

DID NOT KNOW UNTIL...

During the coming Tribulation judgments that will come upon the world people will be able to KNOW that the Second Coming of Christ “is near – at the doors” (Mt. 24:32-33). In contrast no one has any idea of the timing related to the coming Rapture of the Church which will usher in the coming Day of the Lord judgment.

Of that day and hour Jesus said “no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” (Mt. 24:36).

The time leading up to the Rapture followed by the Day of the Lord judgment will be as it was in the days of Noah in which people were oblivious to the idea of coming judgment and simply went about life as normal with no thought for God or coming judgment.

Jesus elaborated on this in Matthew 24:39...

Matthew 24:39 (NKJV)

39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The lost in the world of Noah’s day had no idea that the judgment of the flood was about to hit them UNTIL it started to rain (cf. Lk. 17:27). This is how it will be when Jesus comes at the Rapture. The lost world won’t see it coming! They have no clue!

As already established the world WILL know full well that God’s judgment is upon them during the Day of the Lord which precedes Christ’s coming to the earth. In Revelation 6:17 they cry out, “***For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?***” That is the very opposite of “***did not know until the flood came***”.

It is the world prior to the 1st phase of Christ’s second coming (the Rapture) that will be living life as normal and will be completely overtaken by surprise at the coming of the Day of the Lord judgment that will suddenly seize them by SURPRISE! The description here is that of being taken in judgment by surprise. That describes the BEGINNING of the Day of the Lord as seen in 1 Thess. 5:2-3 and not the END of it.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–3 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

The order as presented by Jesus is as follows:

*Life as normal (where we live now).

*Unexpected coming of the Son of Man (Rapture).

*Tribulation Period.

*Second Coming to the Earth.

“Would Jesus use a description of casual lifestyles in Matthew 24:37-39 to communicate what the world would be like when, “there will be a great tribulation, such has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will (Matt. 24:21)? This seems most unlikely. The flood of Noah’s day corresponds to the time leading up to the sudden arrival of the day of the Lord, the Seventieth Week of Daniel and the pretribulation rapture.” – **John Hart**

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Perhaps Today!

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