

## THE CHURCH DURING THE TRIBULATION (continued)

- I. The JUDGMENT SEAT (*Bema*) of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10; cf. Rom. 14:10, 12; 1 Cor. 3:9-15)
  - A. Timing—Immediately FOLLOWING the RAPTURE
  - B. Place—In the PRESENCE of the LORD
  - C. Subjects—Only BELIEVERS in CHRIST
  - D. BASIS of the Examination—To determine the ACCEPTABILITY or WORTHLESSNESS of each believer’s WORKS
  - E. PURPOSE of the Examination
    - 1. To REWARD believers for SERVICE to the LORD
    - 2. To prepare the church to be the SPOTLESS BRIDE of Christ (Eph. 5:26-27)
    - 3. To GLORIFY GOD by demonstrating His righteousness IN US (Eph. 2:4-10)
  - F. RESULTS of the Examination
    - 1. Rewards GAINED and LOST due to a “trial by FIRE”
    - 2. Testing the MOTIVE for each act
  - G. Distribution of REWARDS
    - 1. The NATURE of the rewards is not specified in detail
    - 2. They are described as CROWNS
      - a. An IMPERISHABLE/INCORRUPTIBLE Crown for those who MASTER the OLD NATURE (1 Cor. 9:25)
      - b. A Crown of EXULTATION/REJOICING for those who LEAD people to CHRIST (1 Thess. 2:19)

- c. A Crown of LIFE for those who successfully ENDURE TRIALS  
(James 1:12)
- d. A Crown of RIGHTEOUSNESS for those who LOVE His  
APPEARING (2 Tim. 4:8)
- e. A Crown of GLORY for those who faithfully SHEPHERD the  
FLOCK of God (1 Pet. 5:2-4)

II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:29; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:25-33; Rev. 19:7-8; 21:1 – 22:7)

A. Timing—\_\_\_\_\_ the Judgment Seat and \_\_\_\_\_ the Second Advent of Christ

B. Place—In \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 19:14; cf. Phil. 3:20)

C. Participants—Only \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

D. The Distinctions from the \_\_\_\_\_

1. Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ involves \_\_\_\_\_ and occurs on \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 25:1-13)

a. During the Tribulation, Israel is \_\_\_\_\_

b. Many will \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_

c. Many will \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_

2. Israel awaits the return of the \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 22:1-14; Luke 14:16-24)

a. He's coming from the \_\_\_\_\_ to invite them to the \_\_\_\_\_

b. He will introduce His \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_