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Jesus is coming – Pt 4 & final the rapture of the church & elect

This is our fourth and final teaching on – Jesus is coming. In our previous study we established – (1) The seventy week prophesy in Daniel was given to Israel, (2) after sixty nine weeks Messiah shall be cut off, and (3) In the seventieth week the sacrifice and oblation shall cease (Jewish) and the overspreading of abominations shall make it desolate. In this study we establish – (1) There is a gap between the 69th and 70th week, (2) which is the age where Gentiles shall be fellowheirs with Christ, (3) the end of the gap period is when the church is raptured, and (4) then is the 70th week, and in the midst of that week shall be great tribulation.

1. There is a gap between the 69th and 70th week in Daniel's prophesy
"Know...understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...And...in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate..." (Dan.9: 27).

2. This gap period – Jew and Gentiles are fellowheirs with Christ.
"Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known...That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body..." (Eph.3: 4-6.)

3. End of the gap period is when the body of Christ is raptured.
"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom 11:25) – c.f. – 1 Thes 4:16.

4. THEN shall be the 70th week – in the midst of it – great tribulation.
"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate" (Dan.9: 27).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life

Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians spend most of their time in the Gospels and so miss, or do not receive instruction on the mysteries that were given to Paul, they miss the period that we are in – the gap between the 69th and 70th week, the period of time when God is dealing with Jew and Gentile.

Question to think about.

i) What is the consequence of missing, the gap period?

Our answer to our question.

There is confusion regarding the rapture of the church and whether the body of Christ will go through the tribulation, hence our eschatology, our doctrine of end times will err not knowing the scriptures. But Christ **will** return in the clouds with the trump of God and the dead in Christ will rise first,; "Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thes.4: 17). Amen!