living here on earth in Christ gathered together in one place or location. This phrase ***gathered together in one*** means to sum up or gather together in one unit. We are separated now from those who have died in the Lord but, when the Rapture takes place, we are going to be summed up together in Christ.



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