

# **Rapture Theory**

## **Living In Fear Is Not of God**

***Revelation 21:7*** *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

*Based on everything I've learned of the rapture theory, everything is based on the dreadfulness of those times and how God promised we wouldn't have to be part of it. That being said, look at the following verse and note the group where God categorizes the fearful and unbelieving. I'm certain God doesn't like fearfulness.*

***Revelation 21:8*** *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and the murderers, and the whoremongers, and the sorcerers, and the idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

***Genesis 15:1 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 26:24 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 43:23 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 50:19 "Fear Not"***

***Exodus 14:13 "Fear ye Not"***

***Numbers 21:34 "Fear him Not"***

***Deut 3:2 "Fear him Not"***

***Deut 20:3 "Fear Not"***

***Joshua 8:1 "Fear Not"***

***Judges 4:18 "Fear Not"***

***Judges 6:23 "Fear Not"***

***1 Samuel 4:20 "Fear Not"***

***1 Samuel 22:23 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 21:17 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 35:17 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 46:3 "Fear Not"***

***Genesis 50:21 "Fear ye Not"***

***Exodus 20:20 "Fear Not"***

***Deut 1:21 "Fear Not"***

***Deut 3:22 "shall Not Fear"***

***Deut 31:6 "Fear Not"***

***Joshua 10:8 "Fear them Not"***

***Judges 6:10 "Fear Not"***

***Ruth 3:11 "Fear Not"***

***1 Samuel 12:20 "Fear Not"***

***1 Samuel 23:17 "Fear Not"***

<i>2 Samuel 9:7 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>2 Samuel 13:28 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>1 Kings 17:13 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>2 Kings 6:16 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>2 Kings 17:34 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>2 Kings 17:35 “shall Not Fear”</i>
<i>2 Kings 17:37 “shall Not Fear”</i>	<i>2 Kings 25:24 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>1 Chron 28:20 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>2 Chron 20:17 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Job 9:35 “Not Fear”</i>	<i>Job 11:15 “Not Fear”</i>
<i>Psalms 27:3 “shall Not Fear”</i>	<i>Psalms 55:19 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Psalms 56:4 “Not Fear”</i>	<i>Psalms 64:4 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Psalms 118:6 “Not Fear”</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:4 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 35:4 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:10 “Fear thou Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 41:13 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:14 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 43:1 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:5 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 44:2 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Isaiah 44:8 “Fear ye Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 51:7 “Fear ye Not”</i>	<i>Isaiah 54:4 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Isaiah 54:14 “shall Not Fear”</i>	<i>Jeremiah 40:9 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Lamen 3:57 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Ezekiel 3:9 “Fear them Not”</i>
<i>Daniel 10:12 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Daniel 10:19 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Joel 2:21 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Zephaniah 3:16 “Fear thou Not”</i>
<i>Haggai 2:5 “Fear ye Not”</i>	<i>Zechariah 8:15 “Fear ye Not”</i>
<i>Matthew 1:20 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Matthew 10:26 “Fear them Not”</i>
<i>Matthew 10:31 “Fear ye Not”</i>	<i>Matthew 28:5 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Luke 1:13 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Luke 1:30 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Luke 2:10 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Luke 5:10 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Luke 8:50 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Luke 12:7 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Luke 12:32 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>John 12:15 “Fear Not”</i>
<i>Acts 27:24 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Hebrews 13:6 “will Not Fear”</i>
<i>1 Peter 2:18 “Fear Not”</i>	<i>Revelation 1:17 “Fear Not”</i>

*It's not always the case but the vast majority of people live in fear about what is coming concerning end time prophecy. If you read the Word of God you know that He tells us repeatedly not to be fearful. Is it difficult sometimes to not be fearful of things, of course it is, but those are the*

*times we need to be diligent in prayer and studying God's Word because that is how He speaks to us.*

*Pastors, for years, have been teaching their congregation not to fear while ramping up the fear of things to come using one of the most wrongly interpreted verses of the Bible (**1 Thessalonians 4:17**). They don't teach their flock to not be fearful as a word from God, rather, they teach them not to be fearful of those times because they won't be part of that time.*

*God's Word, repeatedly, tells us about the things that are coming and those who aren't prepared for it will fall into the lie and will likely, unknowingly, submit to the Antichrist and the beast system.*

*Three of the most frightening verses in the Bible, in my opinion, are as follows:*

**Hosea 4:6** *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

**Matthew 7:22-23** *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

**Revelation 14:9-11** *If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the*

*Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*

*You probably noticed that I used a word in relation to the word “fear” which is what I am saying we shouldn’t do, however, in the context in which I used it, it is very fitting and here’s a verse to back that up:*

***Matthew 10:28*** *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

*There is a healthy fear of God, and there is an unhealthy fear of things of this world which is where “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” comes into play.*

*The burden of guilt and God’s shame will lie on pastors who, for whatever reason, knowingly or unknowingly, teach false doctrine that is not part of God’s Word and pre-tribulation rapture is one of those doctrines.*

*Not all blame is on our pastors though, if you’re reading this and realize your only source of Biblical knowledge is provided by your pastor, well, the Bible doesn’t state that we should gain knowledge only from our pastors, God commands us to read His Word and to hide it in our hearts. He wants us to love and understand who he is and how he operates, this is why we have been given the Word of God. Open it and read it for yourself.*

*This brings me to my point, Pre-Trib Rapture Theory is just that, it’s a theory. I’ve had no one ever demonstrate to me biblically that it holds any truth of Christ coming prior to the fulfilment of prophecy concerning the end times including the tribulation period.*

