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# **DEDICATION**

This book is dedicated to our Lord and Savior YAHSHUA the Messiah for His infallible holy Word, and to all students of Bible prophecy (past and present), who have labored diligently to learn the secrets of the Rapture.



# **INVITATION**

Please study this book carefully along with your Bible. See if the secrets of the Rapture revealed in this book are biblical.





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# FOREWORD

This book reveals, for the first time, secrets about the Rapture that have been hidden from the Church for over 1,900 years. These secrets were not revealed through a dream, a vision, a revelation or directly from YAHSHUA to a man caught up to Heaven. These secrets were discovered through laborious study of and meditation on Scripture over a period of 54 years.

Unfortunately, no one until now had studied the Bible diligently enough to dig out these secrets which were not that well hidden. Nothing comes easily no matter what the popular televangelists and the pastors of mega-churches claim. YAHWEH does not reveal His secrets to His children by us just asking for them. Yes, He generously gives us wisdom when we ask for it:

*But if any of you wants wisdom let him ask from YAHWEH who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1.5)*

Yet He does not say how long we must wait for that wisdom and He does not download all the knowledge, understanding and wisdom into our brains at one time. If He were to do that we would become so proud and arrogant we would be of little value to Him.

Read this book with an open mind and see if the secrets revealed in it are biblical. You will be greatly surprised at what you find.



# PREFACE

The study of the Rapture is important as it is important to study every doctrine contained in the Bible. Study the truths revealed in this book and ask for wisdom to understand those truths.

Yet even though the study of eschatology (Bible prophecy) is important be careful not to become consumed with it to the point where that is all you talk about and the only parts of the Bible that you study. All believers are commanded to study the entire Bible from Genesis 1.1 to Revelation 22.21 (2 Timothy 2.15). Set up a daily Bible reading program, a Bible study program along with a Bible memorization and meditation program. Then read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture as often as possible. Do not forget to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5.17). See Appendix C to set up your spiritual fitness program.

All believers in YAHSHUA the Messiah are commanded to be able to share the Gospel:

*But sanctify the Lord YAHWEH in your hearts, and **always be for a defense** to everyone that asks you an account concerning the hope in you, with gentleness and reverence. (1 Peter 3.15)*

We encourage you to memorize key salvation verses to be able to present the Gospel to the lost in a clear and concise manner. If you have not memorized several key verses memorize the ones listed in Appendix A. If you need help in making a presentation of the Gospel ask your pastor to teach you.



# INTRODUCTION

The Rapture was a doctrine that was not important to the early Church fathers who wrote very little about it. The believers who survived the horrors of the Dark Ages under the iron hand of the Roman Catholic Corporation wrote nothing about it. The Reformers wrote very little about it. Increase Mather (1639-1723) and his son Cotton (1663-1728) wrote about it as well as Morgan Edwards (1722-1795). Jesuit priest Emmanuel Lacunza (1731–1801), wrote an apocalyptic work entitled, *La venida del Mesías en gloria y majestad* (*The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty*). The book appeared first in 1811, 10 years after the death of Lacunza. Scottish minister Edward Irving (1792-1834), translated Lacunza's book and published it in English in 1827.

The translation of Lacunza's book into English was the inspiration that John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) needed to begin his study of the Rapture. This was discovered by Dr. Samuel Prideaux Tregelles (1813-1875), who traced Darby's work directly back to Lacunza.

Darby began teaching the Pre-70th Week Rapture doctrine, which is mistakenly referred to as the Pre-Tribulation Rapture, in 1827. It was quickly adopted by most of the Plymouth Brethren in England and then it spread to America with the work of Cyrus Ingersol Scofield. His 1909 *Scofield Study Bible* helped to popularize it even more. Today the majority of Christians in America believe in the Darby teaching of the Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Week Rapture.

This book is designed to give you insights into the Rapture that will change your view of it. It will also prove that the Pre-Tribulation Rapture will NOT be a secret Rapture. Instead it will be the most observed event in the history of the world with virtually everyone on Earth watching it. Only a handful of people in comas and newborns will miss it. It will be the most watched event in the history of television and the Internet.

Study this book and check it against the Scriptures to see if the things written in it are true. We also hope it will give you a revitalized love of the Rapture, motivate you to watch the **warning signs** that will precede it and also start to live for YAHWEH.



**It is time to live for YAHWEH!**

# ONE

## WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

The “Rapture” is a word that refers to the catching away of all believers from Earth to meet YAHSHUA Messiah in the air when He returns. The Greek word, *harpazo*, that is translated “*raptured*” (1 Thessalonians 4.17), means to “snatch or catch away” with “forceful seizure” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary, p. 174). The Rapture of believers from Earth is not a point of disagreement among Christians; it is the timing of the Rapture that is not agreed upon.

Some biblically illiterate people say that since the word “rapture” is not found in the Bible there cannot be a Rapture. The Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture event is described in the Bible in two passages – 1 Corinthians 15.51-52 and 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17. There are several other raptures in the Bible.

The word Rapture is found in the Bible in the Latin versions and also in the Grace Mercy Ministry Version:

*The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a word of command, with a voice of an archangel and with a trumpet of YAHWEH; and the dead in Messiah will rise again first, then we who remain alive together with them, will be **raptured** in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and we will always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4.16-17)*

You can see that with a literal translation the word “*raptured*” is found in the Bible. You must remember that all English translation are not literal word-for-word translations. Some are very close like the NASB, but the most literal English translation is the Grace Mercy Ministry Version, which leaves in the proper names for God the Father (YAHWEH) and God the Son (YAHSHUA).

Now that you see the word “raptured” is in the Bible and the Rapture event is clearly described continue reading this book. You will be surprised at the secrets that will be revealed to you.

The Rapture passages in the Bible are found below. Study them carefully. Each passage will be explained in detail in later chapters.

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15.51-52)*

*The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a word of command, with a voice of an archangel and with a trumpet of YAHWEH; and the dead in Messiah will rise again first, then we who remain alive together with them, will be **raptured** in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and we will always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4.16-18)*

*But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to be written to for you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. When they say, 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction comes on them as the birth pangs to a pregnant woman, and by no means will they escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness in order that the day should overtake you like a thief. (1 Thessalonians 5.1-6)*

*Now we request you, brothers, concerning the appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him that you not be quickly shaken from your mind nor be disturbed, neither through a spirit nor through speech nor through an epistle as if by us, that the day of the Lord has come. Do not let anyone deceive you in no way, because [it will not be] unless the apostasy comes first and the man of sin shall have been revealed. (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3)*

## Conclusion

The Rapture is biblical with virtually all believers accepting it. Only a handful of apostates reject it. It is the timing of the Rapture that is a point of sharp contention among many Christians. That secret will be revealed in Chapter Seven.

# TWO

## LENGTH OF THE RAPTURE EVENT

### Twinkling of an eye?

Most prophecy teachers claim the entire Rapture event will take place in the *twinkling of an eye*:

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, **in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.* (1 Corinthians 15.51-52)

Let us examine these verses to see what they actually say. Paul says that all believers will be changed “*in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.*” That is absolutely correct. Yet he did NOT say that the entire Rapture event takes place in the “*twinkling of an eye.*” This is a serious mistake that a great many prophecy teachers make. The ONLY thing that takes place in the “*twinkling of an eye*” is the metamorphosis of mortal bodies to immortal bodies.

### The Glorious Event

We must examine every passage concerning the Rapture to see what actually takes place on that glorious day and then determine how long it will take. The passages we will look at with a microscope are – 1 Corinthians 15.51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4.16-18. These are the only passages in the Bible that describe what takes place in the Rapture event. There are dozens of other passages dealing with the Rapture, but they do not describe the event. Here is the other passage:

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed, in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15.51-52)*

*The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a word of command, with a voice of an archangel and with a trumpet of YAHWEH; and the dead in Messiah will rise again first, then we who remain alive together with them, will be raptured in clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and we will always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4.16-18)*

If we merge these two passages into one passage it would read as follows:

**1 - Behold, I tell you a mystery: For the Lord Himself will descend from Heaven with a word of command, with a voice of the archangel and with a trumpet of YAHWEH. (1 Cor. 15.51a; 1 Thess. 4.16)**

**2 – And the dead will be raised incorruptible, and the dead in Messiah will rise again first. (1 Corinthians 15.52; 1 Thessalonians 4.16)**

**3 - But we will all be changed, in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. (1 Corinthians 15.51-52)**

**4 - Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4.17)**

If we examine these two passages closely we see there are four specific parts of the Rapture:

1. The descent of Messiah with a shout of the archangel and the blowing of the trumpets (1 Corinthians 15.52; 1 Thess. 4.16)
2. The resurrection and rapture of dead believers (1 Cor. 15.52; 1 Thess. 4.17)
3. The changing of the bodies of living believers from mortal to immortal in “*the twinkling of an eye*” (1 Corinthians 15.52)
4. The rapture of living believers (1 Corinthians 15.51-53).

These are the four specific parts of the Rapture which, we will soon see, cannot take place in the “*twinkling of an eye.*”

The announcement of the catching up from Earth of all believers, dead and alive, takes place in several seconds. The archangel shouts the command, “*Come up here!*” (Revelation 4.1), and the trumpet of YAHWEH is blown. We do not know how many times it is blown and how long it is, but it could be from several seconds to possibly a minute.

The dead in Christ are raised first, and then the bodies of all living believers are transformed from mortal bodies to immortal ones. Once they are transformed they are raptured “*caught up*” to meet the Lord in the air. Contrary to what a well-known pastor in Southern California teaches, the bodies of believers will be transformed not left behind as corpses.

The length of the entire Rapture event will be from a minute to a few minutes long. It will not take place in the “*twinkling of an eye,*” as most teach. Only the metamorphosis of mortal bodies to immortal bodies takes place in the “*twinkling of an eye.*”

According to many eschatologists, the entire Rapture event will take about one-thousandth of a second. It is hard to imagine how the shout from the archangel, the blowing of the trumpet blasts, and the resurrection and rapture of believers can take place in just one-thousandth of a second.

Hal Lindsey believes the entire Rapture event takes place in the “*twinkling of an eye*”:

Someone said that the twinkling of an eye is about one-thousandth of a second. The Greek word *is atomos* from which we get the word atom. It means something that cannot be divided. In other words, the Rapture will occur so quickly and suddenly that the time frame in which it occurs cannot be humanly divided.

Just think of it...in the flash of a second every living believer on earth will be gone! Suddenly, without warning, only unbelievers will be populating Planet Earth. (*Vanished Into Thin Air*, pp. 56-57)

Timothy LaHaye also believes that the entire Rapture event takes only a fraction of a second:

Through the years some have tried to discredit the pre-Trib Rapture theory by calling it the *secret rapture*. Of course, nowhere in Scripture is the term *secret* applied to this event. However, anyone who does not participate in the Rapture will not actually see it, for it will occur in the *twinkling of an eye*. The word twinkling has been defined as a *gleam in your eye*, which is faster than the eye can see. The occurrence would much better be labeled the *sudden rapture*. (*No Fear of the Storm*, pp. 33-34, emphasis T.L.)

Some say that only Christians hear the shout and the trumpet blasts. That is a guess, but it does not explain how an event, that must take a minute or more, can take place in one-thousandth of a second. When the archangel shouts, “*Come up here!*” (Revelation 4.1), he does not say it in less than one-thousandth of a second. The duration of the trumpet blasts are also not less than one-thousandth of a second.

