

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“What Happens Next?”

The “Who, What, When, Where and Why” of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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I Recommend to you the best book on the topic;

<https://images.app.goo.gl/3Z7bbPCoR6FhKPKn6>

“The Rapture Question” by Dr. John Walvoord

“What Happens Next?”

1.) What is the Rapture?

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be **ignorant**, brethren concerning **Verse 17**

1 Thessalonians 4:17

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.

1a.) It is the promised event

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Thessalonians 4:15a-17a

:15 For this we say to you **by the word of the Lord...** **:16** For the **Lord Himself** will descend from heaven... **:17a** to **meet the Lord in the air**. Thus we shall **always be with the Lord**.

What Is The Rapture?

1b.) It is the sudden event

1 Thessalonians 4:17a

Then we who are alive and remain

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell 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 trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

2 Corinthians 5:1-6

For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, **3** if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. **4** For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. **5** Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. **:6** So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.

1c.) It is the required event

1 Thessalonians 4:17

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air**

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2 Peter 3:3-4

knowing this **first**: (now hear this) that **scoffers** will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, **4** and saying, ***“Where is the promise of His coming?”***

“What Happens Next?”

2.) Who is involved in the Rapture?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

: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.

**All those, But only those
who are The New Testament Church Believers.**

**What Happens Next?
Who Is Involved In The Rapture?**

2a.) All those who have previously died

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

: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.

2b.) All of us who are currently grieving

1 Thessalonians 4:13,15

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. :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...

2c.) All we who are united together

1 Thessalonians 4:17

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** (as in all **WE**) shall always be with the Lord.

3.) When will the Rapture happen?

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For **the Lord Himself will descend** from heaven with a **shout**, with the **voice** of an archangel, and with the **trumpet** of God.

3a.) When Jesus Christ shouts

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For **the Lord Himself will descend** from heaven with a **shout**,

Shout grk: **keleuma**, *kel'-yoo-mah*; a cry of incitement, to stir up, to bring up, to arouse or awaken.

When Will The Rapture Happen?

3b.) When the Archangel heralds

1 Thessalonians 4:16

with the **voice** of an archangel,

voice grk: **phone**; *to language forth, to tell, to communicate, to utter, to make a statement, to herald!*

3c.) When we are all gathered together

1 Thessalonians 4:16
and with the **trumpet** of God.

trumpet grk: **salpigx**; reveille, a bugle or a trumpet blast with the intent to rally or summons or to gather together.

4.) Where does the Rapture occur?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14,16-17

:13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning **those who have fallen asleep**, **:14** For God will bring with Him **those who sleep** in Jesus. **:16** The dead (the physical bodies of the dead) **in Christ** will rise first. **:17** Then we together with them in the clouds will meet the Lord **IN THE AIR**.

**In The Earth (the dead) & On the Earth (the living)
and Up in Heaven (those with Him now)**

4a.) In the grave beneath

In The Earth (the dead)

Interesting Note Here:

(a resurrection sampler)

(first) when Jesus Christ died on the cross the Bible says graves of the believers broke open and they came out.

And (second) when Jesus Christ rose again from the dead Matthew 27 tells us that there were limited resurrections that took place in Jerusalem, this no doubt as a witness of Christ's power and ultimate redemption.

Matthew 27:50-53

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. **:51** Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, **52** and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; **53** and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning **those who have fallen asleep**, (the physical dead bodies of all believers) :14 For God will bring with Him **those who sleep** in Jesus. :16 The dead (the physical dead bodies of all believers) **in Christ** will rise first.

What Happens Next?

Where Does The Rapture Occur?

4b.) In the Heaven above

Those presently in heaven are dwelling in what is known as the
“Intermediate State”

2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

4c.) In the moment now

1 Corinthians 15:50-53

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. :51 Behold, I tell 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 (of the two) trumpet. For the trumpet (the last of the two) will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. :53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

“What Happens Next?”

5.) How does the Rapture happen?

5a.) At the word of the Father

The Father has promised to send forth his Son to take His bride the church to Himself. The marriage supper of the lamb is in the Jewish mind predicated upon the will and the authority of the grooms father.

How Does The Rapture Happen?

5b.) By the power of the Holy Spirit

Colossians 1:27

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

...and there are birth-marks to this reality,

Galatians 5:5

For we through the Spirit **eagerly wait** for the hope of righteousness (to appear) by faith.

Romans 8:10-11

And **if** Christ is **IN** you, (-) the body is dead because of sin, (+) but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But **if** the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells **IN** you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells **IN** you.

5c.) To the glory of Jesus Christ

“It is the rapture & the resurrection of the church-age believers that allows the church to be presented to Jesus Christ as a bride.”

“For some 2000 years the Holy Spirit’s job has been to call out and to sanctify and to prepare the church for the rapture.

Think of it - there is no other doctrine in the Bible that brings Jesus and the church together except the rapture.”

“What Happens Next?”

6.) Why do we need the Rapture?

To get the show started...

Because without the Rapture, there is no fulfillment of the “deliverance” passages and scriptures verses

Without The Rapture, the 7 years of the tribulation (Jacob’s trouble) cannot be fulfilled.

6a.) To get the church to Heaven

From Revelation 4:1 to Revelation 19:11, there is a perfectly choreographed church (witness or testimony)...

Revelation 4:1-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, (I believe at that moment is when the Day of the LORD begins) and I will show you things which must take place after this." :2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. :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. 7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" :9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

The 24 elders belong to the church age believers and were previously raptured. When they are introduced to the tribulation saints in Revelation chapter 7, the elders, (John) have no idea who they are, the tribulation believers are - because they did not belong to the church but rather they were the tribulation saints. this is significant. (Revelation 7:13). The 24 elders cannot be Israel because Israel is still on the earth represented by both the remnant and the 144,000. The 24 elders represent the ministry of all Saints from the day of Pentecost to the day of the Rapture. The church in total is seen in heaven. 24 elders represent the 24 orders of the priesthood in Leviticus - 24 elders set up on thrones, where their crowns And are only seen in heaven and not on earth.

Revelation 5:8-12

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the **twenty-four elders** fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And **they** sang a new song, saying: "***You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.***" :11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice: "***Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!***"

Luke 21:34-36

"Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. :35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. :36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

What Happens Next?

Why Do We Need The Rapture?

6b.) To start the beginning of the end

At the moment of the Rapture;

The "Ministry Focus" of the Holy Spirit returns back upon
His "Ministry to the Nation of Israel"

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

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 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 in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. all of these verses & events are linked to Old Testament prophecies

2 Thessalonians 2:5-12

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 who now restrains will do so until He 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.

What Starts The "Beginning of the End" is The Rapture

Colossians 3:4

When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

What Happens Next?
Why Do We Need The Rapture?

6c.) To fill us with an increasing expectancy

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, :21 who will transform our vile body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,

Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

1 Thessalonians 1:10a

“..Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even **Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ **at His coming?**

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God **did not appoint us to wrath** (His Wrath), but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Here's Why this Doctrine is so Important today...

Hebrews 9:28

So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. **To those who eagerly wait for Him** He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Hebrews 10:25

No longer forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more **as you see** the Day approaching.

Give Em' Jesus, Give Em' Jesus, Give Em' Jesus

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