

*“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even
the angels of heaven, but My Father only. . . .
Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man
is coming at an hour you do not expect.”*

MATTHEW 24:36, 44

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this is the perfect handbook to share with those you love—
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the Rapture, or cope with, the challenges they’ll face after the
Rapture. With trusted biblical insight, this book will provide the
hope and confidence you need and can share with your loved
ones. Throughout this book it is my honor to offer these prayers
for you and for you to join me in these prayers—seeking God’s
peace, love, and forgiveness, and coming to know Jesus as your
Lord and Savior.

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INTRODUCTION

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

ONE OF THE OLDEST WORKS OF ART IN THE US CAPITOL IS FOUND IN THE entrance to Statuary Hall, which was the original chambers for the House of Representatives. It's a huge timepiece called the *Car of History* clock. Situated above the clock is Clio, the muse of history. She holds a book in which she records events as they unfold. Created by Carlo Franzoni, the clockwork was installed in 1837 by Simon Willard.

Historian and Pulitzer Prize-winner David McCullough, while delivering a speech before a joint session of Congress in 1989, pointed to the clock and poignantly stated, "It is also a clock with two hands and an old-fashioned face. The kind that shows what time it is now . . . what time it used to be . . . what time it will become."¹

The hands on God's prophetic clock tell us "what time it will

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become,” and they are quickly moving toward midnight. The times are urgent, the days are short, and the battle is fierce. The darkness is closing in. But thank God there is a place you can find light.

The ancient prophecies of the Bible are God’s floodlight on the future. But why turn to the Bible for light? What sets the Bible apart from all other religious books and writings? The answer is simple, yet profound. In the pages of the Bible there are approximately one thousand prophecies, more than half of which have already been literally, accurately fulfilled. The rest of the prophecies are in the process of being fulfilled before our eyes. Not one prophecy in the Bible has ever failed. The Bible has an astounding, unparalleled track record of forecasting what lies ahead in the darkness. Nothing else is even close. Only the Bible can accurately tell us “what time will become” in the days ahead. For this reason the Bible serves as our prophetic light to discern the future of the world and our own future.

The sequence of end-time events presented in this book is based on the premise that the Rapture—the sudden catching away of all believers in Jesus to heaven—is the initial event of the end times and that the Rapture has already happened. That with the occurrence of the Rapture, the prophetic trigger will have been pulled. That there’s no stopping the series of end-time events that will ensue.

If that view is correct, and I’m convinced it is, you may be

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reading these words *after the Rapture*. But you may be reading this before these foretold events occur. Or you may be reading these words and reeling in the immediate aftermath of the mass vanishing. Or you may be reading these words several months or even years after the vanishing. Regardless of when you're reading, this book covers events that will happen to those who are part of the terminal generation when time is short, very short, and there is no way to avoid what's coming.

I know that sounds ominous, but it's true. At this point there is no reason to tiptoe around the truth. If you're reading these words after the disappearance of millions of people (the Rapture), you are part of the generation that will experience a series of cascading calamities unlike anything in the annals of human history. The world is on the precipice of a plunge into a time of unparalleled trouble. Jesus spoke of this terminal generation two millennia ago when He said, "Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened" (Matthew 24:33–34 NIV).

What's happening around you is undoubtedly traumatizing and deeply disturbing. You may feel like you're in the cast of an apocalyptic movie set in a dystopic future. I'm sure you have found yourself asking questions you've never asked before and never dreamed you would be asking. Even so, no matter how ominous things look, God is still in control and holds the future

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in His hands. God is the director and producer of the final drama. As Sinclair Ferguson reminds us, “That is why we can be quietly confident—not because we know exactly what God is doing in this unpredictable world, but because we know that what is unpredictable to us is already predicted by Him.”²

Someone, maybe a relative or close friend who cares about you deeply, may have given you this book and asked you to read it in the event people all over the world vanish in a split second of time. Perhaps you picked it up because you are shocked, afraid, and confused about what’s happening and what lies ahead. Or maybe your curiosity has been piqued and you are reading this book *before* the vanishing of millions of people all over the globe. No matter *why* you’re reading this book or *when* you’re reading it, you’re probably wondering, *Is there hope?* I can answer with a definite and resounding, “Yes!”