## **An all day event?**

There is a very high probability that the Rapture event will be an all day event.

If the Rapture takes place on Rosh Hashanah, and forty trumpets are blown, it will take more than several minutes to blow them all. They will be blown by angels, not men. We do not know the duration of the trumpet blasts, because there is more than one trumpet blast. The blasts could be similar to those that were blown to prepare the people to move out. When the first trumpet was blown the tribes on the east side set out, and the tribes on the south side set out on the second blast (Numbers 10.5-6). There may be just two blasts. The dead in Christ will rise on the first blast, and the living Christians will be caught up when the second blast is blown.

If there are forty or possibly 100 trumpet blasts on Rosh Hashannah the Rapture event may be an all day event. If 100 blasts are made there would be eight blasts per hour for 12 hours making 96 blasts. The last four could come one after another with no delay between them. If the Rapture is an all day event it will start at sunrise and conclude at sunset Israel time.

This will give believers all over the world about 12 hours to share the Gospel with as many people as they can before going home.

Virtually every telephone network will crash and most people will only with the lost in person. Make a list of people you want to share the Gospel with on that glorious day and keep it in your Bible. Before that day share the Gospel with those people and others as often as the Lord opens the door. Do not be afraid to open the door yourself sometimes.

## **Not a surprise**

The movies that have been made about the Rapture and Daniel's Seventieth Week have depicted the Rapture incorrectly. They show believers disappearing and the people who are left behind bewildered about what happened to millions of people around the world.

The Rapture will be an all-day event that begins with the blowing of the trumpets at sunrise Jerusalem time until sunset. The Antichrist will declare a worldwide state of emergency and virtually every commercial and private jet and airplane will be ground as we saw happen on September 11, 2001 in America. Almost all vehicle traffic will be shut down. Only first responders (police, fire, medical personnel) will be able to be permitted to be on the streets. All public and private schools will be closed as well as all commercial businesses. Everyone will be ordered to go home and remain in their homes. Everyone caught on the streets will be arrested or shot.

The Antichrist and his minions will know exactly what is going on and he will put into action his Alpha Plan. This plan will be devised in the next two decades to reduce damage to the infrastructure of the planet. The Antichrist will not want hundreds of planes and millions of vehicles to crash creating a massive state of emergency costing billions of dollars to clean-up.

Remember, the world will have just come through a world war, economic catastrophe, famine and pestilence that reduced the world's population by one-fourth (Revelation 6.8). During the several months of the Fifth Seal the Antichrist will persecute and slaughter hundreds of millions of believers blaming them for the war, famine and pestilence. During this short period he will try to rebuild the infrastructure of the planet. He knows the Rapture will take place just before the Sixth Seal is broken and he will be ready for it. He also knows it will be an all-day event which will allow him to declare a state of emergency and shut everything down.

# Conclusion

1 Thessalonians 4.16-17 and 1 Corinthians 15.51-53 teach that the entire Rapture event will take at the minimum from several seconds to a few minutes. The announcement of the rapture of believers takes place in a few seconds as the archangel shouts the command, “*Come up here!*” (Revelation 4.1). Depending on how many trumpet blasts are blown, the Rapture could take anywhere from a few minutes to twelve hours. The length of the Rapture event will be debated until that day, but one thing we can be 100% certain of – it does not take place in the “*twinkling of an eye*” as most preachers and self-proclaimed “prophecy experts” claim.

We can also be 100% certain that the Rapture will not be a surprise to believers who know Scripture and are actively “watching” the warning signs. Only apostate and backslidden believers will be confused on the day of the Rapture. Hopefully they will wake up and realize what is going on after a few hours of hearing trumpet blasts.



**Are you Rapture ready?**

# THREE

## THE ASCENSION OF BELIEVERS

Believers will ascend to meet YAHSHUA in the air in the same manner that He ascended when He was raptured after His resurrection:

*And having said these things, [while] they [were] beholding Him, He was taken up and a cloud withdrew Him from their eyes. And as they were **looking intently into the sky as He was going**, behold, two men stood beside them in white apparel. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This YAHSHUA, who has been taken up from you into the sky, will come in the manner you beheld Him going into the sky.” (Acts 1.9-11)*

The disciples watched YAHSHUA float up into the air and go into a cloud. It is obvious that He did not suddenly disappear from their sight. He was NOT “raptured” in the “*twinkling of an eye*” as far too many preachers claim.

Believers will also be raptured to meet YAHSHUA in a slow manner. It is highly probable that as we slowly float up we will be able to share the Gospel one last time to those left behind watching us go up. Imagine billions of unbelievers will watch in amazement as we float up. Many will remember what we told them about the Rapture and will cry unto the Lord to be saved (Romans 10.13). Tens of millions or even hundreds of millions will be saved by seeing us raptured out of their sight. Even though they will be saved they will not be raptured. They will be left behind and endure the persecution of the Antichrist.

## Conclusion

The ascension of believers will be a slow event that will give them one last opportunity to share the Gospel with the lost. All believers should learn how to share the Gospel in a few seconds for that glorious day. In the meantime they should learn how to share the Gospel in a few minutes by memorizing the primary Gospel verses. For more on this go to Appendix A.

It is highly unlikely that once believers start to float up to meet the Lord that anyone will be saved and then raptured with us. If you are not saved do not wait until the day of the Rapture to trust in YAHSHUA. That day is still more than two decades away and no one has a guarantee that he will live one more minute, much less one more day. Around 120,000 people die every day on planet Earth. No one knows what day will be their last.

*For he says, "In an acceptable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you: lo, now [is the] well-accepted time; behold, **now [is the] day of salvation.**" (2 Corinthians 6.2)*

# FOUR

## WILL SOME BELIEVERS BE LEFT BEHIND?

### Partial-Rapture Doctrine

Some pastors teach the Partial-Rapture doctrine, but there is no passage in the Bible which teaches it or even hints at it.

When pastors, who believe in the partial-rapture doctrine, were asked, on a radio talk show, if they believe it is possible that backslidden Christians, that miss the Rapture, might take the mark of the Beast, they said they were not certain and hoped none would.

The Partial-Rapture doctrine is NOT biblical. All Christians will be raptured when YAHSHUA returns, as Paul said:

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed. (1 Corinthians 15.51)*

Even if a Christian is in the middle of committing a sin he will be raptured. Our faithfulness is not what determines if we are raptured or left behind. If it was very few believers would be raptured for we all sin throughout each and every day of our lives. It is highly improbable that any believer could go through just one day without committing a single sin of thought, word, deed or motive. Memorize and meditate on the truth that was revealed through John concerning this:

*If we hould say we have not sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1.8)*

The average believer commits so many sins each day that it is difficult to keep track of them and virtually no one does that. We may keep track of the big sins, but not every sin of the mind or word. Every time you get angry it is a sin unless your angry is caused by someone blaspheming YAHWEH Elohim or making disparaging remarks about Christians or the Bible.

We should be very thankful that our salvation is not dependent on whether we continue to abide in YAHSHUA for ALL of us stop abiding dozens of times every day. Every time we sin we stop abiding. Unless we ask forgiveness and then read or meditate on Scripture after asking forgiveness we continue to not abide. Most believers go through life not abiding.

We should also be very thankful that our being raptured is NOT dependent on our faithfulness. If it is only a handful of believers will be raptured.

There are a great number of people who think they are born from above, belong to a church, and live good lives who will NOT be raptured. These are mock-Christians, people who think and claim to be saved but are not. Remember, not everyone who claims to be born again truly is as YAHSHUA warned about on two separate occasions:

*“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and in Your name perform many works of power?’ ‘And then I will say to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO WORK LAWLESSNESS.’”* (Matthew 7.21-23)

*“Strive to enter through the narrow gate; for many, I say to you, will seek to enter in and will not be able.”* (Luke 13.24)

YAHSHUA made it perfectly clear in the Sermon on the Mount that NOT everyone who claims to be saved – who calls YAHSHUA “Lord,” prophesies in His name, cast out demons in His name and performs miracles in His name – is saved. Salvation is not based on our works, but on our submission to YAHSHUA trusting in Him and in Him alone to save us by His death, shedding of blood, burial and bodily resurrection (1 Corinthians 15.1-4).

He urged His followers to strive to be saved – enter through the narrow door – for many will seek to be saved, but will not. How can someone who truly wants to be saved end up not being saved? One obvious answer is that they are seeking salvation through the wrong door – through a false religion or a cult. There are hundreds of false religions and cults all over the world. Billions of people are seeking to enter into Heaven through the wrong door. The vast majority of people have walked through the wrong doors of Confucianism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Hinduism, Islam, Mormonism, Roman Catholicism, Scientology, Shintoism, Taoism, Transcendental Meditation, Watch Tower Society., The Way International. These are just a handful of false religions and cults that have led billions of people astray to eternal damnation.

Another way millions of people have not been saved even though they wanted to be is by being a member of a church that does not present the true Gospel. Since we are living in the apostasy of the Last Days far too many pastors are preaching a false gospel or a watered down gospel.

*For the time will come when they will not bear sound teaching; but according to their own desires they will heap up to themselves teachers having an itching ear, and they will turn away [their] ears from the truth and will be turned aside to fables. (2 Timothy 4.3-4)*

Too many televangelists and TV pastors in America preach a false gospel or they do not make a clear presentation of the Gospel. Most ask their audience to repeat a prayer to be saved. What they and their viewers do not understand is reciting a prayer does not save – it has never saved anyone.

A person is saved when he hears and understands the true Gospel:

Everyone is a sinner in need of salvation:

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of YAHWEH. (Romans 3.23)*

Those who die in their sins will be judged:

*And as much as it is appointed to men once to die and after this judgment. (Hebrews 9.27)*

Yet even though all have sinned, one can escape eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, and have eternal life through Jesus Christ:

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of grace from YAHWEH is eternal life in Messiah YAHSHUA our Lord. (Romans 6.23)*

Salvation is available to all:

*YAHWEH commends His own love to us that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. (Romans 5.8)*

Belief in YAHSHUA Messiah is the only way to be saved:

*YAHSHUA said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by Me." (John 14.6)*

If you believe God the Father raised YAHSHUA from the dead, call upon YAHSHUA to save you right now:

*For everyone, whoever calls on the name of YAHWEH will be saved." (Romans 10.13)*

*But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to be children of YAHWEH, to those that believe on His name. (John 1.12)*

When a person hears and understands the true Gospel he does not have to recite some pat prayer to be saved. All he must do is cry out like the publican did saying, "YAHWEH, be merciful to me, the sinner!" (Luke 18.13).

Once a person asks YAHSHUA to have mercy on him, he will change his ways. The HOLY SPIRIT will take up residence in his body and motivate him to pray frequently, to read, study, memorize and meditate on Scripture, to fellowship with fellow believers and to share the Gospel with others.

If you do not do the above mentioned things daily and on a regular basis you need to examine your faith as Paul said:

*Try yourselves [to see] if you are in the faith; prove yourselves!  
Or do you not recognize yourselves, that YAHSHUA Messiah is  
in you – unless you are rejected? (2 Corinthians 13.5)*

It is no joke! If you are NOT fired up for the Lord YAHSHUA Messiah something is wrong! He suffered untold pain, agony and torture for you to save you from eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, which you and everyone deserves. He also gave you eternal life with Him in Heaven and untold riches, which no one deserves or has earned. What are you waiting for?

