

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE? Part Eight: December 9, 2020

### When Will the Rapture Take Place?

- **We believe the Rapture is:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Could happen at any \_\_\_\_\_
- Pretribulational
  - We are looking for Christ to return \_\_\_\_\_ the judgments of the Tribulation begin.

- **Based upon:**

- Several Biblical \_\_\_\_\_
- Specific Biblical teaching

### The Biblical Teaching

- **Six key passages:**

- Luke 12:35-40
- 1 Thess. 1:10
- 1 Thess. 5:1-11
- 2 Thess. 2:1-8
- Luke 21:34-36
- Rev. 3:10

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- **The Day of the Lord (vs. 2)**

- A day \_\_\_\_\_-for (vs. 2)
  - As a thief in the night (see 2 Pet. 3:10)
- A day least \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3a)
  - Like the days of Noah and \_\_\_\_\_
- A day of \_\_\_\_\_ destruction (vs. 3b)
  - Compared to sudden onset of \_\_\_\_\_ pains
- A day of being \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4)
  - Overtake = to come upon suddenly and \_\_\_\_\_ with hostile intent
- A day that affects “\_\_\_\_\_” as opposed to “you” (vs. 4-5).
  - Them = those in darkness, of the night, of the darkness (\_\_\_\_\_)
  - You = the children of light and of the day (\_\_\_\_\_)

- **What do we look for?**

- \_\_\_\_\_, not wrath (vs. 9).
  - Wrath = Day of the Lord (context)

- Not just eternal wrath, but \_\_\_\_\_ wrath
- See Rev. 6:8, 16-17: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ (root meaning) = “to set, place”
- To = “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Obtain = full \_\_\_\_\_ of what already given
- Salvation = final aspect of salvation, \_\_\_\_\_.
- Specifically, deliverance in the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10).
  - Paul had just taught about the Rapture in the previous chapter (see 4:15-18).
- **Why will the Day of the Lord not \_\_\_\_\_ believers?**
  - Because we’re children of the \_\_\_\_\_!
    - We understand God’s \_\_\_\_\_ about the future!
  - Because we’re children of the \_\_\_\_\_!
    - We have a new \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Because we won’t be here!
    - We have a different \_\_\_\_\_!
  - Because we will be \_\_\_\_\_, not overtaken!
    - See Luke 17:35-37:
      - Taken = “taken \_\_\_\_\_”
- **What do we do now?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another (vs. 10).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another.
  - Encourage each other to \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with our new nature.
    - See verses 6-8.
- **How should we \_\_\_\_\_ in the meantime?**
  - Verse 6
    - We should not \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Sleep = spiritual lethargy, \_\_\_\_\_, indifference, ignorance; \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.
    - We should remain \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Watchful = to be spiritually \_\_\_\_\_, alert, vigilant, on guard against dangers, \_\_\_\_\_, anticipating Christ’s return.
    - We should be \_\_\_\_\_.
      - Sober = not intoxicated; discreet, careful, circumspect; also self-\_\_\_\_\_, well-balanced

- Verse 7
  - We should not be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - More generally, not engaging in sinful flesh-indulgence or \_\_\_\_\_-indulgence.
  - We should not be creatures of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We should not act or live according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of unbelievers.
    - See Rom. 13:11-14.
    - See Eph. 5:3-4, 8.
- Verse 8
  - We should put on spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ as a protection against temptation and deception.
    - \_\_\_\_\_ and love (breastplate)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ of salvation (helmet)
      - Salvation = \_\_\_\_\_ (Rapture)
      - 1 John 3:2-3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion**

- **Are you living out vs. 6-8?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_,
  - \_\_\_\_\_,
  - Aware,
  - \_\_\_\_\_,
  - Anticipating,
  - \_\_\_\_\_-clad?
- **Praise God we're not in darkness anymore! So now let's live in the light!**