

**The Resurrection of the Dead,
The Rapture and
What you need to know!**

I had always been taught and believed in a pre-trib rapture up until just recently.

The change began when God told me I needed to pray more.

The 3rd day about 45 min. into prayer God began to speak to me about the deception in the church. The church was married to the world and was totally unprepared for what was to come.

(Rev. 18:3-4) For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the Earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the Earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries. 4 Then I heard another voice from heaven saying: “Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues!”

The burden was so great I could not bear it; it was like I had been baptized into the anguish of God’s heart over His bride. We can see this is the spirit behind many Old Testament prophets. Then God began to lead me through end time prophecy and began to show me the events, kingdoms, and leaders unfolding right in front of our eyes. The most alarming part about this whole thing was the overwhelming sense that the church was not ready for what was about to happen. As God led me through my studies of end time prophecies and current events I began to notice there was no clear promise of being pulled out before tribulation. in fact, there were many very clear warnings of going through this time.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4

The Man of Lawlessness

1 Concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him**, we ask you, brothers, **2** not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. **3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way**, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness^[a] is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. **4** He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2 Thessalonians 2:3(Amplified Bible)

3. Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for that day will not come except the **[a]apostasy comes first** [unless the predicted great **[b]falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come**], and the man of lawlessness (sin) is revealed, who is the son of doom (of perdition),^{(A}

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (New International Version 1984, ©1984)

9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, **10** and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. **They perish because they refused to love the truth** and so be saved. **11** For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie **12** and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2 Thessalonians 2:12 (Amplified Bible)

12In order that all may be judged and condemned who did not believe in who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely on the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in unrighteousness.

Matthew 13:14-17 (New International Version 1984, ©1984)

14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

15 For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,

and **they have closed their eyes.**

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’[\[a\]](#)

16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.**17** For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

Jesus thought it was so important that in Matthew there are 4 whole chapters devoted to the topic of end times and over 150 in the bible. There are only 89 in the gospels

Throughout this teaching we will be looking at the same event through Daniel, Matthew, Mark, Luke, 1 Corinthians, 1 Thessalonians, and Revelations.

Daniel 12:3-4

3 Those who are wise [a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, **and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.** 4 But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

Daniel 12:9-10

9 He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.

10 *Many will be purified, made spotless and refined*, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

John 8:31-32

"If you *hold to my teaching*, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will *know the truth* and the truth will *set you free.*"

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

8 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the **hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure,** so that we despaired even of life.

9 Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But **this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God,** who raises the dead.

10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. **On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,**

Matthew. 10:21-22

21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death.

22 All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the *end will be saved.*

This scripture is clearly the hour of testing of tribulation. Jesus clearly tells us in v.22, “He who stands firm until the end shall be saved.”

This is not doom and gloom. It is the Christian life. In surrender we find freedom, joy, rest and revelation,” the abundant life Jesus came to give.”

How much do we really trust Jesus?

If it was important for **Peter to know** that Jesus was going to require him to walk through **martyrdom**. Then I believe it is important for us **to know** if the Lord is going to require us to go through **tribulations**.

Suppose you believe in a pre-trib. rapture and you find your self in the middle of the most distressful time in history and you are told to take the mark or you or your child's life will be required. **During that moment there can be no questions** because if you were wrong in the area of the rapture you could be wrong in others. **This would bring doubt** in **one of the hardest moments of your life**. This is why this issue is very important to me.

Peter tells us that **false teaching is destructive** in 2 Peter 2:1. It has been the devil's agenda to twist God's truths and deceive God's people since the beginning.

All we have to do to see the destructive nature of heresy is look at the fall of man. God has put a burden on my heart to make sure it doesn't happen at the end also.

I hope **you see the motivation of my heart, "Love always protects."** John 16:1 Jesus says, "**All this I have told you so you will not go astray.**"

Matthew 24:9-13 (New International Version)

9"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

10At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,

11and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.

12Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Notice it says many will turn away. Why?
Because they were not ready, **their faith was shaken**; they did not count the cost. **Why?**

Because they **thought they would escape the time of tribulations**. Also note the love of most will grow cold.



If we have not reckoned with this fact we may not have the faith to keep our hearts right, like Steven in

Acts 7:60, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” Now, once again we see the quote, “but he who stands firm until the end will be saved.”

There are many scriptures to study on this subject and I highly recommend studying this subject in depth.

For the sake of time I am now going to shift gears to pinpoint chronological order of what people call the rapture.

There are three things that will give us the ability to identify a timeline of the rapture.

1. The sun being darkened and the moon turning to blood
2. The loud command and last trumpet call
3. The dead in Christ rising from the dead,

Matthew 24:29-31

29"Immediately after the distress of those days
"the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not
give its light; the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. '



Matthew 24:29-31 (con't)

30" At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.

31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

Note v.29: says *immediately after* the distress of those days putting this event at the end of tribulations.

Note: the sun and the moon are also listed to be after the distress of those days. Also in Mark **13:24**, Luke **21:24-25**, and in Rev. **6:11-12** these scriptures show us after *the 3 ½ years of persecution, then the sun and the moon, then Christ will appear* and gather his people.

