

GS2 Adv Mod 4
Coming Ages

Living under Law
After the Age of Grace
Part 1b

Review:

1. Ages Past

Age of Choice (Age of Innocence) - From creation until Adam's spiritual death.

Age of Death - From Adam ate the fruit until Moses.

Age of Law - From the Ten Commandments were given to Moses until Jesus.

Age of Grace -Current: From the Resurrection of Jesus until the Seventh Seal.

2. Ages to Come.

Law from the End of Age of Grace. (Rev 8:1 to Rev 20:3)

Return of Jesus as King of Kings and the Rapture.

Millennial Kingdom. (Rev 20:4-10)

New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem. (Rev 20:11 to Rev 22)

Overview:

1. The elect will be deceived.

Matt 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the **very elect**.

The elect will be deceived and worship the beast and so they will never be a Rev 21:7 overcomer and can never enter New Jerusalem.

2. The Very Elect are the Glorious Church.

Eph 5:26-27 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, v27 That **he might present it to himself** a glorious church. When will He present the Glorious Church to Himself?

3. Return of Jesus.

Jesus presents the Glorious Church to Himself in the Rapture.

1 Thes 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

A. The Fate of the Elect.

1. The elect are believers. They are saved (born again). They live in Jesus Christ because they live with Jesus as Savior. Their names are in the Book of Life. The very elect live in Christ Jesus with Jesus as Lord, washed by the Word. The very elect, who are the dead in Christ, those who are martyred or those who are raptured, are in the Lamb's Book of Life.

2 Thes 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** will God bring with him. v15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. v16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the **dead in Christ** shall rise first:

2. Book of Life.

Phil 4:3 Help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, and with my other fellow labourers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will **not** blot out his name out of the book of life

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

3. Lamb's Book of Life.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. All believers may have the opportunity to worship the beast. If such a situation occurs, there are three choices:

- 1) Worship the beast and never become an overcomer.
- 2) Refuse to worship the beast and become an overcomer through martyrdom.
- 3) Be a very elect and use supernatural power to protect yourself.

Dan 12:10 none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Rev 21:7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. Note: You are an overcomer when you are raptured.

Note: When you are raptured, your name is entered in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

B. Presenting the Glorious Church.

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that **every one may receive the things done in his body**, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

The Judgment Seat of Christ appears to occur right before and right after the Rapture. Both before and at the Rapture, there is a decision.

Mark 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Matthew 25:32 before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

v33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

All unbelievers will fall into 2 of these 4 groups: dead/alive and either sheep/goat.

2. The Rapture.

In Luke 18:8, Jesus asked, "When I return, shall I find faith?"

I believe He is referring to the faith for us to believe that He is coming back to present to Himself a church washed by the Water of the Word and without spot or wrinkle. I believe that this presenting of the Glorious Church to Himself is called the Rapture.

3. The Glorious Church is Presented to Jesus.

If Adam and his descendants had not sinned, they would have had glorified bodies, free from sins, and with authority over the earth and all on it. That is a great description of the Glorious Church.

Jesus, the last Adam, came to undo all the results of Adam's sin and restore us to what the family of God should have been without Adam's sin.

Those who are alive and remain are the very elect, feeding on strong meat and washed by the Water of the Word so as to become the Glorious Church which Jesus presents to Himself in the Rapture. This is like Adam and family, before his sin, being promoted to Overcomer status so that they cannot sin, cannot die and do become immortal.

C. Who are those who are alive and remain?

1. Matt 25:31-46 At the Judgment Seat of Christ after the Rapture, there are only sheep and goats. All are unbelievers. None is born again for they are judged by works.

In Rev 20, there are only those seated on thrones and the martyrs from under the Law after the Age of Grace. Where are the elect, the believers who were living in Jesus as Savior but not under the Lordship of Christ?

1 Thes 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

2. Who gets raptured?

Will all living believers be raptured?

Pre-Tribulationists believe that all living born-again Christians will be raptured.

Post-Tribulationists believe that all living born-again Christians who make it through the tribulation to the return of Jesus will be raptured.

ABC teaches that being alive and remaining are conditions which must be met in order to get the promise of the Rapture; and that those who are raptured are the very elect who, by living the strong meat of the Word, have become a part of the Glorious Church.

The two positions seem directly contradictory. All who are alive will be raptured versus only the very elect will be raptured. How can these so very different views be reconciled?

Bible Research

To try to reconcile this, I compared 1 Thes 4:17 in 50 versions of the Bible. 25 Bibles supported the post- tribulation rapture by emphasizing “alive and remain” in those or similar words. Examples: NKJ, AMP, AMPC, NIV, CEB (e.g., 1 Thes 4:17 Young's Literal - we who are living, who are remaining over). 25 Bibles supported the pre-tribulation rapture that all who were alive would be raptured. Examples: ASV, NSV, ESV, Holman, NRSV (e.g., 1 Thes 4:17 NLT Then, we who are still alive and remain on the earth). Note: The older bibles 1700-1960 were all post-tribulation in their wording. Note: All literal translations were post-tribulation in wording.

All raptured versus only the very elect raptured?

Reconciliation of the 2 sets of Bibles is that all who are “alive and remain” will be those who survive by living as overcomers and, thereby, make it to the end which is the return of Jesus.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works **unto the end**, to him will I give power over the nations.

All who are eventually raptured will enter into the tribulation period either as overcomers (i.e., part of the Glorious Church) or will become overcomers during the time of the plagues. All other believers will die including those who worship the beast. So, all who are alive and remaining at the Rapture will be caught up with Jesus because they are all overcomers.

