**Orientation to the End of the World**

Revelation 6

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.” Revelation 4:11

Jesus **Reigns** over All Things (Revelation 1:1; 5:9,13)

**What to Expect when the World is Ending:**

1. **Increasing** “Birth Pains” (Matthew 24:8)
   * **Deception** (Matthew 24:4-5,11; Revelation 6:1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
   * **Devastation** (Matt. 24:6-8; Rev. 6:3-8)
   * **Persecution** (Matt. 24:9-10; Rev. 6:9-11; John 16:33)
   * **Proclamation** (Matt. 24:14; Rev. 6:9; Rom. 11:25)
2. (The Secret **“Rapture”** of the Church - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
   * Pre-Tribulational - before the Great Tribulation
   * Mid-Tribulational - before the wrath of God is poured out
   * Post-Tribulational - after the Great Tribulation
3. The Great **Tribulation** (Matthew 24:21)
   * A Conquering **Leader** (Daniel 9:26-27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)
   * 3.5 years of **“Peace”** (Daniel 9:27)
   * 3.5 years of **War** and **Wrath** (Matthew 24:15)
4. The **Return** of Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:9; Revelation 19:15)
5. The **Millennium** (Revelation 20:2)
   * Post-Millennialsm - Jesus returns after a long symbolic age

in which the church eventually triumphs and ushers in the kingdom

* + A-Millennialsm - Jesus returns after a long symbolic age of struggle

in which the church battles the forces of evil

* + Pre-Millennialism - Jesus returns in order to reign on this earth in Jerusalem for a literal 1,000 years
    1. **Fulfills** remaining promises to Israel (e.g. Isaiah 11:6-11)
    2. Proves God’s **Justice** to condemn sinners (Revelation 20:7-10)

1. The **Final** Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)
2. The **Eternal** Kingdom (Revelation 21-22)