I wrote this book for you with one simple purpose in mind: to give you hope in the darkness. You must, however, take care that your hope is accurately placed. You must put your hope in Jesus Christ. Please know that I have prayed earnestly for you that this book would find its way into your hands and that God will use this book to shine the light of Jesus Christ into your heart.

During the French Revolution, political prisoners were herded into dungeons. In one cell a prisoner had a Bible. His cell was crammed with men who wanted to hear the Word of God.

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Once each day, for only a few moments, a shaft of light would come through a tiny window near the ceiling. The prisoners devised a plan whereby they would lift the owner of the Bible on their shoulders and into the sunlight. There, in that position, he would study the Scriptures. Then they would lower him down and say, “Tell us now, friend, what did you read while you were in the light?”³

You may feel like one of those prisoners right now, trapped and losing hope. But I pray you will allow me to share with you what I have read in God’s Word while I was in the light. Please keep reading and ask God to open your heart to what He has to say to you.

Tom Perrotta's novel *The Leftovers*, also made into an HBO series, "starts with this premise: What if suddenly millions of people instantaneously vanished around the world in a scenario similar to but definitely different from the biblical event known as the Rapture? Those left behind are called the leftovers. Perrotta writes about how they cope with grief and loss and why some see this as an act of God and believe it's the start of the end times while others struggle to find ways to live with the inexplicable."¹

What you are living through right now is definitely not fiction, but you, too, are probably struggling to find ways to grasp the inexplicable, wondering if what has happened has something to do with the end times. I can assure you it does. I'm so glad you are reading this book. There is nothing more important in this moment than for you to understand what has just happened and what it means for your future and the future of the world.

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WHAT ON EARTH JUST HAPPENED?

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, A RESTAURANT WORKER IN NEW YORK CITY went into the large walk-in refrigerator and closed the door behind him. When he emerged about fifteen minutes later, nobody was there. The restaurant was empty—no kitchen staff, no waiters, nobody was there. Confused, he wondered where they all could have gone. Then he noticed water leaking out of a crack in the ceiling and wall.

Suddenly, a man burst into the restaurant with a crazed look in his eyes. The restaurant worker, pointing to the cracked ceiling, told the man, “You can’t come in here; it’s not safe.”

The man replied, “Just go look . . . Just go look . . . Go outside and look.”

The restaurant worker went outside into the courtyard . . .

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and nobody was there. In stunned silence, he had no idea what had happened. All he knew was that in the brief span of fifteen minutes, everything had changed. Sealed in a soundproof walk-in refrigerator at ground zero, he had missed the initial impact of 9/11. He emerged to discover a totally new world.²

Like that restaurant worker, you may not have personally witnessed the vanishing of millions of people from the face of the earth. You may have been asleep at night when the world changed forever. Perhaps you woke up and walked out into a shocking new world. Cable news, your cell phone, and social media were blowing up. You were trying to make sense of it all. Or you may have been alone somewhere and did not witness people disappear into thin air.

Or perhaps, like those who witnessed 9/11 firsthand, you may have been awake and going about your life when out of nowhere the world changed forever as people around you vanished in broad daylight. One second they were there; the next second they were gone—and people everywhere were dazed, frozen in place, their eyes fixed to the sky.