Note: Technically, they are part of the Glorious Church (are the very elect) and become overcomers when they are raptured.

Here are some translations which support this position:

Aramaic Bible And then we who remain, who have **life**, shall be caught up.

Berean Literal Then we, the living remaining, will be caught away.

New World We the living who are surviving will together with them be caught.

KJB 4:17 and then, we who survive and are alive shall be caught up together.

Moffatt NT then we the living, who survive, will be caught up along with them.

3. Alive and Remain

Dan 12: 10 from the time the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

You will survive and come to the 1235 day by walking in dominion.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed

Proved by the Scriptures, from the Collection of divers Authors.

The sum of the years of the First Age.

From Adam unto Noah's flood are years 1656.
For when Adam was 130 years old he begat Seth.
Seth being 105 years, begat Enos.
Enos, being 90 years, begat Cainan.
Cainan, being 70 years, begat Mahaleel.
Mahaleel, being 65 years, begat Jared.
Jared, at the age of 162, begat Enoch.
Enoch, being 65 years, begat Methuselah.
Methuselah, at the age of 187, begat Lamech.
Lamech, being 182 years, begat Noah.
Noah, at the coming of the flood, was 600 years old, as appeareth in the
7th chap. of Genesis.
The whole sum of the years are 1656.

From the said flood of Noah, unto Abraham's departing from Chaldea,
were 422 years and ten days.
For the said flood continued one whole year and ten days.
Shem (which was Noah's son) begat Arphaxad two years after that.
Arphaxad begat Salah when he was 35 years old.
Salah, being 30 years old, begat Eber.
Eber, at the age of 34, begat Peleg.
Peleg, being 30 years, begat Reu.
Reu, being 32 years, begat Serug.
Serug, being 30 years, begat Nahor.
Nahor, being 29 years, begat Terah.
Terah, being 130 years, begat Abram.
And Abraham departed from Chaldea when he was 70 years old.
These accounted, are 422 years and ten days.

From Abraham's departing from Ur in Chaldea unto the departing of the
children of Israel, are 430 years, gathered as followeth:
Abraham was in Charran five years, and departed in the 75th year:
Begat Isaac when 100 years old, in the 25th year of his departing.
Isaac begat Jacob, when 60 years old.

Israel was in Egypt 220 years.

Then deduct 80 years from this: for so old was Moses when he conducted the Israelites from Egypt.

So the rest of the years, that is to say, 130, are divided between Amram and Kohath.

The Kohath begat Amram at the age of 67 years.

Amram, being 65 years, begat Moses, who in the 80th year of his age, departed with the Israelites from Egypt.

So this chronology is the 430 years mentioned in the 12th chap. of Exodus and the 3d chap. to the Galatians.

From the going of the Israelites from Egypt, unto the first building of the temple, are 480 years, after this chronology and account.

Moses remained in the desert or wilderness 40 years.

Joshua and Othniel ruled 40 years.

Ehud, 80 years.

Deborah, 40 years.

Gideon, 40 years.

Abimelech, 3 years.

Tola, 23 years.

Jair, 22 years.

Then they were without a captain, until the 18th year of Jephthah.

Jephthah, 6 years.

Ibzan, 7 years.

Elon, 10 years.

Abdon, 8 years.

Sampson, 20 years.

Heli, judge and priest, 4 years.

Samuel and Saul reigned 40 years.

David was king 40 years.

Solomon, in the 4th year of his reign, began the building of the temple.

These are the 480 years mentioned in the first book of Kings, chap.vi.

From the first building of the temple, unto the captivity of Babylon, are 419 years and an half.

Solomon reigned yet 36 years.

Rehoboam, 17 years.

Abija, 3 years.

Asa, 41 years.

Jehoshaphat, 25 years.

Jehoram, 8 years.

Ahaziah, 1 year.

Athaliah, the queen, 7 years.

Joash, 40 years.

Amaziah, 29 years.

Uzziah, 52 years.

Jehoahaz, 16 years.

Ahaz, 16 years.

Hezekiah, 29 years.

Manasses, 55 years.

Amon, 2 years.

Josiah, 31 years.

Jeoaz, 3 months.

Eliakim, 11 years.

Jehoiachin, Jechonias, 3 months.

And here beginneth the captivity of Babylon.

The sum of these years are 419.

Jerusalem was re-edified and built again after the captivity of Babylon, 70 years.

The captivity continued 70 years. The children of Israel were delivered the first year of Cyrus. The temple was begun to be built in the second year of the said Cyrus, and finished in the 46th year, which was the 6th year of Darius. After that Darius had reigned 20 years, Nehemiah was restored to liberty, and went to build the city, which was finished in the 32nd year of the said Darius. All the years from the building of the temple again, are 26 years.

The whole sum of years amount to 70

From the re-edifying of the city, unto the coming of Christ, are 483 years, after this chronology.

It is mentioned in the 9th chap. of Daniel that Jerusalem should be built up again, and that from that time, unto the coming of Christ, are 69 weeks, and every week is reckoned for 7 years. So 69 weeks amount to 483 years; for, from the said year of Darius, unto the 42nd year of Augustus, in which year our Saviour Christ was born, are just and complete so many years, whereupon we reckon, that from Adam unto Christ, are 3974 years, six months, and ten days; and from the birth of Christ, unto this present year, is 1801.

Then the whole sum and number of years from the beginning of the world unto the present year of our Lord God 1801, are 5775 years, six months, and the said odd ten days.