

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?
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On the Prophetic Timeline

- **We believe the Rapture is:**
 - Imminent
 - Could happen at any _____
 - Pretribulational
 - We are looking for Christ to return _____ the judgments of the Tribulation begin.
- **Is there any _____ basis to think that believers will be removed from this world prior to the divine judgments of the Tribulation?**
 - Yes!
 - Several Biblical _____
 - _____ Biblical teaching

The Biblical Precedents for a “Pre-Trib” Rapture

- **In the days of _____:**
 - Enoch
 - The great-grandfather of Noah
 - Another preacher of righteousness (like Noah)
 - A _____ saint—see Gen. 5:24.
 - Methuselah
 - Son of Enoch who died in the _____ of the Flood
 - See Gen. 5:25-29, 7:6: _____

 - Age of Methuselah when Lamech was born = 187
 - Age of Lamech when Noah was born = 182
 - Age of Noah when the Flood came = 600
 - Total = _____ years (age of Methuselah when he died)
 - His name is a prophecy: “When he dies, it shall be _____.”
 - His father Enoch was a prophet of God.
 - The length of his life is a testimony to the _____ of God.
 - In His mercy, God spared righteous Methuselah from the ordeal of the _____ judgment.
 - Isa. 57:1: _____

- Noah
 - Taken to _____ in the Ark (a picture of our security in Christ)
 - See Gen. 6:8-9, 7:1, 13-16: _____

 - Taken to safety _____ the judgment fell
 - Matt. 24:38-39: _____

- **In the days of _____:**
 - Abraham appealed to God's _____ when asking Him to spare the righteous from being caught up in His divine wrath.
 - See Gen. 18:17-25: _____

 - Gen. 18:23-25: _____

 - God _____ divine judgment until Lot was in the clear.
 - See Gen. 19:15-25: _____

 - Gen. 19:22: _____

 - Luke 17:29: _____

- **In the days of the _____ upon Egypt:**
 - God did not pour out His fierce wrath upon the children of Israel in the land of _____.

 - Exod. 8:22-23: _____

 - See also Exod. 9:4, 25-26; 10:22-23: _____

- **In the days before the fall of _____:**
 - Godly Jews had the opportunity to heed the warnings of Jeremiah and _____ the city.
 - Before the siege
 - Jer. 27:11-13, 16-17: _____

 - _____ the siege
 - Jer. 38:1-3: _____

- After the siege—the promise _____
 - Jer. 52:15: _____

- Far from the siege—the _____ explained
 - Ezek. 14:12-14, 17-18: _____

- **In the days before the _____ of Jerusalem in A.D. 70:**
 - The Lord Jesus gave Jewish _____ the information they would need to escape in time.
 - See Luke 21:20-24: _____

 - This destruction was a divine judgment from God in response to the _____ of Christ by the Jewish nation.
 - See Luke 19:41-44: _____

A Biblical Conclusion

- **God does not pour out His wrath on the _____ along with the wicked.**
 - Gen. 18:23-25: _____

 - Ezek. 14:14: _____

 - A principle of _____ deliverance
- **General precedents:**
 - In most cases, to remove the righteous (or give them a warning or opportunity to escape) _____ to sending divine judgment.
 - In one instance (Egypt), to create a clear separation _____ His people and the ungodly.

Application

- **In these Last Days, let's be mindful of the critical importance of raising a godly _____.**
 - The need for _____ to walk with God and not in step with this world.
 - The need for fathers to speak as _____ of God in an age that is hastening towards judgment.
 - “Thus saith the Lord!”
 - The need for children to follow in their parents' _____ courageous and unashamed.