If you think you are truly born from above start living like it. Go to Appendixes B and C to find help on how to live for the Lord.

## **Conclusion**

All true believers in YAHSHUA Messiah will be raptured, but more than a billion people who think they are saved will not be raptured. These unfortunate religious people will be left behind. There will be millions of Roman Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists and Protestants of every denomination, association and church who will be left behind. Being a member of a church or a religion will not guarantee one will be taken. Only faith and total trust in YAHSHUA Messiah alone apart from works or anything else to save you will ensure one will NOT be left behind. Go to Appendix A if you are not 100% certain you will meet the Lord in the air on that Glorious day. Even if you are certain go to Appendix A and study the Gospel. Your eternal destiny depends on it.



# RAPTURE WARNING SIGNS

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# FIVE

## WILL ALL CHILDREN BE RAPTURED?

Most believers and Christians think that all children under the age of accountability will be raptured. This doctrine cannot be supported by Scripture.

### David's child was saved

The Christians who believe that all children automatically go to Heaven if they die before the age of accountability and all children under the age of accountability will go up in the Rapture use the story of David's baby as their proof text. YAHWEH told David that as punishment for committing adultery with Bathsheba and then having her husband murdered on the battlefield to cover it up his child by that act of sin would die. David fasted and prayed to YAHWEH that He spare his child, but the child died. David then made this comment:

*“And now he has died, why this [that] I should fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”* (2 Samuel 12.14-23)

They claim that since David said he would see his child when he died that the child went to Heaven. They are correct concerning David's child, but they then extrapolate from this that ALL children under the age of accountability automatically go to Heaven. This assumption is not biblical. There is NO passage in the Bible that states emphatically that all children who die at a young age automatically go to Heaven.

Those who believe this base their arguments on their personal opinions and not on Scripture. They argue that since YAHWEH Elohim are loving Gods They must save all children who die in so-called “innocence.” They think that children cannot commit sins until they come to the age of accountability. They have very little experience around babies. Babies sin every day dozens of times each day. They cry to get their way, they throw temperfits and they do things they are told not to do. We are talking about babies under the age of one.

Now one can argue that babies sin every day, but they do not understand that what they are doing is a sin therefore those sins are not held against them. This is more speculation that contradicts Scripture.

YAHWEH states clearly that ALL babies are conceived and born in sin:

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me.* (Psalm 51.5)

They also stated that ALL babies go astray from the womb:

*The wicked are estranged from the womb and they stray from the belly. They are speakers of lies.* (Psalm 58.3)

Everyone is conceived in sin, born in sin and goes astray from birth. Everyone is dead in their sins from conception (Ephesians 2.1). Children, who die before they understand that their selfish behavior results in acts of sin, can be saved by the sovereign grace of YAHWEH.

Here is where the doctrine of the sovereignty of YAHWEH comes into play. This doctrine teaches that They can save anyone They choose to and They can allow those They do not choose to save to go to Hell.

Some will holler, “Foul,” claiming this is Calvinism. It is not Calvinism.

Are YAHWEH Elohim obligated to give people the opportunity to be saved? Most Christians would say They are, but if They are obligated then salvation is NOT an act of grace as Paul stated (Ephesians 2.8). Instead it is an act of obligation. Even Chuck Smith, founder of the Calvary Chapel Movement, said on his radio talk show, “Pastor’s Perspective,” that he does not believe YAHWEH is obligated to offer salvation to anyone.

Therefore, YAHWEH can save the people They choose to save and let the others go their own way. Some Christians may accept this, but argue that some people can choose for themselves to be saved even if YAHWEH does not choose them. Arminianists argue that YAHWEH Elohim only choose those who They know will choose Them.

Whatever you believe concerning election is not relevant to this discussion. The question is: Can YAHWEH Elohim choose to save some people and not choose to save others? The answer is yes.

Therefore They can choose to save some children who die under the age of accountability and They can choose to not save others. There is NO Scripture and NO argument that says They MUST save ALL children who die at a young age.

This biblical truth is also supported by the reasoning of some believers. Smith was asked if he believed all children under the age of accountability will be taken in the Rapture or go to Heaven when they die. He said he did not believe this was true. He said he is certain that the children in a family where one parent is saved would be taken in the Rapture and go to Heaven if they died at a young age. He based this belief on a statement by Paul concerning sanctification:

*For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife in the husband; else then your children are unclean, but now [they] are holy. (1 Corinthians 7.14)*

Smith extrapolates from this passage that children of one believing parent will be saved and raptured, yet it does not say that. All Paul was saying is that when a person is saved and his/her spouse is not that they can live with their spouse and with their children. They do not have to get divorced. That is all he was saying. The underlying truth behind this statement is that believers are not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers as Paul explained in his second letter to the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 6.14-18). Living with an unbeliever is being unequally yoked to the unbeliever. True believers should not live with unbelievers. The only exception is if one is married to an unbeliever when one is saved or one's parents are unbelievers. When a believing child reaches adulthood he/she should leave the home if both of their parents are not saved. It must be noted that NO believer should ever marry an unbeliever. To do so is a sin.

Man's logic concerning this could lead to some horrific practices. If were 100% certain that ALL children who die before accountability

automatically go to Heaven when they died the most merciful thing a Christian could do is murder their newborn baby. They would guarantee their child would spend eternity with YAHWEH Elohim and them in Heaven. No Christian would ever advocate murdering their own newborn baby or a newborn baby of other parents, but it would be the most blessed thing they could ever do for them.

The belief that ALL babies must automatically go to Heaven when they die would lead to this kind of reasoning and eventually would lead to the practice of infanticide. Cultures throughout history have engaged in infanticide for this reason and for other bizarre reasons. The most infamous were the Aztecs, Incans, Moche, Ammonites, Canaanites, Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Pre-Islamic Arabians, modern Ugandans and communist Red Chinese. Some believe that America is also practicing infanticide through the legalization of abortion. Since all fetuses have a soul murdering them is the same as murdering a newborn baby. It is infanticide.

What we can be 100% certain of is that some children who die before the age of accountability go to Heaven while others do not. It also means that some children will be raptured while others will not. This understanding of the subject will not lead anyone to an unholy practice of infanticide. It also does not contradict Scripture and it upholds the doctrine of the sovereignty of YAHWEH Elohim.

This understanding may upset some parents who lose a child at a very young age but it should not. Parents cannot be 100% certain that their children who die over the age of accountability will go to Heaven even if they confessed to being born from above. We must remember that NOT everyone who claims to be saved is truly born from above. There are millions of people who think they are saved and are not as YAHSHUA said Himself:

*“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in Your name and cast out demons in your name and in Your name perform many works of power.’ And then I will say to them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from Me you who work lawlessness.’”* (Matthew 7.21-23)

Come judgment day there will be billions of people who thought they were saved and were not. They will argue with YAHSHUA that they prophesied, cast out demons and performed many miracles in His

name, but they did not do those things in His power. They did it through their own power or through the power of the forces of darkness. These mock believers can be found in every denomination and church on Earth.

One last question which some may have is: Will infants in the womb of mothers who are born from above be raptured with them? We cannot be 100% certain that they will, but it is highly probable they will.

The salvation of children under the age of accountability and infants in their mother's womb shows us that salvation is NOT always by grace through faith in YAHSHUA as Paul stated in his letter to the Ephesians (2.8). We know that some children can be saved solely by the grace of YAHWEH Elohim without faith. This proves that They are sovereign and They can save those whom They choose to save and allow those whom They do not choose to save go their own way.

## Conclusion

We know for certain from Scripture and from the logic of man that NOT all children who die before they reach the age of accountability will automatically go to Heaven when they die.

We know for certain that some children who die before they reach the age of accountability will go to Heaven when they die, but some will not.

We also know that NOT all children under the age of accountability will be raptured and that NOT all young children who have just one parent or both parents who are saved will automatically be raptured.

We know for certain that some young children will be raptured and that NOT all young children who have just one parent or both parents who are saved will automatically be raptured.

We also know for certain that YAHWEH Elohim are sovereign and They can save those whom They choose to save and allow the rest to go their way.

We also know that salvation is NOT always by grace through faith in YAHSHUA Messiah.



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# SIX

## HOW MANY RAPTURES ARE THERE?

Most believers and Christians think there is just one Rapture. Most pastors also believe this. There are actually a grand total of five Raptures.

### **Enoch** **(3377-3012 B.C.)**

The first Rapture took place in 3012 B.C.:

*And all the days of Enoch were 365 years. And Enoch walked with Elohim, then he was not for Elohim took him. (Genesis 5.23-24)*

YAHWEH Elohim decided to take Enoch out of the world before the flood which came 69 years later. He is a type of the Church which will be raptured off the planet before the Tribulation starts. Unlike Enoch the Church will not be raptured 69 years before the Tribulation. Instead She will be raptured on the day that YAHWEH Elohim pour out Their wrath on the wicked with the breaking of the Sixth Seal.

## YAHSHUA Messiah (2 B.C. – 32 A.D.)

The second Rapture was that of YAHSHUA of Nazareth in 32 A.D. There were also an undisclosed number of Old Testament saints who went up with Him:

*And having said these things, [while] they [were] beholding Him, He was taken up and a cloud withdrew Him from their eyes. And as they were **looking intently into the sky as He was going**, behold, two men stood beside them in white apparel. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This YAHSHUA, who has been taken up from you into the sky, will come in the manner you beheld Him going into the sky.” (Acts 1.9-11)*

YAHSHUA was raptured slowly and when He had reached an undisclosed elevation a cloud surrounded Him and He vanished. The cloud was a visual effect created by a spaceship that Michael, the archangel was commanding. YAHSHUA entered the cloud and boarded the spaceship which then flew to New Jerusalem which remains in geosynchronous orbit over Jerusalem about 50 miles up. It cannot be seen because it resides in a parallel dimension or it vibrates at a frequency too high for man's primitive instruments to detect.

The select saints who rose from the tombs when YAHSHUA did remained on Earth for forty days as YAHSHUA did and then were raptured.

*And the tombs were opened and saints [who had] fallen asleep arose, having gone forth out of the tombs after His arising, entered into the holy city and appeared to many. (Matthew 27.52-53)*

If they did not stay for forty days and nights and were raptured with YAHSHUA then it means there were two raptures in 32 A.D. We still believe they went up with YAHSHUA from wherever they were.

# Pre-Tribulation Rapture (20??)

The third Rapture will be that of Church Age believers on the day that the Tribulation starts (1 Corinthians 15.51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17). We will be raptured on the very day the Sixth Seal is broken and the wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb is poured out upon the wicked. The Rapture will startle the wicked throwing them into confusion and then YAHWEH Elohim will let them have it.

YAHWEH will strike the wicked with shock and awe on the cosmic scale:

*When He opened the sixth seal I saw a **great earthquake** occur and the sun became as sackcloth made of hair and the entire moon became as blood, and the stars of heaven fell to the Earth as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a strong wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll being rolled up and **every mountain and island were moved out of their place.** (Revelation 6.12-14)*

Everyone on Earth at this moment is not saved. Millions will be saved later, but when YAHWEH and the Lamb begin to pour out Their wrath on the wicked no one is saved. All of the Church Age believers alive at that time will have been raptured.

