

1. Last week I taught in part 1Ti 6:14 and when the clock tolled noon we had just completed a study of two eschatological events: Rapture and Second Advent. This was done by means of several word studies: **Rapto**, (a Latin translation from the Greek verb **Harpazo** found in 1Th 4:17), **Parousia**, **Apokalupsis** and **Epiphaneia**.
2. Before we complete that study I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of 1Ti 6:12-14.

Expanded Translation

1Ti 6:12 Now Timothy, it is important for you to fight the good fight of faith and take possession of your eternal life for it was to this life that God called you. You have often provided a dedicated life of faith while firmly professing that faith before many witnesses.

1Ti 6:13 Timothy, I command you in the sight of God and before Jesus Christ the creator of all things, Who made a profound confession before Pontius Pilate;”

1Ti 6:14 Timothy you must keep on demonstrating that which Christ professed: a profession, intact, unsullied, irreproachable and unblameable until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Rapture:

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then return to a review of “Why are we Pre-Tribulation and Pre-Millennium in our eschatological views?”

4.1 Firstly, because of our belief that the Scripture is literal in meaning, without error and absolute.

4.2 We reject the false concept that the Church has replaced Israel.

4.3 We review Scripture from a dispensational perspective.

4.4 We recognize that in the Church Age God has no special ethnos ... rather God sees all believers as One in Christ. Gal 3:28 and Rom 10:12

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

4.5 We also recognize God has not cast away His people Israel and in fact will reclaim a changed Israel after the Tribulation when He will establish perfect environment in the Millennium.

Rom 11:1 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid ...

Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew ...

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

4.6 The period following the Second Advent is a time of perfect environment as opposed to the Rapture where we find a time of tribulation following; this certainly indicates two events followed by different conditions.

4.7 The Second Advent is described as a different event than the Rapture. At the Rapture we meet the Lord in the air, while at the Second Advent Jesus will return to earth at the very same place He left as opposed to meeting His saints in the air.

1Th 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:

1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall *be caught up* (**Harpazo**) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

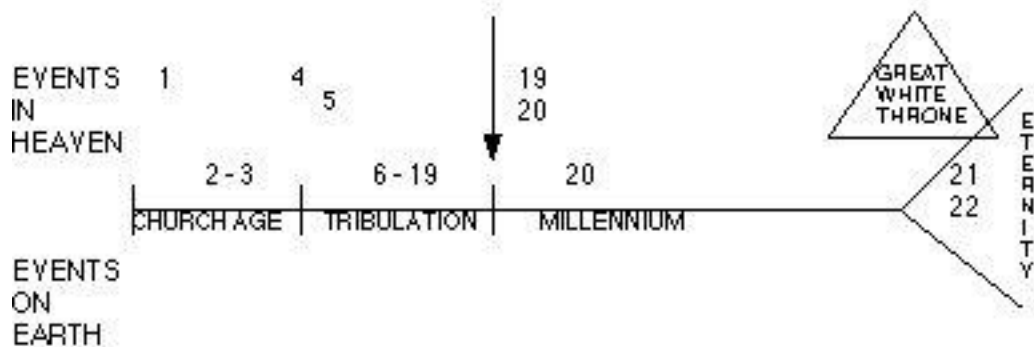
Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

4.8 The Scripture makes clear that the First Advent, Rapture and Second Advent are different not only as to role and event, but also as to timing: The book of the Revelation makes a significant distinction of these events as to timing.

AN OVERVIEW OF REVELATION



4.9 Paul's letter to the church at Thessalonica concerning the timing of the events establishes the Pre-Trib view.

4.10 That the rapture has always been imminent, even at the time of the writing of the epistles to the Church, and the fact that the timing is known only to God is another reason for our being Pre-Trib. The eschatological timing was also not known to the humanity of Jesus.

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour **knoweth no** man, **no**, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

4.11 An outline of the Book of Revelation gives support to the Pre-Trib position. After chapter three the church is always seen in heaven and never on earth: this because the church is raptured.

Outline:

Chapters 1-3 deal with the Church Age.

Chapters 4-5 deal with a scene in heaven.

Chapters 6-11 is a telling of events in the Tribulation and Millennium with emphasis on the events themselves.

Chapters 12-20 is a telling of the events of the Tribulation and the Millennium with emphasis on the characters involved in the story.

Chapters 21 and 22 deal mainly with the New Jerusalem, the topographical changes occurring during the Millennium, and the new heaven and the new earth which follow the destruction of our present heaven and earth.

4.12 Revelation 2:1-3:19 list seven churches, which existed at the time of the writing in Asia Minor and give us another reason for being Pre-Trib.

4.12.1 Of the seven churches Pentecost in his book *Things To Come* writes:

"A threefold purpose in the writing of the seven letters may be suggested. a. John is writing to seven local congregations in order to meet the needs of these individual assemblies ... b. These letters would reveal the various kinds of individuals and assemblies throughout the age ... c. There is a prophetic revelation as to the course of the age in the letters ...

