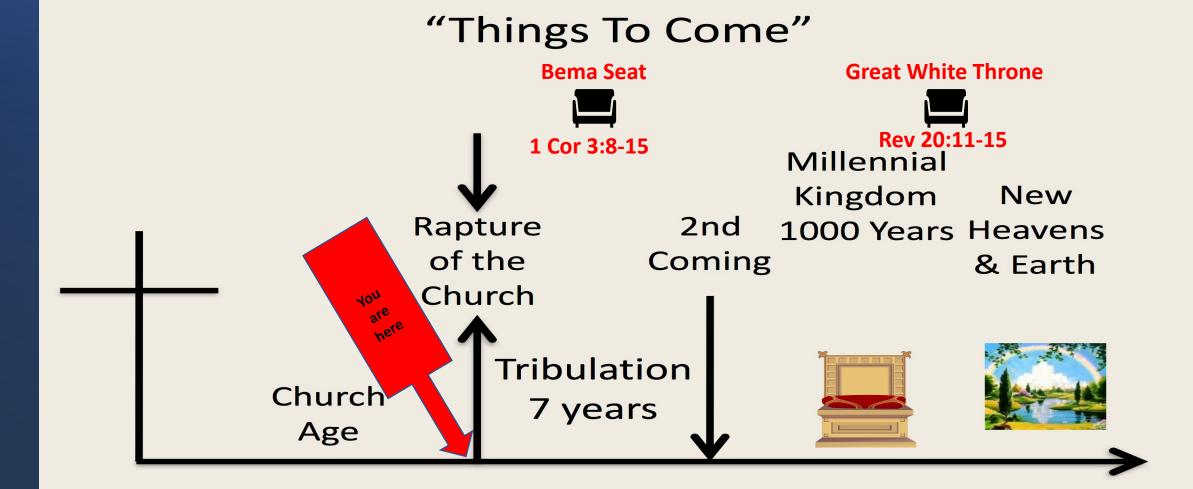


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One Goal To Hear "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant"

1 Cor 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time <u>each will</u> receive his praise from God."

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Two Kinds of work

1Co 3:13 "It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work."

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Remain: Worthy

Consumed: Worthless

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Three biblical cautions

- <u>Partial Reward:</u> Only receiving <u>part</u> of what you work for 2Jo 1:8 "Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully."
- <u>Set Aside:</u> Being <u>disqualified</u> from receiving reward 1Co 9:27 "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."
- Shrink Back: Living confidently in light of Jesus return

 1Jo 2:28 "And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming."

Four Measurements of our work

Prayer: Did I seek His direction or my own path?

Glory: Who gets the glory? Me or Jesus?

• Strength: Who did the work? Me or God through me?

Motive: Why do I do what I do?

"The apostle is revealing the fact that the examination at the bema (Judgment Seat) of Christ is to determine that which was done by God though the individual and that which the individual did in his own strength; that which was done for the glory of God and that which was done for the glory of the flesh. It can not be determined by outward observation into which class any "work" falls, so that work must be put into the crucible in order that its true character may be proved."

J. Dwight Pentecost

The Incorruptible Crown

For those that gain mastery over the "old man."

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 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. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 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."

1Cor 9:24-27

The Crown of Rejoicing

For those that win souls to Jesus for salvation

"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? Indeed, you are our glory and joy."

1 Thess 4:19-20

The Crown of Life

For those that endure trials in life beyond the norm

"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

The Crown of Righteousness

For those that love and look forward to Jesus' return

"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 (love) his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:8

The Crown of Glory

For those that feed and shepherd the people of God

"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; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

1 Peter 5:2-4

If Jesus returned today what reward would you receive?

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- If you don't know Him, receive Him today.
- If you know Him, are you ready?
- Are you satisfied with what you can place at His feet?
- Are you ready to start laying up treasures in heaven?