

Rapture Revelations

Revelation 4:1-2

I) The Return of the Savior

John 14:1-3

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

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.

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.

A. To Remove

Rev 3:10

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

1 Thess 1:10

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

1 Thess 5:1-9

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **I believe that Enoch was an old testament picture of the rapture of the church before the coming judgment, he was taken out before the flood came and Noah and family who I believe are a picture of the sealed Jews making it safe through the tribulation period**

B. To Reward

1 Peter 5:4

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Rev 22:12

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

II) The Resurrection of the Sleeping

1 Thess 4:13-14

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.

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

A. Changing Resurrection

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

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.

B. Comforting Resurrection

1 Thess 4:18

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

III) **The Relocation of the Saints**

A. Swift

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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.

B. Separating

Matt 24:37-42

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

IV) **The Reprobation of the Sluggish**

Reprobation - to condemn strongly as unworthy, unacceptable, or evil to foreordain to damnation, to refuse to accept

A. Cause (Who Believed not the Truth)

B. Conclusion (That they all might be Damned)

2 Thess 2:1-12

2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Life Group Questions

1. When you hear about or discuss the subject of the rapture, do you feel excitement and anticipation or do you feel afraid and anxious? (Why)
2. God said that the thought of his coming again should cause some things in our life, here are some ideas, discuss if this is happening in your life!

The effect it should have on us.

Be careful 1 John 3:1-2 Purity

Be comforted 1 Thess 4:13-18

Be cheered Phil. 3:21 Transformation of our bodies, we'll be changed.

Be concerned for the lost.

3. When it comes to us reaching the lost or even our own families are we allowing the imminent return of Christ motivate us to try harder to see them saved?
4. What can we do to improve our witness in order for our friends and family to be prepared for the rapture?
5. When was the last time you really tried hard to get someone to attend Church to hear the gospel?
6. What kind of goals can we set and hold each other accountable to in order to improve in this area?
7. In Revelation 21:4 it says God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. This is right after the Great White Throne Judgment of the Lost, could it be that we will see people who we should have witnessed to and did not be cast into the lake of fire and that is why there are tears in our eyes to be wiped away?
LETS GET BUSY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!