

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE? Part Five: October 21, 2020

When Will the Rapture Take Place?

- **Three common views of where the Rapture fits on the _____ timeline:**
 - “Pre-trib”
 - Before the _____ begins
 - Also _____ (could happen at any moment)
 - “Mid-trib”
 - At some point during the Tribulation
 - Either _____ or “pre-wrath”
 - “Post-trib”
 - At the _____ of the Tribulation, when Christ returns in power and glory

What Does the Bible Say?

- **Any Biblical basis to think that believers will be removed from this world _____ to the divine judgments of the Tribulation?**
- **Yes!**
 - Several Biblical precedents
 - God does not pour out His wrath on the _____ along with the wicked.
 - In most cases, He has _____ the righteous (or given them an opportunity to escape) prior to sending divine judgment.
 - Specific Biblical _____
 - Six key passages:
 - Luke 25:35-40, 1 Thess. 1:10, 1 Thess. 5:1-11, 2 Thess. 2:1-8, Luke 21:34-36, Rev. 3:10
 - First, we need to define two key terms:
 - Day of the _____
 - Day of _____
 - Or, the Day of the Lord Jesus

The Day of the Lord

- **In Old Testament prophecy:**
 - The day of God’s fearful _____, vengeance, and judgment upon sinners.
 - Sometimes refers to a _____ day of judgment;
 - Often also looks forward to a future day of unprecedented _____ judgment.

- “Day” = not just a single day but a _____ of time.
- Isa. 13:1-13: _____
 - Vs. 1-5, a prophecy of _____ destruction
 - Vs. 6-13, a prophecy of the future destruction of the Day of the Lord.
 - A _____ destruction (vs. 6-8)
 - A _____ destruction (vs. 9)—removing sinners
 - A heaven-changing, earth-_____ destruction (vs. 10, 13)
 - A _____ destruction (vs. 11)
 - A _____ destruction (vs. 12)
 - A _____ destruction (vs. 13)
- Isa. 34:1-8: _____
 - Vs. 1-3, The _____ of the nations will be slaughtered by the sword of the Lord:
 - Rev. 19:21: _____
 - Vs. 4, _____ will fall from the heavens:
 - Rev. 6:12b-14a: _____
- Joel 3:9-17: _____
 - Vs. 9-12, God summons the nations to battle in the _____ of Jehoshaphat
 - Vs. 13, The _____ of God’s enemies will flow like juice from the press.
 - Vs. 14, The army to be destroyed will be _____ in number.
 - Vs. 15-16, Signs will be revealed in the heavens and _____.
 - Vs. 17, After God fights for His people, He will _____ among them in Jerusalem.
- Obadiah 15-21: _____
 - Vs. 15-17, a time of retribution for _____ the heathen
 - Vs. 18-20, a time of _____ for Israel when God will supernaturally enable the Jews to fight against and defeat their enemies
 - Vs. 21, a time that will usher in the righteous _____ of the Lord on the earth
- Zech. 14:1-5: _____
 - Vs. 1-2, The Lord will come as _____ is being plundered by the armies of the antichrist.
 - Vs. 3-4, The Lord will come to the Mount of Olives when He descends from heaven to fight against the nations.

- Vs. 5, The Lord will come with “all the _____.”

- Rev. 19:14: _____

- **In the New Testament:**

- 2 Pet. 3:3-15: _____

- Not a _____ day but a period of time

- Equated with:

- The _____ of Jesus Christ (vs. 4)
- The day of _____ on ungodly people (vs. 7)
- The coming of a _____ in the night (vs. 10)
- The day of final destruction of present _____ (vs. 10-12)

- **Summary:**

- The day of the Lord is the day of God’s wrath and judgment upon sinners, beginning with the _____ and continuing through the Great White

- _____ judgment. It includes:

- The judgments of the _____
- The Battle of _____
- The destruction of present heaven and earth
- The final _____ (destruction) of ungodly people

- Notice, it begins with believers being “_____ of Him” (vs. 14).