Everyone will be terrified by the great earthquake which will move every mountain and island on Earth. We do not know how many feet they will be moved, but the shaking will be so great that every skyscraper will fall. The great skyscrapers in New York, Chicago, Dubai, Mecca, Taiwan, Red China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Kuwait, Vietnam, Russia, Australia, Korea, United Kingdom, Canada, Japan and elsewhere will all collapse. The world will not recover from this earthquake – it will only move on living with the rubble. This fantastic earthquake will be caused by a shifting of the continental plates.

Along with the earthquake to start off the Tribulation YAHWEH Elohim also give the wicked a second wake-up call by causing the sun to be blacked out and causing the moon to red in color. Earth is also blasted with a massive meteor shower. The thousands of meteors that blaze through the atmosphere the sky literally splits. The “*heaven departed as a scroll being rolled up*” cannot be the universe because that takes place 1,000 plus years later (Revelation 20.11).

The wicked will be so wiped out by the divine shock and awe that they will scurry to find a place to hide from YAHWEH Elohim:

*And the kings of the Earth and the great men and the generals and the rich men and the strong men and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains and they said to the mountains and the rocks: "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb because the great day of Their wrath is come and who can stand?"*

The wicked will probably hide out for a few weeks before they come up for air. Eventually they will come up and try to rebuild, but most of the building that collapsed will be abandoned. The Antichrist will struggle to keep his world empire intact fighting desperately to keep the Internet alive and all of the financial, military and other computer networks running. Life will never be the same.

We must remember that this initial judgment by YAHWEH falls on the wicked soon after the world has suffered a world war, a great depression and the most horrendous set of plagues in history losing one-fourth of its population.

The wrath of YAHWEH Elohim begins with a great earthquake and it ends with one. A second earthquake, in the last month of the Tribulation, will literally flatten every mountain and sink every island. Only the most solidly built one-story structures might survive it:

*And the seventh poured out his bowl on the air, and a great loud voice out came out of the shrine from the throne saying: "It is done!" And there were lightnings and voices and thunders, and a **great earthquake, greater than all other in the history of mankind.** And the great city was split into three parts and **the cities of the nations fell.** And Babel the great was remembered before YAHWEH to give to her the cup of the wine of the anger of His wrath. And **every island fled, and the mountains were not found.** And **great hail one hundred pounds in size came down out of heaven on men.** And men blasphemed YAHWEH because of the plague of the hail, for it was exceedingly great. (Revelation 16.17-21)*

The great earthquake near the end of the Tribulation will level every mountain. Since island are the tops of mountains every island will sink.

Untold millions of people will die from this earthquake and the plague of the mega-hailstones.

## Rapture of the 144,000

144,000 Hebrew men, who are virgins, are commissioned by YAHWEH to preach the Gospel after the initial wrath is poured on the wicked. They evangelize the world from just after the Sixth Seal is finished, around 1.5 to 2 years into Daniel's Seventieth Week, until the last month of the Tribulation before they are raptured:

*After this I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the Earth, holding the four winds of the Earth, in order that the wind should not blow on the Earth nor on the sea nor on the trees. And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun having a seal of the living Mighty One, and he cried to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the Earth and the sea, saying: "Do not harm the Earth nor the sea nor the trees until we seal the slaves of our Mighty One on their foreheads."*

*And I heard the number of those who were sealed – 144,000 were sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Yisrael:*

*of the tribe of Yahudah 12,000 were sealed,  
of the tribe of Reuben 12,000,  
of the tribe of Gad 12,000,  
of the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
the tribe of Naphtaliy 12,000,  
of the tribe of Menashsheh 12,000,  
of the tribe of Shimon 12,000,  
of the tribe of Levyi 12,000,  
of the tribe of Yissakar 12,000,  
of the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
of the tribe of Yoceph 12,000,  
of the tribe of Binyamiyn 12,000. (Revelation 7.1-8)*

We are not told how many people will be saved, but it will surely be in the millions if not the tens of millions (Revelation 20.4). Once they have completed their ministry at the end of the Tribulation they will be raptured:

*And I saw, and behold, **the Lamb was standing on Mt. Tsiyon, and with Him 144,000** having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound out of Heaven as the sound of many waters and as of great thunder. And the sound that I heard was as the harpers harping with their harps. And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no man could learn the song except the 144,000 who were purchased from the Earth. These were those who were **not defiled with women for they are celibates**. These follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These are purchased from men, firstfruits to YAHWEH and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was not found a lie; they are unblemished.* (Revelation 14.1-5)

## **Rapture of the two witnesses**

The two witnesses who are commissioned to preach the Gospel and plague the wicked with several torments will be commissioned at the mid-point of Daniel's Seventieth Week:

*And I will give to my two witnesses clothed in sackcloth and they will prophesy 1,260 days. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands who stand before the Lord of the Earth. And if anyone wishes to harm them fire comes out of their mouths and devours their enemies. And if anyone wishes to harm them this is how he will be killed. These have the authority to shut the sky, that no rain may fall in the days of their prophecy; and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague as often as they desire.* (Revelation 11.3-6)

Two Hebrew men, living during the Tribulation, will be chosen by YAHWEH Elohim to be Their witnesses in the last half of Daniel's Seventieth Week (1,260 days). They will not be Moses and Eliyah resurrected nor will they be John or Enoch. They will simply be two men born in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century or early 21<sup>st</sup> century. Some prophesy teachers think they are commissioned at the start of Daniel's Seventieth Week, but the chronology will not allow this. The events described in Revelation take place in sequential order. The seven seals are followed by the seven trumpets which are followed by the seven vials. When

they are commissioned the seven seals have been broken and the first six trumpets have been blown (Revelation 9.13).

They kill everyone who tries to hinder their ministry and they also strike the world with plagues as often as they desire. Besides stopping the rain and turning water into blood they may unleash the other plagues that Moses struck Egypt with – frogs, gnats, insects, pestilence, boils, hail/fire, locusts, thick darkness and death of first-born (Exodus 8.1-13, 16-17, 21-24; 9.3-6, 9-11, 18-23; 10.4, 13, 21-23; 11.5; 12.29).

The Antichrist will send dozens of his henchmen to kill the witnesses, but they will be roasted by them. This will enrage the Antichrist throughout his last 42 months of rule. He will unleash his wrath on those who reject him and trust in YAHSHUA (Daniel 7.21, 25; Revelation 12.17). He will have millions of believers executed, but they will reign with YAHSHUA during the Millennial Kingdom and then for all eternity (Revelation 20.4; 21.5) while the Antichrist and his henchmen burn in the Lake of Fire for all eternity along with Satan, the fallen angels, the demons and everyone who died in their sins. Martyrdom should not be feared by true believers but embraced for it is the greatest honor any servant of YAHWEH can be given.

The Antichrist will finally be permitted to murder the two witness near the end of his reign of terror:

*And when they finish their witness, the beast which comes up out of the abyss will make war with them and will overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies lay in the street of the great city which is called spiritually Cedom [Sodom] and Mitzrayim [Egypt], where their Lord was crucified. And some of every peoples and tribes and tongues and nations see their dead bodies lay for three and a half days. And they do not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And those living on the Earth rejoice over them and are glad, and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those living on the Earth. (Revelation 11.7-10)*

A fallen angel who had lead a small group of angels to mate with women was imprisoned with them in the abyss (2 Peter 2.4; Jude 6). A fallen angel, who was not imprisoned with them in the abyss, is given the key to open the abyss and release Abaddon (Apollyon) along with his fellow fallen angels and an army of genetically engineered demonic creatures. This fallen angel and his army of demonic creatures had been

terrorizing the planet for nearly 42 months. He is finally allowed to kill the two witnesses.

Their deaths are not an easy task that is why this fallen angel makes war against them. He most likely leads his hoard of demonic creatures against them to overcome them. The battle probably will last for a few hours giving the wicked lots of entertainment.

The witnesses conduct their ministry from the city of Jerusalem which is called spiritual Sodom and Egypt. It is called that because during the second half of Daniel's Seventieth Week the Antichrist makes Jerusalem his headquarters. He will sit in the Holy of Holies declaring himself to be God (2 Thessalonians 2.4) and rule the world from there.

The bodies of the witnesses will lie in the street for "*three and a half days*" and during that time the wicked will party non-stop. They will go on an 84 hour drunken bender sending each other gifts celebrating the death of the two witnesses.

*And after three and a half days a spirit of life from YAHWEH entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a great, loud voice from Heaven say to them: "Come up here." And they went up to Heaven in a cloud and their enemies watched them. In that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth part of the city fell, and seven thousand men known by name were killed in the earthquake. The rest became terrified and gave glory to the Mighty One of Heaven. (Revelation 11.11-13)*

When the 84 hours are up the witnesses will rise up and be raptured. This will shock the wicked into a state of disbelief and most will be terrified not knowing what will happen next. They will not have long to wait because Jerusalem will be hit with a massive earthquake that will level a tenth of it killing 7,000 men. This earthquake will target the headquarters building of the Antichrist making life miserable for him and his minions. The wicked will be so shocked by the earthquake that those who survive it will give glory to YAHWEH. This does not mean all of them will be saved, but some will be. The rest will quickly go back to their evil ways.

Either YAHSHUA, Michael or Gabriel shout the command to the witnesses, "*Come up here!*" It is the same command given to John (Revelation 4.1) and the command that will be given to believers of the Church Age (1 Thessalonians 4.16).

It is interesting that once again we see men who are raptured in a slow manner. They are raptured and enter a cloud just as YAHSHUA and the believers of the Church Age will. The cloud is a special effect created by the spaceships that the angels cruise about the Cosmos in.

The rapture of the witnesses is the fifth and last rapture.

## **The harvest of the righteous and the wicked**

As YAHSHUA approaches Earth some of His holy angels will be dispatched to gather the righteous:

*And I saw and behold, there was a white cloud and on the cloud sat one like the Son of Man. He had on his head a golden crown and in his hand was a sharp sickle. And another angel went forth out of the shrine, crying in a great loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud: "Thrust your sickle and reap because the hour has come to reap, because the the harvest of the Earth was dried." And the one sitting on the cloud thrust his sickle over the Earth and the Earth was reaped. (Revelation 14.14-16)*

This initial gathering of the righteous is of a very select few. The two witnesses are resurrected and raptured, and everyone who was saved by their ministry are gathered by the angels. They remain in the spaceships of the holy angels until the wicked are slaughtered at the battle of Har-Megiddo (Revelation 19.17-21).