When or how you discovered what happened, you couldn't believe what you were seeing and hearing. Millions were mysteriously missing. People all over the planet disappeared in a split second. You quickly recognized that the world would never be the same. Everything changed in a flash. There has never been anything like this—not even close. To say the world

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is stunned and bewildered is a colossal understatement. Untold chaos has ensued. Confusion reigns. There's a stampede of fear. Everyone, everywhere, is asking the same question. The news media, politicians, pundits, military commanders, bloggers, and religious leaders are incessantly asking this question. It appears in many forms and is stated in different ways, but no matter who you talk to the basic question is the same: *What on earth just happened?*

The newspapers and cable television are totally unable to grasp and report the magnitude of this news. Some are saying this must be the Rapture, because they heard about it in church or read about it in a book. Others are attempting to explain it scientifically—as a massive UFO abduction, or some secret weapon that vaporizes people—but they will stumble over their own inadequacies to explain what happened. The only reliable source to find out what on earth just happened is the Bible, God's holy Word, where the vanishing of millions of people was predicted in detail by Jesus Christ and His apostles two millennia ago. I want you to understand that what has happened is not an inexplicable mystery but rather it is an amazing fulfillment of biblical prophecy. While the Rapture took the world completely by surprise, it has been anticipated and expected by Bible-believing Christians ever since Jesus returned to heaven after His death and resurrection. Make no mistake: this is the beginning of the end.

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In the wake of what's happened, your mind is undoubtedly flooded with all kinds of questions about the vanishing—or what is commonly known as the Rapture. What is the Rapture? Why did it happen? Why were so many people left behind? Where did all the people go? How is the Rapture related to the Second Coming of Jesus? What now? Is it too late? Is there any hope? Those are sober questions—searching questions. And nothing is more important for you right now than understanding the implications of the Rapture because it is the catalyst for all the events that are coming upon the earth in the next few years. It is the inaugural event on God's prophetic calendar. It has set in motion a series of disastrous calamities that cannot be reversed or stopped.

So, to help you get a grasp on what has just happened, I want to begin by providing you with a simple summary of what the Bible says about the Rapture and some answers to the questions on everyone's minds.

WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

According to my online dictionary, the word *rapture* means “an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion” and “being carried away by overwhelming emotion.”³ But according to the Bible, the Rapture is the event in which all who have put their trust in Jesus Christ are suddenly caught up from the earth and

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taken into heaven by Him. The English word *rapture* is a translation of the Greek word *harpazo*. It occurs fourteen times in the New Testament, and it means “to carry off by force,” “to seize,” or “to carry away.”

To help you get your bearings concerning the Rapture, here are two key biblical texts that explain its major movements. Please read these words thoughtfully and carefully.

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51–53)

I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds

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to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18)

By putting these passages together a stunning sequence of events becomes clear. But remember that everything described in these verses took place “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” You know this. It all happened in a split second. However, to help us see it more easily, the Lord slows down the film to super-slow-motion so we can see it frame by frame. Join me as we examine these five frames in more detail.

THE RETURN

The Rapture began with the coming of Jesus Christ from heaven. He did not send an angel, Moses, Elijah, or King David. Jesus Himself came to get His people just as He promised. He came with a commanding shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God. These sounds were inaudible to those living on earth, yet they served as a clarion call to gather all believers to meet the Lord in the air. When Jesus returned at the Rapture, He remained hidden to people on earth. As you know, no one on earth saw Him. He did not come all the way to earth but remained in the air as His followers were caught up “in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). The Rapture

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started when Jesus came from heaven to gather His people from the earth to bring them to heaven.

THE RESURRECTION

Next, the bodies of those dead believers who had accepted Jesus Christ as Savior were resurrected, reconstituted, and rejoined with their perfected spirits that Jesus brought with Him from heaven. Scripture refers to those who died as “those who are asleep” (v. 15). When Christians die, it’s as if their bodies are slumbering peacefully in a place of rest, ready to be awakened. These words have great import, because they convey the Christian concept of death not as a tragic finality but as a temporary sleep. Those who were sleeping in Jesus were not left out of the Rapture. In fact, they had a prominent place when Jesus came in the skies: “We who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. . . . The dead in Christ will rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:15–16). The bodies of deceased believers were the first to hear the call from heaven, rise, and meet Jesus in the air.

