

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE? Part Seven: December 2, 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

### Luke 12:24-26

- **The Lord Jesus compared His coming to the coming of a \_\_\_\_\_ in the night.**
  - Since a thief breaks into a house in order to \_\_\_\_\_ something from the house, the implication is that Christ is coming to take His servants \_\_\_\_\_ of this world.
    - “Goodman of the house” = house master, house despot = \_\_\_\_\_
    - “Broken up” = broken \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 Thessalonians 1:10

- **To wait for = to \_\_\_\_\_ on waiting, expecting**
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ return
- **Who delivered us from the coming wrath = to keep \_\_\_\_\_ from (so as not to experience)**
  - His \_\_\_\_\_ return

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- **The Day of the Lord (vs. 2)**
  - The day of God’s wrath and \_\_\_\_\_ upon sinners, beginning with the

\_\_\_\_\_ and continuing through the Great White Throne judgment. It includes:

- The judgments of the \_\_\_\_\_
- The Battle of \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of present heaven and earth
- The final perdition (destruction) of ungodly \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 (\_\_\_\_\_)
    - See Eph. 5:1, 6-8, 13: \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - Col. 1:12-13: \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_

• **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 not in \_\_\_\_\_ (new nature)!
- Because we won't be here (new \_\_\_\_\_)!

- Because we will be \_\_\_\_\_, not overtaken!
- **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 \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritual lethargy, insensitivity, indifference, or ignorance).
    - We should remain \_\_\_\_\_ (spiritually awake, alert, vigilant, on guard against dangers, prayerful, anticipating Christ's return).
    - We should be \_\_\_\_\_ (discreet, careful, circumspect).
  - Verse 7
    - We should not be \_\_\_\_\_ (self- or flesh-indulgent).
    - We should not be creatures of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 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!**