Another group of angels are sent out to round up a portion of the wicked who are deposited on the plain of Megiddo:

*And another angel went forth out of the shrine in Heaven and he also had a sharp sickle. And another angel went forth out of the altar who had authority over fire, and he spoke in a great loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle saying: "Thrust your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the Earth, because the grapes of it are ripened." And the angel thrust his sickle into the Earth, and gathered the vine of the Earth and cast it into the great winepress of the anger of YAHWEH. And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and the blood of the winepress went out as far as bridles of the horses, from 200 miles. (Revelation 14.17-20)*

At the battle of Har-Megiddo (Armageddon) all of the armies of the world are gathered by Satan to fight YAHSHUA when He returns (Revelation 16.12-16; 19.19). The battle is very short and one-sided. YAHSHUA destroys Satan's welcoming party with death rays from His hands, pestilence, plague and a laser from His mouth (Habakkuk 3.4-5; Zechariah 14.12; Revelation 19.15, 21). The unfortunate civilians who are gathered by the holy angels and dumped at Megiddo will also be killed. We know a large number of civilians are gathered up by angels because YAHSHUA said they would be:

*"I say to you in that night there will be two upon one bed and one will be taken and the other will be left. Two will be grinding together one will be taken and the other will be left. And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord." And He said to them, "Where the body [is] the eagles will be gathered together." (Luke 17.34-37)*

Yet after the select righteous are gathered and the wicked are taken, a second group of saints are gathered by the holy angels. This group consists of those who are saved after the death, resurrection and rapture of the two witnesses and those who were saved by their ministry. It may be a small group but there will be people who will be saved after the first group of righteous people and the wicked are gathered. This small group is the final gleanings of the world.

Most people think there is just a single gathering of the righteous and a gathering of the wicked at the Second Advent. Yet when we merge the four major accounts of these gatherings we see there must be two last gatherings of the righteous and one of the wicked.

In Revelation Chapter 14 there is first the gathering of the righteous and then of the wicked. Yet in the account given by YAHSHUA the wicked are gathered first and then the righteous (Matthew 13.30, 41-42). It appears to be a contradiction. Since there are no contradictions in the Bible we realize that there has to be two gatherings of the righteous as we have explained.

We see a similar thing with the demise of the Antichrist. Daniel says he is killed and his body is burned (Daniel 7.11), yet John says he is taken alive and cast into the Lake of Fire (Revelation 19.20). The answer is clear that both accounts are correct. The Antichrist is taken captive alive, he is killed, resurrected and then cast into the Lake of Fire.

To know what the truth is concerning any event or doctrine one must study every passage dealing with it and then fit all of the statements together like a jig-saw puzzle to come to a complete picture of it. Very few people do this and this is why there are so many denominations cults within Messianic Faith. There should be no denominations for the leaders of every denomination should gather together and iron out their differences at a Protestant Council. This will most likely never happen, but it is a goal which all true believers should work toward.

## Conclusion

There are five raptures described in the Bible – one in the Old Testament dispensation and four in the New Testament era.

The first Rapture on the horizon is the Pre-Tribulation Rapture which will take place about 1.5 years into Daniel's Seventieth Week. If you miss that Rapture you best trust in YAHSHUA immediately. Do not wait around until after the next Rapture to trust in YAHSHUA. You may not live that long and if you do there is no guarantee you will believe then. Immediately after the Rapture the Antichrist will tell a tall tale about aliens purging Earth of all the troublemakers – fundamental Christians and most will believe it. Also remember that YAHWEH sends a deluding influence upon the wicked so they will believe the lie of the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2.11).



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# **SEVEN**

## **THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE FINALLY REVEALED**

There are five major positions on the timing of the Rapture – Pre-Seventieth Week of Daniel, Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation, Mid-Tribulation, Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath and Post-Tribulation. Only one of these positions is correct. Study this chapter carefully along with the Bible and decide for yourself which position is biblical.

### **Pre-Seventieth Week of Daniel**

The majority of Christians throughout the world believe in the Pre-Seventieth Week of Daniel Rapture. It is also the most popular because it teaches escapism which appeals to most Christians.

It should be made clear that Christians who claim to be Pre-Tribbers are not Pre-Tribbers – they are Pre-Seventieth Weekers. A true believer can hold to the Pre-Tribulation Rapture position without believing it takes place before the Seventieth Week of Daniel starts. Since the Tribulation starts with the breaking of the Sixth Seal (not the First Seal), those who believe the Rapture takes place after the start of the Seventieth Week of Daniel and before the Sixth Seal are true Pre-Tribbers. Christians who call themselves Pre-Tribbers are not Pre-Tribbers – they are Pre-Seventieth Weekers.

The Pre-Seventieth Weekers have numerous arguments which we will describe briefly:

## **Rapture of Enoch and Elijah**

The rapture of Enoch (Genesis 5.24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2.11) are symbolic of the Church being raptured before Daniel's Seventieth Week starts. They are symbolic of the Church being raptured out before the wrath of YAHWEH is poured out. The official pouring out of the wrath of YAHWEH upon the world (the wicked) starts with the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12-17). They are correct that the Church will be raptured out before wrath is poured out, but that wrath is not poured out with the breaking of the First Seal as they argue.

## **Kept from the Hour of Testing**

The promise to the church of Philadelphia to be kept from the "hour of testing" (Revelation 3.10) is a promise of being raptured before the start of the Seventieth Week. The "hour of testing" is not the entire Seventieth Week of Daniel. The "hour of testing" is the time in which YAHWEH and YAHSUA pour out Their wrath on the wicked. That "hour of testing" starts with the breaking of the Sixth Seal as the Bible says:

*And the kings of the Earth and the great men and the generals and the rich men and the strong men and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains and they said to the mountains and the rocks: "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb because the great day of Their wrath is come and who can stand?"* (Revelation 6.15-17)

The wicked realize, when the Sixth Seal is broken, that YAHWEH and YAHSUA have started to pour out Their wrath on them. They are not saying that the wrath started with the breaking of the First Seal. We know for certain Their wrath does NOT start with the First Seal because it opens with peace. Peace is NOT wrath! The war that breaks out in the Second Seal is a result of evil men fighting with each other. It is NOT the wrath of YAHWEH. The famine (Third Seal) and pestilence (Fourth Seal) that follow are the natural order of things following a world war. War creates economic distress leading to shortages, especially food. Pestilence always follows war. The deadly Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-1920 infected 500 million

people around the world, including remote Pacific islands and the Arctic. It killed from 50 to 100 million men, women and children. It was the deadliest natural disasters in human history. It immediately followed World War I which raged from 1914-1918.

The Fifth Seal brings the martyrdom of millions of Church Age believers. It is blasphemy to claim that the slaughter of millions of believers in YAHWEH and YAHSHUA is part of Their wrath. It is impossible! The martyrdom of believers is the wrath of Satan and the Antichrist NOT YAHWEH and YAHSHUA! The horrors of the Second through Fifth Seals are due to the work of Satan. YAHWEH allows the peace, war, famine, pestilence and martyrdom of His precious children, BUT those events are NOT caused by Him pouring out His wrath!

It should be obvious to everyone that after Satan and the Antichrist wipe out one-fourth of the people on Earth through war, famine, pestilence and martyrdom, YAHWEH and YAHSHUA punish the wicked for participating in this fantastic holocaust. They punish the Antichrist and the wicked with the plagues of the Sixth Seal, the seven trumpets, and seven vials.

## **Not destined for wrath**

They use the promise that “YAHWEH did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah” (1 Thessalonians 5.9). They are correct, BUT when is the wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb (YAHSHUA) poured out? As we have shown it is poured out with the breaking of the Sixth Seal. This promise does NOT support the Pre-Seventieth Week Rapture position. It is an absolute proof of the Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture doctrine.

## **Church is not mentioned in the Tribulation**

Another argument they make is that the Church is mentioned in the first three chapters of Revelation and is not seen again until Chapter Nineteen. Thusly, the Church is missing during the entire Seventieth Week. This is not true for the Church is clearly seen in the Fifth Seal (Revelation 6.9-11). We know the martyrs here are believers of the Church Age. If the Church Age believers are raptured out before the First Seal is broken there will be NO one on Earth to share the Gospel

with the lost. The 144,000 are NOT commissioned until after the Sixth Seal is broken and runs its course (Revelation 7.1-8). Pre-Tribbers argue that millions of people will be saved because believers of the Church Age will leave behind books, VHS tapes, DVDs, CDs, and web sites explaining the Gospel. This is pure speculation based on wishful thinking. The Bible makes it perfectly clear that when the Antichrist rises to power YAHWEH will send a “*deluding influence*” to the wicked so they believe a lie (2 Thessalonians 2.11). Once believers are raptured out virtually no one will be saved until the 144,000 are commissioned. Therefore, the masses of believers that are martyred during the Fifth Seal and also seen later (Revelation 7.9-17) MUST be believers of the Church Age.

## **The Restrainer is the HOLY SPIRIT in the Church**

They also argue that the “restrainer” is the HOLY SPIRIT working through the Church. Once the Church is raptured then the Antichrist can rise to power (revelation 6.1-2) and the Seventieth Week can start. They actually claim that the Church today is restraining evil. The Church has NEVER restrained evil from Pentecost until now nor will it in the future. Paul, John, Peter and the other apostles and disciples could not restrain the wickedness of Herod who had James the brother of John murdered. He also arrested Peter and YAHWEH sent an angel to rescue him. They were unable to restrain the wickedness of Caligula, Nero and Domitian.

True believers have NEVER restrained the wicked. They did not restrain the wickedness of the popes of the Roman Catholic Corporation who murdered millions of true believers and are still murdering them today.

True believers were unable to restrain Attila the Hun, Ghengis Khan, Charlamagne, Napoleon, Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini, Mao, Pol Pot, Idi Amin or numerous other petty dictators bent on slaughtering people. The Church is NOT restraining the Antichrist.

Paul made it perfectly clear that Church Age believers would see the Antichrist rise to power before the Rapture:

*Now we request you, brothers, concerning the **appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him***

*that you not be quickly shaken from your mind nor be disturbed, neither through a spirit nor through speech nor through an epistle as if by us, that the day of the Lord has come. Do not let anyone deceive you in no way, because [it will not be] unless the apostasy comes first and the man of sin shall have been revealed. (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3)*

The “*the appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him*” is the Rapture. The Rapture CANNOT take place until “*the apostasy comes first, and the man of sin shall have been revealed.*” This means that Church Age believers will see the Antichrist (*man of sin*) rise to power and unfortunately most will be put to death by his minions (Revelation 6.9-11; 7.9-17).

If we insert the word Rapture into the above passage where it belongs the passage becomes crystal clear:

*Now we request you, brothers, concerning the **appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him (Rapture)** that you not be quickly shaken from your mind nor be disturbed, neither through a spirit nor through speech nor through an epistle as if by us, that the day of the Lord **[Tribulation]** has come. Do not let anyone deceive you in no way, because [it will not be] **(Rapture)** unless the apostasy comes first and the man of sin shall have been revealed. (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3)*

Now you can clearly see that the Rapture CANNOT take place until AFTER the Antichrist has risen to power and is identified as the Antichrist. It also shows that the Rapture must take place before the start of the Tribulation. Remember, the Tribulation begins with the breaking of the Sixth Seal. This is what the early Church fathers taught. For a detailed explanation of this see Parts III & IV of *Rapture Decoded*.

## **Ascension of John**

The open door in Chapter Four of Revelation is seen by them as the Rapture:

*After these things I looked, and behold, a door in Heaven was open, and the first voice which I heard was as a trumpet speaking*

*with me saying: “Come up here, and I will show you things which will occur after these things.” (Revelation 4.1)*

According to Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Weekers the rapture of John to Heaven is symbolic of the Church being raptured. If this was the only passage in the Bible that dealt with the Rapture it would be a proof text for the Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Week Rapture doctrine. Unfortunately, it is NOT. There are a few other passages that prove this rapture of John is NOT symbolic of the rapture of the Church.

