

What's Next: Hope In The Last Days – Part 3

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I. Series objectives:

1. **Hope.**
2. **To give you something to say as the events of today are discussed around you.**
3. **To once again reemphasize the significance of Jesus in your life.**

II. Review

III. Will the rapture be pre-tribulation?

1. The Church is not on Earth in Revelation 4-18
2. A post-tribulation rapture is Inconsequential
3. This would have been an area of instruction in scripture.
4. What about the opinion that we are in the tribulation right now?

IV. The **Judgment Seat** of Christ

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Cor 5:10 (NIV84)

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. Romans 14:10 (NIV84)

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (NIV84)

1. Witnessing

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (NIV84)

2. Worship

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. Matthew 26:10 (NIV84)

3. Generosity

¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV84)

4. Rewards - 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Incorruptible Crown

²⁵ *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.* 1 Cor 9:25 (NIV84)

²⁷ *No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.* 1 Corinthians 9:27 (NIV84)

Crown of Life

¹⁰ *Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.* Revelation 2:10 (NIV84)

¹² *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.* James 1:12 (NIV84)

Crown of Glory

² *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.* 1 Peter 5:2-4 (NIV84)

Crown of Righteousness

⁸ *Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.* 2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV84)

Crown of rejoicing – or the soul winners crown

¹⁹ *For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?* ²⁰ *Indeed, you are our glory and joy.* 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (NIV84)

Hope

⁴ *Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.* Matthew 24:4-6 (NIV84)

Strength

¹³ *but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.* Matthew 24:13 (NIV84)

Assurance

² *In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.* John 14:2-3 (NIV84)

Rewards

¹² *"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.* Revelation 22:12 (NIV84)