

The Rapture

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I Believe In The Rapture And The Revelation of Christ

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Rapture

1. Christ comes in the air for His Church
2. Rapture of all Christians
3. Christians taken to the fathers House
4. No judgment on the earth
5. Church taken to heaven
6. Imminent - could happen any moment
7. No signs
8. For believers only
9. Time of Joy
10. Before the day of wrath (tribulation)
11. No mention of Satan
12. The judgment seat of Christ
13. Marriage of the Lamb
14. Only His own see Him
15. Tribulation

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Revelation/Glorious Appearing

1. Christ comes with His own to the earth to crush evil
2. No one raptured
3. Resurrected saints do not see the fathers House
4. Christ judges the inhabitants of the earth
5. Christ sets up His Kingdom on the earth
6. Cannot occur for at least seven years
7. Many signs for Christ physical coming
8. Affects all humanity
9. Time of mourning
10. Immediately after tribulation
11. Satan bound in the abyss for 1000 years
12. No time or place for the judgment seat
13. His bride descends with Him
14. Every eye will see Him
15. 1000 year kingdom of Christ begins

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1 Thess 4:13-16

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus

died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.[b]
15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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Caught up Together - harpazo - "to take away by force, to snatch away, to transport hastily."

It is used in Acts 8:39 to describe Philip being "snatched away" (NASB) after coming up out of the water following the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch.

1 THESS 5:1-11

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ[a] had come. 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin[b] is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God[c] in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He[d] who now restrains *will do so* until He[e] is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according

to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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The Word Falling Away - Apostasia

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My Thessalonian brethren—concerning the Lord's coming to rescue us from the Day of the Lord's wrath, which I have already told you about in my first letter, I ask you not to be worried or shaken in your faith. I realize that some false teachers are suggesting that the Day of the Lord has already begun and that you are about to face the full force of God's wrath on earth. But don't believe it! Don't be deceived. Remember, as I said before, the Day of the Lord will not begin until after you depart from this earth! And not only that, but before the Day of the Lord can begin, the man of sin—the antichrist—must be unveiled first. Since neither of these things has happened—the departure and the revelation of the antichrist—you cannot possibly be in the Day of the Lord. So fear not! And be aware that when the antichrist does come, after you have all been rescued from this present evil age (Gal. 1:4), he will bring terrible deception and lying wonders on the earth and many will perish because they never believed the Gospel.

Col 3:4 When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Rev 19:9

Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"

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The Five Crowns

1. **The incorruptible/imperishable crown:** 1 Cor. 9:24,25. This is also called the imperishable crown. This crown is given to believers who faithfully run the race, who crucify every selfish desire in the flesh and point men to Jesus.

2. **The crown of rejoicing:** 1 Thess. 2:19, 20. & Dan 12:3 To those who faithfully are witnesses to the saving grace of God and leads souls to Jesus. This crown has also been named the soul winner's crown.

3. **The crown of life:** James 1:12. For those believers who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death Rev. 2:8-11. This crown is also referred to as the martyr's crown.

4. **The crown of righteousness:** 2 Tim. 4:8. To those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints. This crown is given to those who have lived a good and righteous life for God while living down here on earth.

5. **The crown of glory:** 1 Pet. 5:1~4. This is the pastor's crown and will be given to the ministers who faithfully feed the flock of God. . This probably could also include preachers, teachers, Sunday School teachers, missionaries and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.

Jude 14-15

14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

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The Revelation

Zech 14:4

And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Zech 14:1-15 Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ²For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem;

Revelation 19:11

Purpose - Rid All Rebellion On The Earth

MATTHEW 10:25:1-13

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

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Live Like He Is Coming Today

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Prepare As If He Is Not Coming My Lifetime

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Pray

Luke 21:36

Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."