The passage in 2 Thessalonians 2.3 CLEARLY says the Rapture CANNOT take place until the Antichrist rises to power. Since the Antichrist is first seen in Revelation 6.1-2 this passage in 4.1 CANNOT be symbolic of the Rapture of the Church.

## **24 Elders**

They also claim some of the 24 elders are from the Church Age. Therefore, the Rapture must take place by Chapter Four of Revelation. This is the weakest argument they make and shows the desperation of their position. They grasp at straws to defend an indefensible doctrine.

Some of the 24 elders will be believers of the Church Age, but they will be the apostles. The last apostle, John, died around 100 A.D. He was given his rewards and crowns at that time. The Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Weekers do not understand that every believer is given his rewards immediately upon his death and entrance into the New Jerusalem (Heaven). Believers do not wait until the Rapture of the Church to then be judged at the Bema Seat and given rewards. The Bema Seat judgment is an ongoing judgment that started when YAHSHUA ascended to Heaven 40 days after His resurrection. This is a secret that virtually no one knows – until now.

## **Holy Ones come with YAHSHUA**

A similar argument is that since there are “holy ones” with YAHSHUA when He returns (Zechariah 14.5; Colossians 3.4; Revelation 19.14) the Rapture must take place before the Seventieth Week. This is mind boggling to say the least. If the Rapture took place as late as the Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath doctrine claims, “holy

ones” would return with YAHSHUA. This argument only refutes the Post-Tribulation doctrine.

## **Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture**

The Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture is the least known of all of the positions. No preacher or Bible teacher heard or seen on the radio and television in America teaches it. As far as we know only Jacob Prasch of Moriel Ministries, Steven L. Anderson of Faithful Word Baptist Church and Kent Hovind teach this. Most believers would think that since only four ministries in America and probably the world teach this position it must be wrong. That would be logical, but since we are living in the apostasy of the Last Days it could mean this position is correct.

Daniel’s Seventieth Week starts with peace and is quickly followed by war, famine and pestilence. The second, third and fourth horsemen are the tribulation or wrath of Satan, the Antichrist and man. The martyrdom of believers (Fifth Seal) is also the wrath of Satan and his minions. It is not until the breaking of the Sixth Seal that the wrath/tribulation of YAHWH is poured out. Therefore, the Rapture takes place after the tribulation/wrath of Satan and man runs its course and before the tribulation/wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb.

This position is the only true Pre-Tribulation Rapture or Pre-Wrath Rapture position. As we have noted that every Christian who claims to be a Pre-Tribulationist is not one. Instead they are Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Weekers. They believe the Rapture will take place before the Seventieth Week of Daniel starts with the breaking of the First Seal (Revelation 6.1). They argue that they are Pre-Tribbers because they claim the tribulation of YAHWEH starts with the breaking of the First Seal. If they mean the tribulation of Satan and the Antichrist begins then they would be right, but they do not. They claim the Tribulation of YAHWEH starts with the First Seal.

True Pre-Tribbers understand that the first five seals are the wrath of Satan and the Antichrist and therefore are not part of the tribulation (Wrath) of YAHWEH. They also understand there is no passage in the Bible that states believers of the Church Age will not enter the Seventieth Week of Daniel.

## The Antichrist must be revealed before the Rapture

Scripture is adamant that believers of the Church Age will see the Antichrist rise to power. Once again we prove this:

*Now we request you, brothers, concerning the **appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him** that you not be quickly shaken from your mind nor be disturbed, neither through a spirit nor through speech nor through an epistle as if by us, that the **day of YAHWEH** has come. Do not let anyone deceive you in no way, because [it will not be] unless the apostasy comes first and the **man of sin shall have been revealed**. (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3)*

If we insert the word Rapture into the above passage where it belongs the passage becomes crystal clear:

*Now we request you, brothers, concerning the **appearance of our Lord YAHSHUA Messiah and of our gathering together to Him (the Rapture)** that you not be quickly shaken from your mind nor be disturbed, neither through a spirit nor through speech nor through an epistle as if by us, that the **day of YAHWEH (the Rapture)** has come. Do not let anyone deceive you in no way, because [it **(the Rapture)** will not be] unless the apostasy comes first and the **man of sin shall have been revealed**. (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3)*

Now you can clearly see that the Rapture CANNOT take place until AFTER the Antichrist has risen to power and is identified as the Antichrist (**shall have been revealed**). This is what the early Church fathers taught.

Larry V. Crutchfield, writing in the *Conservative Theological Journal*, admitted that the early Church fathers looked for the coming of the Antichrist before the Rapture:

Even most of those who **looked for Antichrist's appearance** prior to the second advent, saw that event as occurring suddenly and just as suddenly **being followed by the rescue and rapture of the saints** by Christ. (*Conservative Theological Journal*, August 1999, p. 195, emphasis added)

And Irenaeus still spoke of Antichrist's "sudden coming," and the church "suddenly" being caught up. (Ag. Her. V, XXX, 2 and V, XXIX, *Conservative Theological Journal*, August 1999, p. 195, emphasis added)

Crutchfield understood that the early Church fathers looked for the appearing of the Antichrist, and taught that the Church would be raptured after he rose to power, just as the Bible says (2 Thessalonians 2.3).

## **Believers are not to be overtaken as a thief**

Scripture clearly says that believers of the Church Age will go into the Seventieth Week of Daniel. Paul warned the Thessalonians in his first letter to be spiritually awake at all times so the "*Day of the Lord*" (Seventieth Week of Daniel) would not overtake them like a thief. He said they did not need anything to be written to them about the "*times and seasons*," because he had already taught it to them:

*But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to be written to for you yourselves know accurately that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. When they say, 'Peace and safety,' then sudden destruction comes on them as the birth pangs to a pregnant woman, and by no means will they escape. But you, brothers, are not in darkness in order that the day should overtake you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. (1 Thessalonians 5.1-6)*

YAHSHUA cannot return to rapture His Bride until there is a false peace. According to the book of Revelation, the Antichrist comes to power through peace (6.1-2). The Antichrist will bring about a short period of false "*peace and safety*" and then war will break out (6.3-4).

This passage clearly teaches that all Christians of the Church Age should be spiritually awake and "watch" for the return of YAHSHUA. We are to do this by "watching" for the **warning signs** of the Rapture. As the **signs** are fulfilled we will know how close the Rapture is. Once all of the **warning signs** have been fulfilled then we will know the Rapture is at hand. This passage clearly shows the Antichrist will be operating in the open before the Rapture. We "watch" for the return of YAHSHUA by "watching" for the rise of the Antichrist.

What day are believers of the Church Age not supposed to be overtaken by? The day of destruction is the day we are to “watch” for. Soon after the false peace is made a war will break out. The Antichrist will seek to join the ten-nation coalition and three of those nations will go to war with him. He will defeat those rulers, but the world war will bring devastation (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24). One-fourth of mankind will perish in this horrific war, the great famine and pestilence that will follow it (Revelation 6.8). After these horrors millions of animals will feed on the dead bodies, and not satisfied with the corpses they will start to feed on people. We do not know how many the beasts will kill, but it could be in the millions.

Clearly, believers of the Church Age will see the Antichrist rise to power and a period of false “*peace and safety*” be ushered in. Then war will break out which we should be ready for. If we are walking in the SPIRIT and diligently studying Scripture daily we will not be taken in by the period of false “*peace and safety*” as the unsaved will be. For a detailed listing of the 16 major warning signs to be fulfilled before the Rapture read *Rapture Warning Signs*.

## **Not destined for wrath**

Scripture clearly teaches that Christians of the Church Age are not destined for wrath:

*Because YAHWEH did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord YAHSHUA. (1 Thessalonians 5.9)*

The context of the passage is not the wrath of Hell, but of some other form of wrath. The only other form of wrath is what YAHWEH pours out on the unsaved during the Tribulation. If Christians are not raptured out before the breaking of the Sixth Seal we would suffer the wrath of YAHWEH. This would mean there is a clear contradiction in the Bible. This promise is an absolute proof of the Early Seventieth Week Pre-Tribulation Rapture doctrine. It is not a proof of the Pre-70<sup>th</sup> Week Rapture.

## **Mid-Tribulation Rapture**

The Mid-Tribulationists are very close, but they make a few mistakes in the timing. They do not see the importance of YAHWEH

keeping His promise to keep His precious children from enduring His wrath that He pours out on the wicked. They think believers of the Church Age will go through the entire first half of the Seventieth Week of Daniel and then be raptured out.

They also miss the fact that YAHWEH will commission 144,000 men to preach the gospel immediately after He raptures all believers (witnesses) off of the planet (Revelation 7.1-8). He will do this because He will have no one on Earth to share the gospel.

They hang the timing of the Rapture on the last two verses of Chapter Eleven of Revelation:

*And the nations were wrathful, and Your wrath came and the time of the dead to be judged and to give rewards to Your slaves to the prophets and to the saints and to the ones fearing Your name, to the small and to the great, and to destroy the ones destroying the Earth. (Revelation 11.18)*

They hang everything on the statement that the slaves of YAHWEH will be judged for rewards. The statement could mean the Bema Seat judgment (2 Corinthians 5.10) takes place at the mid-point because most of the people who are saved through the ministry of the 144,000 are saved before that point. It is possible that a very small number will be saved later. It could also be a reference to the ongoing judgment of believers that began when YAHSHUA ascended to the New Jerusalem (Heaven) forty days after His resurrection. When a believer dies he immediately goes to the New Jerusalem (Heaven) and is presented to YAHSHUA. He judges them at that time for rewards.

It does not matter what group of saints are judged for rewards at this time it is not a clear statement that believers of the Church Age are raptured at this time. It is always fool-hardy to base any doctrine on an unclear statement.

Since we have a clear statement that believers of the Church Age are NOT destined for the wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb (1 Thessalonians 5.9) we must be raptured out before then. Their wrath is poured out with the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12). It is broken about 1.5 to 2 years into the Seventieth Week which makes the Rapture take place between 2 to 1.5 years before the mid-point of the Seventieth Week of Daniel. Clearly the Mid-Tribulation Rapture is not correct.

## Post-Tribulation Rapture

The Post-Tribulationists hang everything on a statement by YAHSHUA and one by Daniel:

*“Wonder not at this; for an hour is coming, in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those that practiced good to a resurrection of life, those that did evil to a resurrection of judgment.”* (John 5.28-29)

*“And att that time Michael, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people, will stand up. And there will be a time of distress such as has not been from the existence of a nation until that time; and at that time your people will be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches and to everlasting abhorrence.”* (Daniel 12.1-2)

They argue that there is only one resurrection so the resurrection that Paul spoke about (1 Corinthians 15.51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17) must take place at the Second Advent of YAHSHUA, because Daniel said there is one resurrection of the righteous and the wicked at the Second Advent.

Even though these two passages say there are two resurrections they do not specifically say the resurrections take place at the same time. There are numerous passages in the Old Testament in which two events that are separated by thousands of years are spoken of as if they take place at the same time. The primary example is Daniel 9.24:

*Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.* (Daniel 9.24)

It appears as the six things will all take place by the end of the 70 weeks. Yet we know that the sin was not stopped, everlasting righteousness was not brought in and the most holy place (the Temple) was not anointed. Instead it was destroyed 38 years after the crucifixion of YAHSHUA. There will be a gap of about 2,000 to 3,000 years between the fulfillments of these prophecies. The holy

place (the Temple) will be anointed when YAHSHUA returns and builds the New Temple. Yet everlasting righteousness and the end of sin will not come in until after the end of the Millennial Kingdom.

