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Has it ever crossed your mind that you may have already been caught up into His Spiritual Kingdom where we're at now? If we're waiting for Christ to show up in the clouds, we better know what it means. It's called "The Day of the Lord". Every time God came in judgment it was the "Day of the Lord" every time it was Spiritual and never in bodily form. Every time the wicked were killed they were "taken" never Raptured. Those loyal to God were "left" on earth.

Those that are IN Christ have a new home we don't need to be raptured because we were already raised up with Him. See

Ephesians 2:5-6 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and RAISED US UP together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Jesus is a life giving Spirit. We're already IN Him We're already seated IN Heaven. The moment when we first believed, we were "caught up" in to His spiritual Kingdom, the body of Christ (Mansion) where we are at today. Why do some think we need to be beamed up, when our spirit returns to Him who gave it?

Paul connected the "Day of the Lord" with the so called rapture. Read 1 Thessalonians 5 Study "taken" and "left" and you will discover the one that is taken is the wicked that person just dies. The one left behind is the righteous one.

The kingdom to come was to be "soon", "at hand" and it would not be of this world. Jesus said the kingdom would not be visible, that the kingdom would be within them, making it a spiritual kingdom not a physical kingdom. The kingdom that came, was spiritual and within us. Unbelieving Jews and Pharisees expected a physical kingdom for Israel. Jesus rejected the idea. The Kingdom was established at Pentecost and fully established at the second coming (parousia) in 70 AD. All those that repented and believe the Gospel are in Christ by faith. Each of us are spiritually in the Body of Christ and I believe the Holy Spirit lives in us. Since Christ' Parousia, our sins are permanently and eternally atoned for. His New Covenant kingdom is a spiritual one in which righteousness dwells. Rom. 11:36; Rom. 13:12; Phil. 4:5; Titus 3:5; James 5:8; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 22:10

Rev 21:1-3 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, (covenant, people, city)"a for the first heaven (covenant) and the first earth (people, city) had passed away, (unbelieving Jews, old covenant, literal city of Jerusalem passed) and there was no longer any sea. (The sea represents people in the bible

and this sea is referring to the Jews who died in 70 AD) I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God (The new Jerusalem city represents the church they came out of the old covenant heaven), prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband (The New Jerusalem city which was the church was the bride who was marrying her husband Jesus Christ). And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

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