

## Rapture Soon - Video Sharing

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### Text

***Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.***

***Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. 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 receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

***Joh 14:4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.***

#### I. Concept of the Rapture

- a. The term is not in the Bible just as Trinity is not in the Bible and Bible is not in the Bible.
- b. Greek word “harpazo” means snatching away, caught up
- c. Latin translation of harpazo: “rapturo”. English word “rapture”

#### II. Key Passages About the Rapture

***1Co 15:51 Behold, I shew 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 trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

*1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

*1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

***1Th 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.***

*1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

*1Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.*

***1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:***

***1Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***

*1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

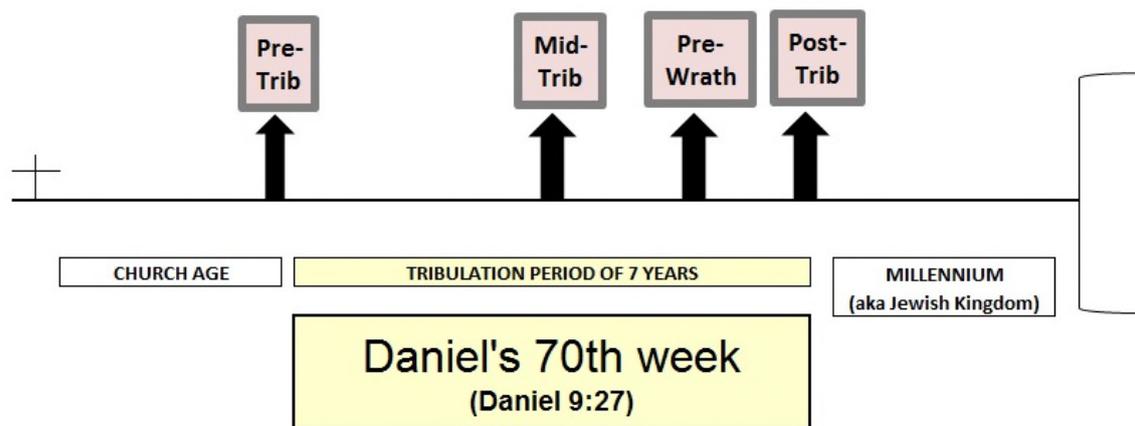
- a. The rapture is a mystery not revealed in the OT
- b. The dead in Christ will rise first

- c. Then we who are alive and remain shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye to be caught up to meet Yahshua in the air
- d. A body like Yahshua's:

**Php 3:20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

**Php 3:21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

### III. Rapture Scenarios



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#### a. Mid-tribulation Rapture

Based upon 1Co 15:52 which states that the Rapture will occur at the last trumpet. Therefore, the Rapture is deemed to occur at the blowing of the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet of Rev 11. However, there are 114 references to blowing of trumpets! Moreover, the trumpet is for the faithful believers in 1Co 15:52 while the 7 trumpets are blown to judge the wicked!

#### b. Pre-Wrath Rapture

Proponents believe that the Rapture will take place about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the 7-year period. The Seal judgments are deemed to be the wrath of Man/Satan. However, Yahshua Himself opens the Seals and the 7 Angels are given their trumpets at the Throne of YAHWEH. The 7 Bowl judgments finish the Wrath of Elohim [Rev 15:1]

#### c. Post-tribulation Rapture

Post-tribulation Rapture is deemed to occur at the Second Coming. Saints supposedly go up to meet Yahshua and do a U-turn back to earth with Him! No resurrection occurs at this point.

#### IV. Pre-Tribulation Rapture

##### Reasons:

##### a. Escaping the Tribulation

*Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted **worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass**, and to stand before the Son of man.*

##### b. Spared from the Hour of Trial

##### For the faithful Church in Philadelphia:

*ESV Rev 3:10 Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.*

##### c. The Tribulation period of 7 years is Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week, the time of Jacob's trouble:

*Jer 30:5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.*

*Jer 30:6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?*

*Jer 30:7 **Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.***

**Note:** Over the 7 years of tribulation, YAHWEH shall be dealing with Israel via the Anti-christ and the judgments until a remnant responds to Him and acknowledges His Son Yahshua as the Messiah

##### d. Times of Gentiles end

*Luk 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*

*Rom 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; **that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.***

*Rom 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

*Rom 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

Note: Yahshua prophesied that Jerusalem would be trodden down by the Gentiles till the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. We saw Israel re-born as a nation in 1948 and Jerusalem was proclaimed as its capital by Trump. We are

surely close to the time that Paul prophesied about the fullness of the Gentiles being reached and Israel's salvation would begin.