They also fail to understand that there are two distinct resurrections spoken of in the Bible that are separated by 1,000 years:

*And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them, to the souls of those who were beheaded because of the witness of YAHSHUA and because of the Word of YAHWEH. They did not worship the beast nor the image of it and did not receive the mark on the forehead and on his hand. They lived again and reigned with Messiah 1,000 years. The rest of the dead did not live again until the 1,000 years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of YAHWEH and of Messiah, and will reign with Him 1,000 years. (Revelation 20.4-6)*

At the Second Advent those who were martyred during the Seventieth Week of Daniel will reign with YAHSHUA during the Millennial Kingdom. The wicked are NOT resurrected at that time. They must wait for 1,000 years before they are resuurrected to be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment, found guilty and cast into the Lake of Fire where they will be punished for all eternity (Revelation 20.11-15). We see that the statements by YAHSHUA and Daniel concerning the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked are clarified by John. For more about the numerous resurrections and raptures see Appendix E.

A major problem with this position is the same one noted previously – if Christians go through the Tribulation they will suffer the wrath of YAHWEH. Another major problem with the Post-Tribulation Rapture is there will be no one to enter the Millennial Kingdom in mortal bodies. Paul said that the dead in Messiah will be resurrected and given immortal bodies, and the living will have their mortal bodies changed into immortal ones (1 Corinthians 15.51-52). The unsaved are judged by YAHSHUA when He returns, and they are cast into the Lake of Fire (Matthew 25.31-46).

Some people must go into the Millennial Kingdom with mortal bodies, because some of them will die during that age (Isaiah 65.20). The people who are saved during the Tribulation and are not put to death will be the ones who enter that kingdom in mortal bodies.

Another proof that people will go into the Millennial Kingdom in mortal bodies is the rebellion at the end of that age. A great number of people will rebel, and be executed by YAHWEH:

*And when the 1,000 years are finished, Satan will be loosed out of his prison, and he will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the Earth – Gog and Magog – to assemble them to war. The number of them is as the sand of the sea. And they went up over the breadth of the land, and encircled the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down out of Heaven and devoured them. (Revelation 20.7-9)*

If Christians enter the Millennial Kingdom with immortal bodies, some of them must reject their belief in YAHSHUA Messiah, and join the Devil in his final rebellion. If that is true, it would mean that the doctrine of eternal security of believers is not biblical. It would also mean that a great number of Christians will lose their salvation and be cast into the Lake of Fire. We must reject that belief.

If the Post-Tribulation Rapture doctrine is biblical, there are clear contradictions in the Bible. We have many passages that say once we believe in YAHSHUA Messiah we have eternal life (Matthew 25.46; John 3.16, 36; 5.24; 1 John 5.11-13); there is no condemnation for us (John 5.24; Romans 8.1); and we will reign with Him forever (Revelation 22.5). Those promises would not be true if some Christians lose their salvation at the end of the Millennial Kingdom, when, as the Post-Tribulationists say, they join the Devil in his final rebellion. YAHWEH forbid!

## **Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath Rapture**

The Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath Rapture position teaches that the wrath of YAHWEH is poured out in the last few months of the Tribulation. The Bible is clear that the wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb (YAHSHUA) is poured out early in the Seventieth Week of Daniel with the breaking of the Sixth Seal. The wrath that is mentioned later in Revelation is merely more wrath:

*Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of YAHWEH is finished. (Revelation 15.1)*

The seven bowl judgments are not the total wrath of YAHWEH – they are His final judgments.

This teaching is not only lacking biblical support, it clearly contradicts Scripture. It says that millions of Christians of the Church Age will endure most of the wrath of YAHWEH (Revelation 6.12-17; 8.1-12; 9.1-21; 11.4-6). Scripture is clear that no Christian of the Church Age will suffer the wrath of God (1Thessalonians 5.9).

The men who teach the Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath Tribulation Rapture should argue that the Rapture will take place just before the breaking of the Sixth Seal (Revelation 6.12), when the wrath of YAHWEH is first poured out on the world. To argue for a later time is not biblical.

## **Amillennialism**

This doctrine denies a literal kingdom which YAHSUA Messiah will rule over for 1,000 years. It teaches the 1,000 years that is mentioned six times in Revelation 20 is a symbolic number. Augustine (354-430 AD) wrote in his book, *The City of God*, that the book of Revelation is a spiritual allegory. The Millennial Kingdom began with the Church, and Messiah's reign on Earth is spiritual in nature. YAHSUA will return at the end of the Church Age and establish an eternal kingdom.

This erroneous theology was adopted by the Roman Catholic Corporation and also by most of the Reformers who could not reject all of the nonsensical doctrines of Rome.

A few of the early Church fathers of the 1st and 2nd centuries believed in Amillennialism, but none of their writings are extant. There are a few references to their beliefs in the writings of Justin Martyr (100-165 AD). The vast majority of the early Church fathers taught that there would be a literal Millennial Kingdom. Only a handful of them rejected it – Clement of Alexandria, Caius, Origen and Dionysius. The latter two are considered to have been heretics. It was not until Augustine began to write on eschatology that the belief in a spiritual Millennial Kingdom took hold. He was a faithful Roman Corporate priest who held to all of the false doctrines of that religious corporation, including the damnable doctrine of Purgatory. The Roman Catholic Corporation, the Eastern Orthodox Corporation, and most of the Reformed denominations teach that doctrine.

It denies the literal fulfillment of Bible prophecy. It is inconceivable that YAHWEH would fulfill all the prophecies of Messiah's First Advent in a literal manner, and then have most of the prophecies of His Second Advent fulfilled in an allegorical manner. As we noted before, "*YAHSHUA Messiah is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever*" (Hebrews 13.8).

One must ask who is more trustworthy concerning doctrine: the Roman Catholic Corporation which invented Amillennialism or the HOLY SPIRIT, the apostles and the early Church fathers? The Reformers merely held on to that doctrine when they split from the Catholic Corporation just as some did with other false doctrines such as infant baptism.

We must note that the understanding by Amillennialists of the identity of the prince of Daniel 9.25-27 is not biblical. They argue that the "*anointed one, the prince*" in verse 25 and the "*anointed one*" in verse 26 is YAHSHUA (which is correct), but the "*prince*" in verse 26 was Titus. The "*he*" in verse 27 is YAHSHUA who made a covenant with Israel at the beginning of His ministry and broke it after 3½ years. The "*one that maketh desolate*" in verse 27 was Titus.

It is creative exegesis, but it is not correct. It is impossible, by all rules of grammar, for the "*he*" in verse 27 to refer back to the "*anointed one*" of verses 25 and 26. It can only refer back to the "*prince*" of verse 26. Another insurmountable problem with this clumsy eisegetical trick is that YAHSHUA did not make a covenant with Israel when He began His ministry. Titus did not make a covenant with Israel, and neither did anyone else in the 1st century AD that could be a fulfillment of this prophecy. The Antichrist who is to come in the future will make that covenant.

Amillennialists think the false Catholic religion got it right, while the Old Testament prophets, Jesus Christ, the apostles and the early Church fathers got it wrong. The Church fathers who taught that there will be a literal Millennial Kingdom were: Clement of Rome, Barnabas, Hermas, Polycarp, Ignatius, Papias, Pothinus, Justin Martyr, Melito, Hegisippus, Tatian, Irenaeus, Tertullian, Hippolytus, Apollinaris, Cyprian, Commodian, Nepos, Coracion, Victorinus, Methodius and Lactantius (Chafer, Lewis Sperry, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 4, p. 271-274). At the Nicene Council, "318 bishops from all parts of the earth placed themselves on record" in believing in a literal Millennial Kingdom (Ibid., p. 275). The teaching of the Catholic Corporation on this matter is wrong. The Old Testament

prophets, YAHSHUA Messiah, the apostles and the early Church fathers are right that there will be a literal Millennial Kingdom.

Those who hold to Amillennialism must consider carefully where the doctrine came from. Did it come from the HOLY SPIRIT who gave it to bishops of the Roman Catholic Corporation or was it given to the Old Testament prophets, the apostles and early Church fathers? They must also consider why YAHSHUA taught a literal Millennial Kingdom. Was He mistaken?

## **Postmillennialism**

Postmillennialism teaches Christians will create a Golden Age on Earth, gradually defeating the forces of evil. After they have established an Utopian Paradise, YAHSHUA Messiah will return and establish His Eternal Kingdom. Some who believe this call themselves Reconstructionists and label it Dominion Theology. Some of them accept certain ideas within Preterism, believing that many of the prophecies of the “last days” have already been fulfilled.

This doctrine must also be rejected, because it denies the literal fulfillment of the myriad prophecies of Daniel’s Seventieth Week, the Rapture, the Tribulation and the Second Advent of YAHSHUA Messiah. It also rejects a literal Millennial Kingdom. The belief that Christians will someday establish a theocracy on Earth is absurd to say the least. For the last 100 years the influence of Christians has waned greatly. The power of the major false religions (Roman Catholicism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism) has increased significantly along with atheism and humanism. The forces of darkness have also strengthened their control over the nations of the world. There was a rapid movement in the last century to consolidate the power of Satan’s minions among governments with the creation of numerous political and economic unions as shown in Part V of *Rapture Decoded*. That effort is growing stronger in this century with no signs of slowing. A world government, economy and religion under the power of Satan are inevitable just as the Bible says (Revelation 13 and 17).

Postmillennialists, Preterists and Amillennialists use the same method of study. They insert into the text a meaning that is not there. They make the text say what they want it to say, rather than accepting what the text says.

## Conclusion

Of the five major Rapture positions the most dangerous is the Pre-Seventieth Week of Daniel position. It teaches that believers will be raptured out before any serious persecution begins. It also denies the irrefutable statement by Paul that ALL believers of the Church Age will enter Daniel's Seventieth Week, identify the Antichrist before they are raptured.

The Mid-Tribulation, the Late Tribulation Pre-Wrath and the Post-Tribulation Rapture positions are clearly NOT biblical because they openly reject the clear statement that believers of the Church Age will not suffer the wrath of YAHWEH (1 Thessalonians 5.9).

Postmillennialists, Preterists and Amillennialists are out of their spiritual minds. They use the same method of study – they insert into the text a meaning that is not there. They make the text say what they want it to say, rather than accepting what the text says.

The only position that accepts Scripture at face value without twisting It to fit their likes is the true Pre-Tribulation Rapture position. The Rapture will take place just before the Sixth Seal of Daniel's Seventieth Week is broken when the wrath of YAHWEH and the Lamb is poured out on the wicked.

# EIGHT

## HOW SOON WILL THE RAPTURE TAKE PLACE?

Ever since John wrote the book of Revelation men have desperately sought to know when the Lord YAHSHUA Messiah would return as He said He would. Some men have made predictions of when that day would come. We briefly list some of those predictions.