"In the order in which they were given, they foreshadowed the successive predominant phases through which the nominal Church was to pass from the time when John saw the vision until the Lord came ...

"The seven churches, which were only seven of many which John could have chosen to address, seem to have been specifically chosen because of the significance of their names ... The names themselves suggest the succession of the development of the periods within the age."

5. Given our hindsight I think there can be little doubt they are symbolic of seven distinct time periods; four of which time periods have been observed historically, a fifth partially observed and two, designated by the Church at Philadelphia and Laodicea, are future.

6. The Tribulation in Scripture, is called the time of Jacob's trouble and the Philadelphia Church is "taken out" from this time when Israel is tried and proven, i.e., the Church is taken out from the time of Jacob's trouble.

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

Mal 4:6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

7. The time period for the universal church at the time of the Rapture is symbolized by the Church at Philadelphia.

Rev 3:10 Because you have kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep you out from the time of testing of planet earth, which time of testing is designed to prove them who dwell upon the earth."

8. The Tribulation was always said to be designed for Israel and never the Church.

9. Conclusion

9.1 There are no signs or events foretelling the time of the Rapture.

9.2 The Rapture is imminent. Paul, Peter, James, John and the writer of the book of Hebrews all stress the imminence of the Rapture.

9.3 Not even our Lord in His humanity knew the timing of the rapture.

The Day and Hour Unknown

Mat 24:36 But of that day and hour **knoweth no** man, **no**, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

9.4 Our job in the Church Age is to look for the Rapture because not everyone will experience death.

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;

1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 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.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

10. This concludes our study of the Rapture and the Second Advent. Now let's see what we can learn from 1Ti 6:15.

KJV-Sentence Continues

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

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1Ti 6:15 which God will bring about in his own time -- God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

WHICH IN HIS TIMES ος καιροσ ιδιοσ

1. **Hos Kairos Idios** is perhaps better translated “Who in His very own time ...”
2. **Hos** is a relative pronoun declined as an accusative feminine singular followed by the noun **Kairos** declined as a locative plural and the adjective **Idios** is also declined as a locative plural.
3. **Kairos** appears more than 80 times in the New Testament where it is translated variously “time, times, seasons, due time” and “opportunity.” Examples:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this **time** his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Rom 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in **due time** Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Heb 11:13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.

Heb 11:14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

Heb 11:15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had **opportunity** to return.

Heb 11:16 Instead, they were longing for a better country -- a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

Heb 11:18 even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Heb 11:19 Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous **times** shall come.

4. **Idios** appears more than 140 times where it is translated “private, their own, your own, your own business, their” and “his own.” For example:

1Co 14:35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask **their own** husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

1Th 4:11 Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind **your own** business and to work with your hands, just as we told you,

1Th 4:12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their **own** desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

2Ti 4:4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2Ti 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Heb 7:27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his **own** sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

1Pe 3:1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of **their** wives,

1Pe 3:2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

1Pe 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.

1Pe 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1Pe 3:5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their **own** husbands,

2Pe 1:20 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's **own** interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

HE SHALL SHEW, WHO IS THE BLESSED ΔΕΙΚΝΥΩ ΟΣ ΜΑΚΑΡΙΟΣ

1. **Deiknuo Hos Makarios** is better translated “will show Who is most certainly the blessed ...”

2. **Deiknuo** is a verb parsed as a 3rd person singular, future active indicative followed by the relative pronoun **Hos** declined as a nominative singular and the noun **Makarios** declined as a nominative singular.

3. **Deiknuo** appears more than 30 times where it is translated “have I showed you” shall show, showest, showed” and “shew.”

4. **Hos** is the very common relative pronoun.

5. **Makarios** appears more than 45 times in Scripture where it is translated “blessed, happy” or “happier.” Examples:

Joh 13:14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

Joh 13:15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Joh 13:16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Joh 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be **happy** if you do them.

Joh 13:18 "I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: 'He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'

Joh 13:19 "I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He.

Joh 13:20 I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever accepts me accepts the one who sent me."

Rom 4:7 "**Blessed** are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 **Blessed** is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."

1Co 7:39 A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

1Co 7:40 In my judgment, she is **happier** if she stays as she is -- and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

1Pe 3:13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

1Pe 3:14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you **are blessed**. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."

1Pe 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1Pe 3:16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1Pe 4:14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, **happy** are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

1Pe 4:15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

AND ONLY POTENTATE, και μονος δυναστης

1. **Kai Monos Dunastes** is better translated “and only ruler, power, and Potentate ...”

2. **Kai** is a conjunction followed by the adverb **Monos** and the noun **Dunastes** declined as a nominative singular.

3. **Monos** appears more than 45 times in Scripture where it is translated “alone, only” or “by themselves.” Examples:

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself **alone**, and not in another.

Gal 6:5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

1Co 14:35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.

1Co 14:36 Did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the **only** people it has reached?

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