

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE? Part Six: November 18, 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.
 - Passages:
 - Isa. 13:1-13, 34:1-8; Joel 3:9-17; Obadiah 15-21; Zech. 14:1-5
- **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).

The Day of Christ (Lord Jesus)

- **Equated with:**
 - The day of Christ’s _____ for believers.
 - 1 Cor. 1:7-8: _____
 - The day believers are _____.
 - Philip. 1:6: _____
 - The day when believers will _____ in God’s glorious, completed work in each other’s lives.
 - Philip. 2:15-16: _____
 - 1 Thess. 2:19: _____
- **Summary:**
 - The Day of Christ refers to the _____ as the beginning of a believer’s time in the presence of Christ.
 - 1 Thess. 4:17: _____
 - This would include:
 - The _____ Seat of Christ

- The _____ Supper of the Lamb

An Important Distinction

- **Both the Day of the Lord and the Day of Christ are linked to the _____ of Christ at the Rapture,**
- **But:**
 - While the Day of Christ refers to the Rapture from the perspective of _____ in _____,
 - The Day of the Lord refers to what is going to happen after the Rapture to _____ on the _____.
 - A critically _____ matter of perspective!
- **You're either going to be _____ on the Day of Christ,**
- **Or you're going to be _____ by the Day of the Lord.**