

Before the Wrath - Discussion Questions

Introduction: This is an 84-minute docudrama with role performances interspersed with commentary.

Hear and see how God has revealed the plan for reuniting with His bride, the Church.

Jesus invested about two-thirds of His ministry on Earth among the Galileans. His followers were mostly from Galilee; therefore, His teaching was in conformance with Galilean culture. How a Galilean betrothal and wedding were conducted as portrayed in this docudrama likely mirrors our reunion with Jesus the Bridegroom.

This docudrama also reveals some startling finds such as the small (15%) percentage of those professing Christianity who even agree with its core beliefs. Another equally small percentage (18%) agree that the world as we know it could end in their lifetime. Some reasons are offered for such a deplorable condition of our faith.

After viewing this docudrama, you can better understand WHY Jesus is returning soon for His bride.

[Click menu to play DVD; the actual video starts at about the 2.5-minute mark.]

1. Why is it that a world man builds could never last?
2. The bywords for the last generation as we know life are “peace & security.” Why will such a promise only lead to more death? (For example, refer to Revelation 6.)
3. What are some evidences of the return of the Lord Jesus?
4. Describe the biblical statement that the physical body perishes but the spirit of mankind lives forever. [1 Corinthians 15 may help.]
5. What was the primary purpose of the first coming of the Lord Jesus some 2,000 years ago? [To save mankind from the penalty of sin - Romans 3:23]
6. What is the primary purpose of His second coming? [At the end of the 7-year tribulation to judge unrepentant mankind]
7. What is the primary purpose of the “rapture” of the Church? [This is a key point of this DVD - to retrieve His followers and bride before pouring out His wrath on unrepentant mankind]
8. What signs in the moon and sun are foretold as a sign of the endtime? [Joel 2:31; Matthew 24:29; Acts 2:20; and Rev 6:12]
9. What will characterize the institutional church and most of mankind at the time of the end? [A great spiritual falling away from true faith; see Luke 18:8 and 2 Thess 2:1-3]
10. About the 8-minute mark, note the percentages of those subscribing to the presumed timing of the rapture - 36% for pre-tribulation; 4% for mid-trib; 18% for post-trib; 13% for some other timing; and 25% and growing who no longer believe in a literal rapture.
11. What are some signs of the times that we are living in the last days of life as we know it? [Refer to Matthew 24, Mark 13 and/or Luke 21.]

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12. Around the 11-minute mark: Why is there so much infighting among Christians regarding the Lord's return? [Is it because too many are asking the wrong question about WHEN as opposed to WHY?]
13. Why would a Galilean more easily understand the concept of "rapture"? [Refer to this document's introduction.]
- *At about the 15-minute mark, a depiction of an ancient wedding begins.
14. At about the 17.5-minute mark, the betrothal is depicted; what is the importance of the bride's acceptance of the cup of joy? [See also Matthew 20:22.]
15. What is the purpose of the so-called "dowry" or gift from the father of the groom to the family of the bride?
16. How does the betrothal ceremony compare and contrast with the Last Supper?
17. Just beyond the 26-min mark—in Matthew 24, His disciples asked WHEN the endtime events and Jesus' return would happen; what reasons can you offer to explain that they didn't ask WHY? [In other words the disciples already knew that the groom would be coming for His bride; they simply didn't know WHEN since the exact time in Galilean culture was reserved for the father of the groom.]
18. What were the bride's and groom's respective responsibilities during the period between the betrothal and wedding?
19. Therefore, what should be our responsibilities today as we await our Bridegroom's return for His Church Bride?
20. Between the 42 & 45-min mark—What reasons do pastors offer for not teaching about the rapture? [Rapture is a fringe topic; teaching about endtimes won't grow my church; fearful of teaching prophecy because it tends to be controversial.]
21. Are American Christians too concerned with worldly acceptance? [Refer to John 15:18-27 to read what Jesus said about this.]
22. 47-min mark—What is the primary purpose of prophecy? [Refer to John 13:19; 14:29 & 16:4]
23. What percentage of the scriptures are considered prophetic in nature? [27%]
24. What percentage of sermons are related to prophecy? [only 2%]
- *Starting at about the 50-min mark—Note percentages of US population who even believe that Jesus came for salvation (core Christian belief)
25. Despite not generally believing in Jesus and His coming for salvation, what do Americans tend to believe? [in aliens and psychics over biblical miracles and other testimonies that are perceived as fairy tales. Refer to 2 Peter 3:3]
26. Why did Jesus tell His friends that His return would be like a thief in the night (to those not ready and bogged down with the cares of this life)?
27. At 58:40 mark—What did the oil for their lamps represent?

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28. At 60:30-min mark—Father awakens the groom; what is used to awaken the Bride and wedding guests? [Refer to 1 These 4:16]

29. At 64:40-min mark—Did you note how the Bride is lifted or “flying” to the home prepared for her by the Groom?

*At 68:40-min mark—several great questions

30. At 70-min mark—Who are those left behind?

*At 72-min mark—Note the significance and definitive aspect of the closing of the door to the wedding feast. [Refer to Isaiah 26; Matthew 8:12 & 22:13]

Note about some of the commentators, all of whom can easily be found online:

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