**e. The sealing of the 144,000 before the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> Seal**

*Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.*

*Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,*

*Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

*Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

**Note: no gentiles are mentioned**

**f. No reference to the church or churches from Rev 3:22 till Rev 22:16**

**V. Rapture of Believers or Faithful Disciples [Partial Rapture]?**

*The partial rapture is a belief that faithful Christians will be raptured and unfaithful Christians will be left behind to endure the hardships and suffering of the Tribulation period along with unbelievers.*

**a. Called, chosen and faithful**

*Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and **they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.***

**b. Wise vs Foolish Virgins [Mt 25:1-12]**

**Note: virgins denote those betrothed to Christ, waiting for the Bridegroom**

*2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for **I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.***

The 5 unwise virgins did not keep watch for the bridegroom and were rejected by Him because He did not know them. Recall:

*Mat 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

*Mat 7:22 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?*

*Mat 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.***

He will reject lawless Christians despite their ministry of evangelism, healing and deliverance.

c. Only those in Christ [who walk after the Spirit] will be raptured

**Rom 8:1** *There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.***

d. Sanctification

*1Th 4:1* Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us **how ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.

*1Th 4:2* For ye know what **commandments** we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

*1Th 4:3* **For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**

## VI. Like A Thief in the Night

There are several verses that suggest the secret return of Yashua for the faithful is like a thief coming in the night:

**Rev 3:3** *Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, **I will come like a thief**, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.*

**Rev 16:15** (*"Behold, **I am coming like a thief!** Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!"*)

**Luk 21:34** *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so **that day come upon you unawares.***

*Luk 21:35* *For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.*

*1Th 5:2* *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh **as a thief in the night.***

*1Th 5:3* *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

*1Th 5:4* *But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*

*1Th 5:5* *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*

*1Th 5:6* *Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*

**Note:** in a Jewish wedding, a betrothal takes place first where a cup of Wine is shared between the groom & bride-to-be. He then goes back to

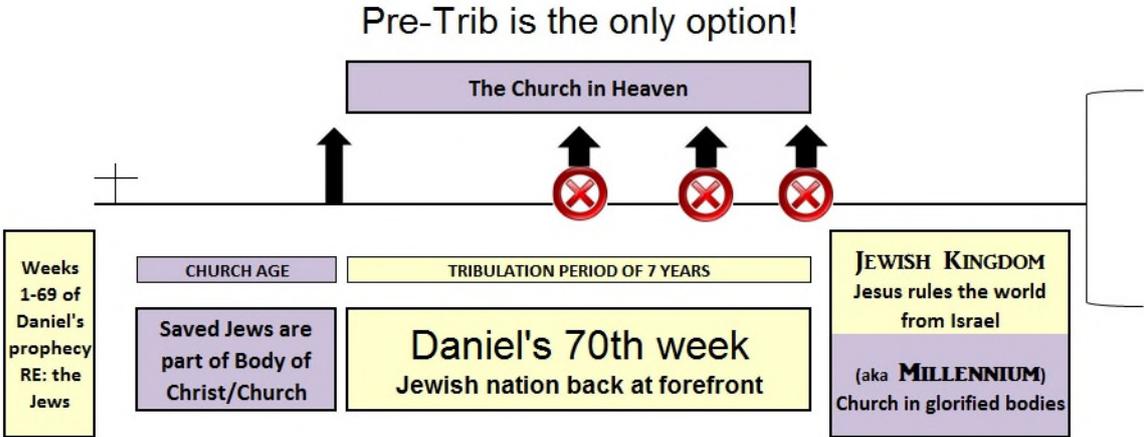
his father's house to prepare a place for the bride. After a lapse of time, he would return unannounced, in the dead of night with torches and a shout. The Bride would then go to meet him.

## VII. Rapture Compared With Second Coming

<b>Rapture</b>	<b>Second Coming</b>
Faithful believers meet Christ in the air	Christ returns to the Mount of Olives to meet the believers on earth
Mount of Olives is not mentioned and is unchanged	Mount of Olives is divided, forming a valley east of Jerusalem
Faithful believers obtain glorified bodies	Surviving believers remain in same bodies
Faithful believers go to heaven	Glorified believers come from heaven, earthly believers stay on earth
World left unjudged and living in sin	World is judged and righteousness is established
The Anti-Christ is revealed after the Rapture	The Anti-Christ is vanquished and thrown into the Lake of Fire
Depicts deliverance of the faithful from wrath	Depicts deliverance of believers who endured wrath
No signs precede it	Many signs precede it
Like a thief in the night	At the end of the 7 bowl judgments
Not visible to the world	Openly-every eye will see Him. Like lightning in the sky
Resurrection of those who died in Christ + rapture of the faithful	Gathering of the sheep after judgment, followed by resurrection of saints persecuted by the Anti-Christ
Followed by Anti-Christ & 7-year tribulation	Followed by Millennial Kingdom of Peace
Revealed only in New Testament	Revealed in both Old and New Testaments
Deals with only the saved	Deals with both the saved and unsaved
Satan remains free	Satan is bound and thrown into the Abyss

Since the Rapture and Second Coming clearly are different events that do not occur at the same time, this would rule out a Post-Tribulation Rapture scenario.

VIII. Israel vs The Church



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