During the Civil War a group of soldiers had to spend a winter night without tents in an open field. During the night it snowed several inches, and at dawn the chaplain reported seeing a strange sight. The snow-covered soldiers looked like mounds of new graves, and when the bugle sounded reveille,

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a man immediately rose from each mound of snow, dramatically reminding the chaplain of the coming resurrection of the dead. You didn't see anything this dramatic when the Rapture occurred, but although you didn't see it, that's what happened when the bodies were resurrected and taken up to meet Jesus.

CALL OUT

Let the truth of bodily resurrection bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead. If you will put your trust in Jesus as your Savior, accepting His sacrifice for your sins, even if you die in the trying times that lie ahead, your spirit will immediately be transported into the Lord's presence. Your body will simply fall asleep, waiting for the resurrection of your glorified body at the final return of Jesus. Whatever happens, remember that death is not the end; rather, it is just a temporary separation of the soul from the body.

THE REMOVAL

A split second after the resurrection of the bodies of deceased believers, Christians who were alive when Jesus came were caught up to meet Jesus in the air in the time it takes to blink your eye. They were instantly, totally transformed—inside and out. Their spirits were perfected, and they were given new immortal, imperishable, incorruptible bodies fit for heaven. Scripture calls this change “the redemption of our body”

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(Romans 8:23). In his letter to the Philippians, the apostle Paul described it as the moment when the Lord Jesus Christ will “transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body” (Philippians 3:21). The apostle John said it this way: “We know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2).

What are those new bodies like? Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum wrote:

It is possible that information as to the nature of the new body may be gleaned from a study of the nature of the resurrected body of Jesus. . . . We know that His voice was recognized as being the same as the one He had before His death and resurrection (Jn. 20:16). Also, His physical features were recognized, though not always immediately (Jn. 20:26–29; 21:7). It was a very real body of flesh and bone and not a mere phantom body, since it was embraceable (Jn. 20:17, 27). The resurrected Messiah was able to suddenly disappear (Lk. 24:31) and go through walls (Jn. 20:19). It was a body that was able to eat food (Lk. 24:41–43).⁴

A brand-new body, like the resurrection body of Jesus, awaits every believer in Jesus Christ.

Here’s a simple visual image that may help you understand what happened when the Rapture occurred. Think of

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the Rapture as a great magnetic process. Jesus came and hovered over the earth, and all those believers who had died and those who never died were snatched up like particles of iron, pulled right out of the population, suctioned off the planet. It happened instantly. No time to get ready. No prelude. No preliminaries. This removal of living believers and the resurrection of dead believers were part of the one event known as the Rapture.

THE REUNION

The Rapture set up a delightful series of meetings or reunions. The Bible says, “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:17). This is the final stage of this beautiful sequence of events.

- Deceased believers’ resurrected bodies were reunited with their spirits.
- Living believers were instantaneously “caught up” and transformed inside and out.
- Resurrected believers were reunited with living believers.
- Resurrected believers and raptured believers met the Lord in the air.

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The ultimate consequence of this reunion with the Lord is that there will be no subsequent parting. For those who were raptured, their union and communion with Jesus, with one another, and with their deceased family members and friends is uninterrupted and eternal. This glorious fact alone shows us why the word *rapture* is an altogether appropriate term for this event.

WHY DID ALL THE PEOPLE VANISH?

The purpose of the Rapture was twofold. First, the Rapture ended the previous age and triggered the stunning sequence of events that will follow in the final age of human history known as the end times. The Rapture was the catalyst, the divine spark, that started the prophetic countdown to the end of time as we know it.

Second, Jesus graciously snatched living believers to heaven to rescue them from the horrific devastation that is coming in a time called the Tribulation, which is an extended time of horror, agony, and devastation like nothing ever before seen or imagined. God has fulfilled the promise He made to His disciples that all true followers of the Lord will be caught up from the earth and right into the presence of the Lord without dying before the terrible time of tribulation is unleashed. Believers were promised deliverance from the coming time of

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wrath (1 Thessalonians 1:10). Jesus comforted His disciples with these words:

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14:1–3)

The global evacuation of believers in Jesus has removed God’s people from the disastrous effects of coming earthquakes, fire, and global chaos that will consume the earth in the years following the Rapture (more about this in the next chapter).

