

Guarantee your Rapture & Return with the Lord Jesus!

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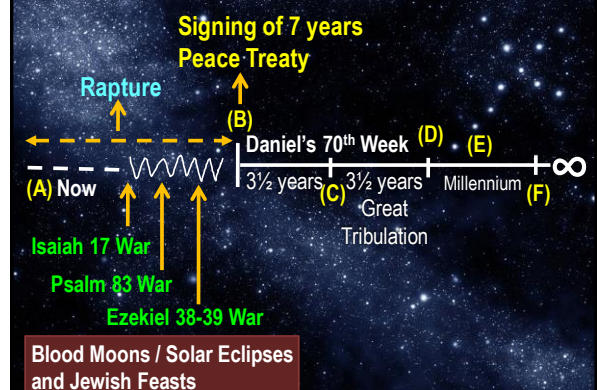
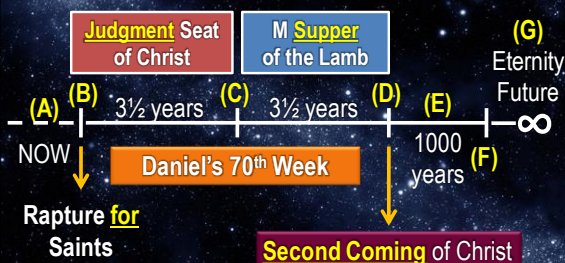
I. Review End-Time Line and the 7 Raptures

Differentiate God's dealings with:

- A. **Israel** as a Nation.
- B. The **Gentile** nations.
- C. The **Church**.

1 Corinthians 10:32 Give no offense, either to the **Jews** or to the **Greeks** or to the **church of God**.

Understanding End-Time Line



Different views about the timing of rapture:

- They are **all partly true**.
- Many assume **one rapture**.
- But, there are a total of **7 Raptures** mentioned in Scriptures.

Different phrases used in the Scriptures:

John 14:3 - received unto the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

[Gk-Harpazo - seize - catch - pluck - take by force]

2 Thessalonians 2:1 - gathered together

The **First Rapture**

ENOCH

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

The **Second Rapture**

ELIJAH

2 Kings 2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah **went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

The **Third Rapture**

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

(Preceded by His Resurrection)

Acts 1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was **taken up**, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

The **Fourth Rapture**

THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

(The Righteous Ones **BEFORE** the 7-year Tribulation Period - Daniel's 70th Week)

Reasons for this Position:

- A. **Differentiate** God's Dealings.
- B. The **Feasts** of Israel.
- C. Type of a Jewish **Wedding**.
- D. **Typologies** in Scriptures
e.g. S/S; Judges; Genesis; Isaiah 26:19-21.

Reasons for this Position:

- E. Daniel's 70th Week - Daniel 9:24-27.
- F. Promises to the church - Révelation 3:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9.

THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

1 Corinthians 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

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.

Description of this company:

They are the **crystal sea** company.

Revelation 4:6 Before the throne there was a **sea of glass, like crystal**. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

Description of this company:

- They have **Robes** of **Righteousness**.
- They **sing** the **new song** [Revelation 5:9].
- They will **reign** with **Christ** on the earth [Revelation 5:10].

This is the reward of the **over-comers**, of the faithful and wise servants of God.

Revelation 19:7-8 (NIV)

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the **wedding of the Lamb has come**, and **his bride has made herself ready**. 8 *Fine linen, bright and clean*, was given her to wear."

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

The **Fifth Rapture**

THE MID-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

(This rapture is in the middle of the 7-year Tribulation Period mentioned in **Revelation 7:9-17**)

The Different Raptures

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude** which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, **standing before the throne and before the Lamb**, clothed with **white robes**, with palm branches in their hands

Revelation 7:13-14

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, **"Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"** 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who **come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**."

This **Mid-Tribulation Rapture** is different from the earlier Rapture of the Righteous Dead:

- A. It does **NOT** have the accompanying resurrection mentioned in **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**.
- B. The Lord Jesus did **NOT** meet them in the air.
- C. They did not sing the new song **BUT** only the song of Moses and the Lamb.

This **Mid-Tribulation Rapture** is different from the earlier Rapture of the Righteous Dead:

- D. They were snatched from the earth to escape the wrath of the devil.

At Mid-Tribulation, the Anti-Christ breaks the Covenant with Israel.

- E. They washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb [Revelation 7:14; 1 John 1:9].

Revelation 3:4 You have a few names even in Sardis **who have not defiled their garments**; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

Revelation 3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; **and white garments**, that you may be clothed, that the **shame of your nakedness may not be revealed**; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

The **Sixth Rapture**
OF THE 144,000 JEWS
(Revelation 14:1-5)

The Different Raptures



The Rapture of the **144,000** Jews

Revelation 14:1-5

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews

Revelation 14:1-5

3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

The Rapture of the 144,000 Jews

Revelation 14:1-5

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found NO deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The Seventh Rapture

OF THE 2 WITNESSES

(This will happen on the Last Half-Day at the end of the 7-year Tribulation Period)

The Different Raptures



The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

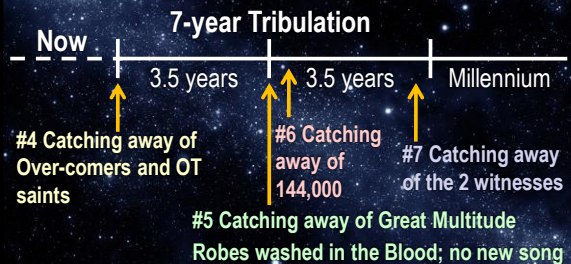
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Revelation 11:11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

The Rapture of the 2 Witnesses

Revelation 11:12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

Summary - The Different Raptures



Revelation 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue and people

II. How to guarantee you will be Raptured?

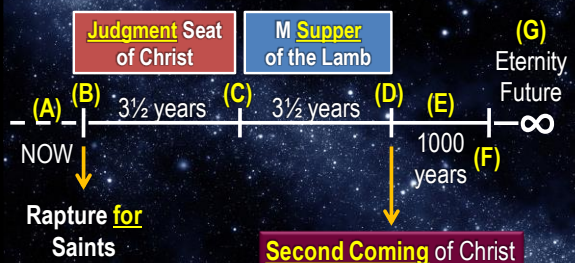
Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

III. How to guarantee you will Return with the Lord Jesus at His Second Coming?

Revelation 17:14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.

Understanding End-Time Line



III. How to guarantee you will **Return** with the Lord Jesus at His Second Coming?

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must **all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, **whether good or bad**. **11** Knowing, therefore, the **terror of the Lord**, we **persuade men**; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are **well known in your consciences**.

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Matthew 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

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Matthew 7:21-23

22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **23** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, **you who practice lawlessness!**'

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Matthew 25:21, 23

His lord said to him, '**Well done, good and faithful servant**; you were faithful over a few things, I will **make you ruler over many things**. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

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Matthew 25:30 And **cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to **keep you from stumbling**, and to **present you faultless** before the presence of His glory **with exceeding joy ...**