*Read **Matthew 24, Mark 13 & Luke 21**... These are the words of Jesus, himself, documented by 3 of his Disciples. If you can't see in just these three chapters, the timeline of events, then you will likely fall prey to the lies of the antichrist because if you are alive when the tribulation period takes place you will not be ready for what's coming. No one is escaping, so, get ready. You need to be prepared mentally, physically and most importantly, spiritually.)*

*Those who are alive and remain when the antichrist comes on the scene will be here for one of two set time periods, one, they lose their life during the tribulation, two, Christ returns to gather his people at the end of the tribulation period. There is no secret calling away of the church or anyone else for that matter.*

*I challenge anyone who believes in the escapism theory, known as the pre-tribulation rapture, to show me anywhere in God's Word where God operates in such a fashion. To know God is to know his characteristics which helps immensely with interpreting his word.*

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego didn't escape the fiery furnace, there were four who walked amongst those flames and three of the four walked out of those flames without as much as a singed hair or even the smell of smoke on them. **(Daniel 3:1-30)***

*Moses, while leading the people out of Egypt, found himself being at the Red Sea with chariots behind him rushing to regain the Israeli people back into captivity or worse but God had other plans. The same Red Sea that parted offering safe passage for God's people was the same Red Sea that took the lives of the enemies of God's people. **(Exodus 14:13-29)***

*Daniel sat in amongst the lion's in the den, he wasn't offered an escape. The lion's mouths were closed, and no harm came upon him. (Daniel 6:10-24)*

*Noah wasn't spared from the flood, instead his obedience allowed him to ride the same water that destroyed the entire world. (Genesis 7:1-24)*

*The Israelites were in Egypt when the Angel of Death passed through and took the lives of the first born sons, yet through obedience were spared. (Exodus 12:21-31)*

*Those five instances are just a few examples of God telling us how he works for those who are faithful instead of fearful. God has never had a history of pulling anyone out of harm's way, there is no miracle in doing that, the miracle comes by being there to see his people through travesty and the Bible is full of those types of stories yet is lacking any stories where his people are secretly whisked away.*

*Does our military train our soldiers to fear the threat of war and the possibility of losing their lives but follow that up with, it doesn't matter because you won't have to go to war? Absolutely not, because our fighting men would be slaughtered on the battlefield because they aren't prepared for an upcoming war.*

*If our Generals told those under their command not to be concerned about things to come because they won't have to be part of that fight or have the risk of losing their lives they would never be prepared physically or emotionally.*

*Pastors, you are the Generals, you have a higher calling and it is your duty as a man of God to prepare your troops to be ready for anything. If they think they don't have to be here when the battle takes place they will*

*not be prepared physically, emotionally and most important of all, spiritually.*

*Pastor, here's a question, if you teach your congregation they will never face the enemy because of the secret calling away then why do you bother teaching of what the enemy looks like and what those times will be like? What's the point? Is it to make them happy that they won't have to be here during that time so they will continue filling your pews?*

*What if what you are teaching is false, and believing they will never have to face the enemy, will it make their faith waiver when they find themselves facing him? If they aren't prepared, it could cause a loss of faith, it could cause some to take the mark of the beast, it could cause a serious falling away. Are you willing to risk all of that on a theory?*

*God's word is very clear on the timing, not in one or two places but throughout the entirety of the scriptures. The events that unfold during that time and everywhere it is referenced in scripture showing the timeline for his return is always "immediately after the tribulation of those days."*

*What makes you believe for a minute that you are so special that Christ is going to allow you to escape what's coming. Perhaps the more wise thing to do would be to ask for wisdom, understanding and discernment so that you and yours can make it through those perilous times if / when you are faced with them.*

*Yes, some will be put to the test and will be required to make the ultimate sacrifice for their faith as many did before our time but there is a special reward for those who are martyred. What does scripture say about those who value their lives here on earth more than they value Christ. Here's a verse or two for you.*

***(Philippians 1:21) (Matthew 16:25)***

*Keep in mind, the rapture theory is based on fear, and the souls of those who you lead into fear will be blood on your hands if they lose their faith due to your teachings. Teach your people not to fear because fear is not of God. He won't pull us out of what is coming but he will gladly give us the strength to get us through it.*

*Now let's get into what the Bible says about Jesus returning to this earth;*

*I've always liked to go straight to Matthew on this one because it is the most concise and directly spoken by Jesus, himself. The question was asked by his disciples, **(Matthew 24:3)** Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

*Jesus responds with a couple of parables then gives the answer quoted in an exact order of what will happen. **(Matthew 24:29-30)** Immediately AFTER THE TRIBULATION of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

*There is no mysterious first coming before the second coming, Christ has already been here. The Bible doesn't speak of a secret calling away nor does it speak of a third coming. He's been here once and he's coming here one more time, only this time for good.*



*He will reign for 1000 years and after that Satan is released one more time to deceive, then buckle up because God is getting rid of the enemy once and for all.!!*

*After all of that has been fulfilled, the New Jerusalem, which is heaven, descends and is set in place right here on earth after it is made new and purged of all evil. **(Revelation 21)***

*If heaven is here and that's where we spend eternity, where are you going when Jesus comes to fly you away in your theory?*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

*Revelation 3:10-13*

*Matthew 24:29-30*

*Revelation 3:5*

*Mark 13:23-30*

*Revelation 2:25-26*

*Luke 21:7-27*

*Revelation 13:6-9*

*John 16:33*

*Revelation 20:4-6*

*The following is part of how God operates; I see no mention of wisping away.*

### ***Psalm 23***

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

***4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.***

<sup>5</sup> *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

<sup>6</sup> *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*