The final book in the Bible, the book of Revelation, tells us that Jesus is coming, how He is coming, and what condition the world will be in when He comes. The word *revelation* means “the disclosure of that which was previously hidden or unknown.” In Revelation Jesus promised His followers, “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world” (3:10). In the Rapture, Jesus kept His promise to rescue His people from the terrible time of tribulation. Jesus kept that promise, so you can be sure He will keep all of His other promises as well.

Have you ever driven in the mountains and seen the

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mountainsides covered with pine trees? They blanket the landscape for as far as you can see. God's promises are the pine trees in the mountains of Scripture. Years ago, someone added up all the promises of God in the Bible and came up with 7,487!⁵ It's not an exaggeration to say, "Promises are the stitching in the spine of the Bible."⁶ Many of the promises are positive, declaring blessings. Some are negative, ensuring consequences. But all are sure. God is a promise-making God. God is a promise-keeping God. His people could be described as people of the promise.

**GOD IS A PROMISE-
MAKING GOD. GOD
IS A PROMISE-
KEEPING GOD.**

Why am I reminding you of this? Because the Rapture was a promise God kept. You are a witness. The fulfillment of that promise was eternally positive for those who were taken, but it is negative for you. Nevertheless, you can rest assured that if you turn to Jesus in faith, you can claim all the remaining positive promises God has for you. I urge you to begin to read your Bible every day. Highlight every promise. Claim them. Memorize them. Cling to them in the days ahead. They are your lifeline.

RAPTURE AND RETURN

The Rapture is phase one of the final event of the end of days that is commonly called the Second Coming of Christ. You

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may have heard of it. Remember that the first coming of Jesus to earth unfolded in several stages: birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven. In the same way, the Second Coming to earth will take place in two stages or phases: the Rapture (before the beginning of the Tribulation), which has already happened, and the return (at the end of the Tribulation). These two comings of Jesus are the bookends of the end times. Think of it like this: At the Rapture, Jesus came *for* His people to escort them to heaven. At His return, He will come *with* His people, bringing them back to earth. Jesus will return to earth literally, physically, and visibly.

Since you missed the Rapture, you are now waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus back to earth. When that happens Jesus will not call people to meet Him in the air as He did at the Rapture, but will descend all the way to earth, judge His enemies, and set up His kingdom of peace and prosperity. The Rapture was invisible to people on earth, transpiring in the blink of an eye, but the return of Jesus will be visible to everyone on earth. “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him” (Revelation 1:7).

We will talk much more about the return of Jesus to earth in chapter 7.

After completing his description of the Rapture in 1 Thessalonians 4, Paul wrapped up the passage with practical words of encouragement: “Therefore comfort one another with

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these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:18). Here the apostle was telling both the Thessalonians and believers in every age that it’s not enough to passively understand what was just explained about the Rapture, Christian death, and the resurrection. Our understanding should bring us comfort and spur us toward a certain action—to “comfort one another.”

We all enjoy comfort. There is nothing like lounging around on a bitter cold day under the warm covering of a goose down “comforter.” It gives a deep sense of protection, warmth, and well-being. It may surprise you to know that God is a comforter. I don’t know what you think of God. You may not think of Him much at all, or you may think of Him as distant, disinterested, or even distasteful.

It may surprise you to know that God is described as “the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation” (2 Corinthians 1:3–4). God wants to be your comforter in the cold that surrounds you. He wants to calm your grief and distress. How do you receive this comfort? It’s as simple as drawing near to Him. His comfort is available to you right now. Why not come to Him now and crawl into His warm embrace? He won’t immediately drive the cold away, but He will give you comfort and warmth you never dreamed possible. And then you can enjoy

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the blessing of spreading that comfort to others around you during this time.