Mark 13:23-27

23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

24 "But in those days, following that distress, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light

25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'[\[A\]](#)

26 "At that time men will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

Luke 21:24-28

24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken.

27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Revelation 6:9-17

9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

11 Then each of them was given a white robe and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

Revelation 6:9-17 (con't)

12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.



15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

16 They called to the mountains and the rocks,
"Fall on us and **hide us from the face of him** who sits on the throne and
from the **wrath of the Lamb!**"

17For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

The last trumpet

We have already heard the terms gather, a loud command, a trumpet call and the coming of the Lord.

Let us look at the trumpet call and command.

In 1st Corinthians 15:49-54 Paul tells us the rapture happens at the last trumpet call.

Paul also gives us a lot of detail on the purpose of this event,

[1 Corinthians 13:10](#)

but when *perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.*

When we see Jesus His appearance changes us.

We receive our glorified bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:49-54 (New International Version)

49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.

50 I declare to you, brothers, that *flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.*

51 Listen, I tell you a *mystery*: We will not all sleep, but we will all be *changed*—

52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, *at the last trumpet*. For *the trumpet* will sound, *the dead will be raised imperishable*



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, and we will be changed.



1 Corinthians 15:49-54 (New International Version)
(con't)

53For the *perishable* must clothe itself with the *imperishable*, and the mortal with immortality.

54When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, and then the saying that is written will come true: "*Death has been swallowed up in victory.*" [\[b\]](#)

There are two things in this section of scripture that are **time line identifiers** :

* The last trumpet and the dead will be raised imperishable.
Keep in mind it lists the dead **first** then us afterwards,
this is important for time line.

Revelation 20:4-6

**Shows us exactly when the dead are raised at the end of
3 1/2 years of tribulations.**

4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God.

They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands.

They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.



5 (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection.

The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (New International Version)

15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.



1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (con't)

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.



And so we will be with the Lord forever.

I want you to note **Paul's emphasis is on we who are still alive at the coming of the Lord will certainly not precede those who are dead and that Paul said they got this information from Jesus Himself.**

Now let's look at Rev.11:11-15 for the last trumpet.

Revelation 11:10-15

10The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

11But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them.

12 Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.



IN VERSE 15 IT SAYS:

15The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world *has become the kingdom of our Lord* and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Not only is the 7th trumpet at the end of tribulations but another time identifying fact is that the two prophets are given power to prophesy the whole time the saints are persecuted according to
Rev.11:2-3

The 3 1/2 years definitely puts the rapture at the end of tribulations.

We also see the 2 witnesses or the 2 prophets, the saints and the elect all go at the same time.

The events all match perfectly.

Revelation 11:2-3 (New International Version)

- 2 But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, because it has been given to the Gentiles.
They will trample on the holy city for 42 months.**
- 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."**

Remember

Thessalonians 4:15-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:49-54
both said the *dead in Christ would rise first.*

Let's see if we can find the dead rising Rev.20:4-6

Revelation 20:4-6 (New International Version)

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About half way thru v.4 you see the souls of those who died for the testimony of Jesus.

So the souls are in heaven, but it says they are **raised to life** and in v. 5 it says this is the **first resurrection**.

They were given their immortal bodies and after that so shall we who are still alive be given our immortal bodies.

Then we will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. This is when Christ is coming down to throw the false prophet and antichrist in the lake of fire.”

The 7th judgment, the END.

**All of Revelation is written to
the churches and for the churches.**

Revelation 22:16 (New International Version)

**16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you[[a](#)] this
testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring
of David, and the bright Morning Star."**

I think we would do well to take it to heart

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

John 21:17-19 (New International Version)

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.

18 I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; ***but when you are old*** you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."

19 Jesus said this to ***indicate the kind of death*** by which Peter would ***glorify God***. Then he said to him, "***Follow me!***"

This is the time of ripening for the final harvest. Both wheat and tares fill the field. Satan can see that his opportunities are slipping away—it is now or never for him. So the greatest display of wickedness, lawlessness and degradation is ahead. But believers have more to think about than mere survival.

There are likely to be persecutions, and no doubt blood will flow. Our thoughts, however, are on triumph and conquest for Jesus. The build-up of enemy forces is being more than matched by an ever-increasing measure of the Holy Spirit.
(Isaiah. 59:19)

The greatest outpouring, the greatest anointing of God's power ever known, is coming upon us. Past revivals will seem as nothing when Pentecost breaks upon the entire Church. We already get glimpses of it; the battle of the anointed against the anti-anointed.

We now know what it means in Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

That showdown is fully described in Revelation 12:9-10:
So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

Bible prophecies like these are not alterable. They are history written in advance! When the devil is out to trouble the world, God will trouble the devil. God will do what He said He would, even to the dot on the last "i." Hallelujah! We rejoice! We know! The future is settled beforehand, and the last hour is determined, with its very glorious conclusion. Are you happy?

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Daniel 11:31-35

31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, **but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.**

33 **"Those who are wise will instruct many,** though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.

34 When they fall, **they will receive a little help,** and many who are not sincere will join them.

35 Some of the wise will stumble, **so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless** until the time of the end, **for it will still come at the appointed time.**

In His service. Ezekiel 33:6