

## Rapture

Rapture?=[latin] rapiemur (pres tense), rapio (verb), [greek] harpazo = caught up, snatch away

**Heb 9:28** so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**Joh 14:2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

**1Jn 3:1** See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

**1Co 15:51** Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

**1Th 4:14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**1Co 15:14** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1Co 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1Co 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1Co 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

1Co 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**Tit 2:11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,

Tit 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

Tit 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

Tit 2:14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

#### Prophecies of the Rapture

Joh 14:1-3

Isa 26:19-21

1Cor 15:51-53

Luke 17:29

Rom 8:19-23

John 5:28

1 Cor 1:7-8	Rom 5:9
Phil 3:20-21	1 Thes 3:13
Col 3:4	1Thes 4:16-17
1Thes 1:10	Titus 2:13
1Thes 2:19	2Peter2:9
1Thes 5:9	Rev 12:5
1The5:23	Rev 14:14
2Thes 2:1	Isa 11:10
1Tim 6:14	Isa :26
2Tim 4:1	Isa 57:1
Tit 2:13	Joel 2:16
Heb 9:28	Zeph 2:3
Jam 5:7	Mal 3:17
1Pet 1:13	Heb 9:28
1Jhn 2:28-3:2	Jud 21
Rev 2:25	Rev 3:10

#### Prophecies of the Return

Dan 2:44-45	Act 1:9-11	Rev 17:14
Dan 7:9-14	Act 3:19-21	Rev19:11-21
Dan 12:1-3	1 Thes 3:13	Rev 22:7, 12, 20
Zec 14:1-45	2 Thes 1:6-10	Mrk 14:62
Mat 13:41	2 Thes 1:6-10	Luk 21:25-28
Mat 24:15-31	2 Pet 3:1-14	Rev :14:18-20
Mat 26:64	Jud 14-15	
Mrk 13:14-27	Rev 1:7	

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millennium begins

resurrection of the dead

**Mat 24:29** (a) "Immediately after the tribulation of those days (**current Church age**)

**2Ti 3:1** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2Ti 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,

2Ti 3:4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2Ti 3:5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

**Mat 24:29** (b) the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (**6<sup>th</sup> seal Rev 6:12>:16**)

**Mat 24:30** (a) Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man,[rapture]

("sign of the Son of Man" is not explained in the Bible; Jesus was referring to The Book of Enoch)

**Enoch 50.2** And on the day of trouble, calamity will be heaped up over the sinners,(6<sup>th</sup> seal) but the righteous will conquer [Rapture] in the Name of the Lord of Spirits (Jesus) and He will show this to others [A SIGN] so that they might repent and abandon the works of their hands.

**Isa 11:10** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, [Jesus] which shall stand for an ensign [sign] of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

**Rev 6:12** When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood,

Rev 6:13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

Rev 6:14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Rev 6:15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,

Rev 6:16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,[how do they know to attribute the chaos to Jesus?(the Lamb of God), The sign of the Son of Man (Jesus) is the rapture]

The rapture is how the world associates the chaos of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal with Christ

Types of the rapture of the Body of Christ in the Old Testament:

Enoch was removed before the judgement of the flood

**Gen 5:24** Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Lot was removed before the judgement of Sodom and Gomorah

**Gen 19:22** Escape there quickly, for I can do nothing till you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

Elijah was removed before the judgement of the Babylon captivity

**2Ki 2:11** And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Rahab was removed from Jericho before the destruction.

The Church will be removed before the tribulation

A remnant of Israel (144,000) will escape to the wilderness and be safe through the tribulation.

**Rev 12:6** and the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days.

If the people believe Jesus;

**Mat 24:15** “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

**Mat 24:16** then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

then, those who believe God's Word will see the Abomination of Desolation and save themselves from the destruction of Jerusalem also.

**Mat 24:30** (b) and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, [great tribulation]

**Mat 24:21** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.

**Zec 12:10** “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

**Mat 24:30(c)** and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. [return of the king]

(2 returns, Rapture and Glory – 2 judgements, Bema seat and White Throne judgements)

**Isa 30:27** Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning *with* his anger, and the burden *thereof is* heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

**Isa 30:28** And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.

**Rev 19:11** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.

**Rev 19:12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

Rev 19:13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

Rev 19:15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

Rev 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Rev 19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God,

Rev 19:18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."

Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.

Rev 19:21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.