Though you missed the Rapture, you are still in need of the comfort this event offers. Scripture reminds us that when believers suffer the loss of family members or dearly loved friends, we have in Paul's descriptions of Christian death and resurrection all that is needed to comfort one another in these losses. Christian death is not permanent; it is merely a sleep. The Rapture reunited Christ's followers with their loved ones and friends in heaven, and it is possible that you can look forward to Christ's return to earth at the end of the coming time of trouble when all believers die during the Tribulation will be resurrected to spend eternity with their believing family and friends.

Nineteenth-century Bible teacher A. T. Pierson made this interesting observation about these things:

It is a remarkable fact that in the New Testament, so far as I remember, it is never once said, after Christ's resurrection, that a disciple died—that is, without some qualification: Stephen fell asleep. David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep and was laid with his father. Peter says, "Knowing that I must shortly put off this my tabernacle as the Lord showed me." Paul says, "the time of my departure is at hand." (The figure here is taken from a vessel that, as she leaves a dock, throws the cables off

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the fastenings, and opens her sails to the wind to depart for the haven) . . . The only time where the word “dead” is used, it is with qualification: “the dead in Christ,” “the dead which die in the Lord.”⁷

As Pierson implies, Christ abolished death so completely that even the term *death* is no longer appropriate for believers. That is why Paul wrote that we should comfort one another with reminders that, for Christians, what we call death is nothing more than a temporary sleep before we are called into our uninterrupted relationship with Christ forever. The same is true for you today and in the days ahead no matter what happens. So don't despair. Don't lose hope.

THE NIGHT COMETH

Robert Murray M'Cheyne, a brilliant young Scottish preacher who died at age twenty-nine in 1843, headed many of his letters with a sketch of the setting sun accompanied by the words “The Night Cometh.” This reminded him that time was marching on. The apostle John exhorted his readers to “not be ashamed before Him at His coming” (1 John 2:28). If you're reading these words after the Rapture, then you have been left behind, and the night is quickly coming. But Jesus is also coming. The Rapture was phase one, or the first stage, of the Second Coming of Christ. At the end of the Tribulation—the approaching time

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of darkness—Jesus will return to earth, and He is coming for all who have come to Him.

You missed the Rapture, but you can be ready for the physical return of Christ to earth by coming to Him and standing strong against the surging darkness in the days ahead.

But before Jesus comes back to earth, there are many more predicted events that must come to pass, which raises the all-important question for you—*What's next?*

At the end of each chapter, I'm going to give you a powerful, practical promise from the Bible to encourage and strengthen you, as well as a brief prayer for you to pray with me. I understand that you may never have prayed before or that this may seem strange to you. You may be unsure. But I am confident that as you continue to read this book and recite these prayers, you will grow more comfortable praying, and even look forward to it. Be assured that God loves you and cares about you, that you can pray to God anytime, and that there are no magical words to speak to Him. Pour out your heart to Him, knowing that He hears you and is eager to strengthen and sustain you even in the darkest days you may face.

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YOUR PROMISE: For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: “The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Hebrews 13:5–6)

◆• MY PRAYER FOR YOU •◆

Father, Your children are lost and searching for answers. They are so confused. Nothing seems to make sense anymore. The world seems to be shaking under their feet. They recognize now, like never before, that they need You, that they don't control the world or their lives—You do. Thank You for Your patience and love. And for giving us Your Word, the Bible, to guide them through these tumultuous times. Give them hope in Your promises, peace in Your presence, and rest in Your power. Don't let their despair swallow them. Please open their eyes to understand what's happening and soften their hearts to receive all You have for them. Amen.

Have you ever driven on an unfamiliar, winding, pitch-dark road in a blinding rainstorm? All you want is to be able to see beyond the edge of the headlights. To see what's ahead. If only there was some way you could know what's coming at the next bend in the road. That is how you probably feel right now. You feel like you are driving blind. You are yearning and straining to see beyond the headlights—to know, to prepare, perhaps to avoid disaster. But can you? Is it possible to see . . . what's next?

The Bible has a great deal to say about what's next after the Rapture. Dangerous, dramatic days are ahead. You can see the warning signs all around. You need to know what's coming.