

Is Heaven Really Our Destination?

John 14:1-3 (KJV) Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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. 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.**

Acts 1:11"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

So Jesus went into heaven and sat down on the right hand side of God in heaven, and they right now are the only ones in heaven along with the angels.

John 3:13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

Matthew 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. 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.

Verse 40-41 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken (*received*) and the other left.

The word "**taken**" is the same word as "**receive**" in **John 14:3. I will come again, and receive you unto myself;**

Now an important verse is verse **42**"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day **your Lord will come**.

He says "**your Lord**" so he is talking to His people, not the unredeemed here. Then in verse 43 Jesus goes on to say.....

43 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. **44** So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

So here in Chapters 24 & 25 we see the breaking up of the household when Jesus Christ returns: We see the following categories:

1. The faithful and unfaithful servants (is the first group)
2. Then there is the 10 virgins – 5 were wise because they were fully prepared for His return. The other 5 foolish virgins who were not FULLY prepared for His return and who they get locked out of the wedding banquet (represents His Kingdom here on earth)
3. Another one we see in these chapters are the 3 servants – 2 were faithful and another 1 was unfaithful
4. And then we see the division of the sheep and the goats

1 Thess 4:13-18 Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. **14** We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and **the dead in Christ will rise first**. *So they are DEAD)*

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be **with** the Lord forever.

Daniel 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: **some** to everlasting life, **others** to shame and everlasting contempt.

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those **who belong to him.**

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the sinful nature** with its passions and desires.

So those “**who belong**” have done what? They have crucified the sinful nature? What does that mean? Look at the context!

Verse 19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that **those who live like this** will not **inherit the kingdom of God.**

Rev 17:14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will **be his called, chosen and faithful followers.**

Zechariah 14:3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle.

4 On that day **his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem,** and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south.