### **Predictions of the early Church fathers**

The early Church fathers were not experts on prophecy and the major doctrines of Scripture. Most of them did not have access to all the books in the Bible. It took them a few hundred years to come to a consensus on the major doctrines. The doctrine of the Trinity was not confirmed until the First Council of Nicaea (325 AD). Athanasius (293-373 AD) properly formulated it, and in 381, at the First Council of Constantinople, the doctrine was finalized. It is folly to base any doctrine, or to derive support for a doctrine on the teachings of the early Church fathers. All doctrines must be based solely on Scripture. Yet we can learn by studying what they wrote for us.

The early Church fathers did not believe in the doctrine of *imminence*, which teaches that Jesus Christ can return at *any moment* to rapture the Church. Some of them expected Him to return in their lifetime because they thought the signs of His return were being fulfilled. The last sign they awaited for was the rise of the Antichrist. The consensus among the early Church fathers was that the Antichrist would rise to power before the Rapture.

## **Clement of Rome** **(??-99 AD)**

Clement was the bishop of Rome from 88 until his death in 99 AD. Tradition says he is the Clement that Paul mentions in Philippians 4.3 as a fellow laborer in Christ. In a letter to the church at Corinth in 95 AD, Chapter 23, “Be humble and believe that Christ will come again,” he briefly discusses the return of Christ:

Ye perceive how in a little time the fruit of a tree comes to maturity. Of a truth, **soon and suddenly shall His will be accomplished**, as the Scripture also bears witness, saying, “Speedily will He come, and He will not tarry;” and, “The Lord shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Holy One, for whom ye look.” (Roberts, Alexander, *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, vol. 1, p. 11)

## **Justin Martyr** **(100-165)**

Justin Martyr was born at the end of the 1st century. He knew people who lived through the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. He was the first Christian apologist whose works survive. He believed that the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah was still to come. This is important because it refutes the belief that YAHSHUA returned in 70 AD, as Full-Preterism teaches. He also agreed with the other early Church fathers that the Antichrist would rise to power prior to the Rapture. He mistakenly believed the Second Advent of YAHSHUA was just over the event horizon:

...and he whom Daniel foretells would have dominion for a time, and times, and an half, is even already at the door, about to speak blasphemous and daring things against the Most High. (Dialogue with Trypho, Chapter 22, Trypho objecting that Christ is described as glorious by Daniel, Justin distinguishes two advents)

YAHSHUA did not give Justin or any of the early Church fathers knowledge as to when He would return because it was nearly 1,900 years away.

## **Cyprian** **(200-258 AD)**

Cyprian was bishop of Carthage and an important early Christian writer. He was born around the beginning of the third century in North Africa, received a classical education for that time, became a bishop after converting to Christianity around 249 AD, and died a martyr at Carthage. Cyprian wrote many volumes on Christian doctrine, and he stated emphatically that the Antichrist would persecute Christians and then they would be rescued by Messiah. He also mistakenly thought the final tribulation was about to fall upon the world. This is what he wrote in *Treatise XI. Exhortation to Martyrdom, Addressed to Fortunatus*:

You have desired, beloved Fortunatus that, since the burden of persecutions and afflictions is lying heavy upon us, and in the ending and completion of the world **the hateful time of Antichrist is already beginning to draw near**, I would collect from the sacred Scriptures some exhortations for **preparing and strengthening the minds of the brethren**, whereby I might animate the soldiers of Christ for the heavenly and **spiritual contest**. I have been constrained to obey your so needful wish, so that as much as my limited powers, instructed by the aid of divine inspiration, are sufficient, some arms, as it were, and defenses might be brought forth from the Lord's precepts for **the brethren who are about to fight**. For it is little to arouse God's people by the trumpet call of our voice, unless we confirm the faith of believers, and their valor dedicated and devoted to God, by the divine readings. (Ibid., Vol. V, p. 496, emphasis added)

Cyprian believed the Antichrist would rise to power in his time and wrote to prepare Christians for the coming conflict. He did not have all the Scriptures correlated to know the end was not near.

## **Ephrem of Syria** **(306-373 AD)**

Ephrem was a hymnographer, theologian, and prolific writer (said to have written one million lines), of the 4th century. The following

section includes key passages from a text written near the end of his life entitled, *On the Last Times, the Antichrist and the End of the World*:

Already there have been hunger and plagues, violent movements of nations and **signs**, which have been **predicted** by the Lord, they have already been fulfilled, **and there is not another which remains, except the advent of the wicked one in the completion of the Roman kingdom.**

Ephrem and the early Church fathers awaited the rise of the Antichrist before the Rapture. The key is the word “except.” Ephrem had seen what he thought were the fulfillment of prophecies (*signs*) of the “last days.” He was looking for the rise of the Antichrist. Clearly he did not believe in an *imminent* Rapture that has no *signs* preceding it. According to Ephrem, the Church will be here to watch the rise of the Antichrist, followed by the Rapture.

## **Lactantius** **(240-320)**

Lucius Caecilius Firmianus Lactantius was an early Christian author who became an advisor to the first Christian Roman emperor, Constantine I, guiding his religious policy as it developed and also a tutor to his son. He also believed the end was very near:

These are the things which are spoken of by the prophets as about to happen hereafter: ... The subject itself declares that the **fall and ruin of the world will shortly take place**; except that while the city of Rome remains it appears that nothing of this kind is to be feared. But when that capital of the world shall have fallen, and shall have begun to be a street, which the Sibyls say shall come to pass, who can doubt that the end has now arrived to the affairs of men and the whole world? It is that city, that only, which still sustains all things; and the God of heaven is to be entreated by us and implored – if, indeed, His arrangements and decrees can be delayed – lest, sooner than we think for, that detestable tyrant should come who will trade-take so great a deed, and dig out that eye, by the destruction of which the world itself is about to fall. (Divine Institutions, Book VII, Chapter 25, Of the Last Times, and of the city of Rome)<sup>1</sup>

## Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386)

Cyril of Jerusalem was a distinguished theologian of the early Church. He became the bishop of Jerusalem in 350 AD, and believed that YAHSHUA Messiah and YAHWEH (God the Father) are of the “same substance” and are equally God (*homoousios* ὁμοούσιος). In 358 he was removed and forced to retire to the city of Tarsus because he taught that YAHSHUA is fully God. His superior, Acacius, believed the Arian heresy that claimed YAHSHUA was a created being who was inferior to God the Father. The church officially charged him with selling church property to help the poor. The Council of Seleucia in the following year, at which St. Cyril was present, deposed Acacius. In 360 Emperor Julian allowed him to return. The Arian Emperor Valens, who succeeded Julian, banished Cyril once more in 367. Yet he was able to return again, at the accession of Emperor Gratian, after which he remained undisturbed until his death in 386. Cyril’s jurisdiction over Jerusalem was expressly confirmed by the First Council of Constantinople (381), at which he was present. At that council, he voted for acceptance of the term *homooussios*, convinced that there was no better alternative.

Cyril believed the end of the world was near teaching the Antichrist would soon rise to power and persecute Christians:

12. But this aforesaid Antichrist is to come when the times of the Roman empire shall have been fulfilled, and **the end of the world is now drawing near**. There shall rise up together ten kings of the Romans, reigning in different parts perhaps, but all about the same time; and after these an eleventh, the Antichrist, who by his magical craft shall seize upon the Roman power; and of the kings who reigned before him, three he shall humble, and the remaining seven he shall keep in subjection to himself. At first indeed he will put on a show of mildness (as though he were a learned and discreet person), and of soberness and benevolence: and by the lying [108] signs and wonders of his magical deceit a having beguiled the Jews, as though he were the expected Christ, he shall afterwards be characterized by all kinds of crimes of inhumanity and lawlessness, so as to outdo all unrighteous and ungodly men who have gone before him displaying against all men, but especially against us Christians,

a spirit murderous and most cruel, merciless and crafty. And after perpetrating such things for three years and six months only, he shall be destroyed by the glorious second advent from heaven of the only-begotten Son of God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus, the true Christ, who shall slay Antichrist with the breath of His mouth, and shall deliver him over to the fire of hell. (Catechetical Lectures, Lecture XV, On the cause, and shall come in glory to judge the quick and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end, Daniel vii. 9-14.<sup>2</sup>

As was true of all early Church fathers Cyril did not put the jigsaw puzzle together to know the Second Advent was hundreds of years away. The HOLY SPIRIT did not give them knowledge that it was centuries in the future because there was no need for them to know. Why did the HOLY SPIRIT not give them the knowledge that the Second Advent was almost two millennium away? We do not know and will only know when we get to Heaven.

## **Middle Ages**

### **Millennial Madness**

On December 31, 999 A.D. millions of people thought the Lord was about to return. Thousands crowded into the old basilica of St. Peter's Church in Rome awaiting the return of Jesus Christ. Many gave their land, homes and personal possessions to the poor as an act of contrition. Some traveled to Palestine believing the Lord would return there. Everyone was disappointed. Many Europeans made the same mistake in December of 1099 and 1199. They also thought Christ would return 1000 years after His resurrection in 33 AD.

### **Joachim of Fiore (1135-1202)**

Joachim of Fiore, founder of the monastic order of San Giovanni in Fiore, Italy, predicted that the Antichrist would rise to power in 1260 AD. (Abanes, Richard, *End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

# Renaissance

## Nicolas of Cusa (1401-1464)

Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa predicted that doomsday would take place between 1700 and 1734. (McIver, Tom. *The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #73)

## Melchoir Hofmann (1495-1544)

Melchoir Hofmann announced in 1531 that the Second Coming would take place in the year 1533. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 13).

## Christopher Columbus (1451-1506)

The great explorer Christopher Columbus is said to have predicted the world would end in 1656. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

# Reformation

## Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Martin Luther considered the year 2000 AD as a possible end-time date before finally settling on 1600 AD (Kyle, Richard, *The Last Days are Here Again*, p. 192). His belief that the Second Coming would take place around 1600 is seen in this comment:

I believe that **all the signs** which are to precede the last days **have already appeared**. Let us **not think that the Coming of Christ is far off**; let us look up with heads lifted up; let us expect our Redeemer's coming with longing and cheerful minds. (*Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis added)

Luther knew to “look” for signs, and he thought all of the warning signs of the Rapture had been fulfilled. He was mistaken as were other Reformers, and some of the early Church fathers. They did not know all of the warning signs.

### **Hugh Latimer (1485-1555)**

Hugh Latimer who was burned at the stake believed the Second Coming would take place in his or that of his children’s lifetime:

All those excellent and learned men whom, without doubt, God has sent into the world in these **latter days** to give the world **warning**, do gather out of the Scriptures that the **last days can not be far off**. Peradventure it may come in my day, old as I am, or in my children’s days. (*Systematic Theology*, vol. 4, p. 279, emphasis added)

### **Johann Heinrich Alsted (1588-1638)**

Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German Calvinist, predicted that Jesus Christ would return in 1694. He was convinced that the Thirty Years War (1618-1648) would lead to the end of the world. He came up with 1694 by taking 69 AD as the start of the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished. He then added 1,290 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to come up with 1359 AD and then he added 1,335 day-years (Daniel 12.11) to arrive at 2694 AD. He subtracted 1000 years for the Millennial Kingdom to arrive at the year 1694 AD as the year of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. (Armerding, Carl Edwin and Gasque, W. Ward. *Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).

Using numbers found in the Bible to calculate the date of the Rapture and the Second Coming is a futile effort as those who have done so understand. The key to knowing the Rapture is not numerology or the calculation of numbers. The only way to know when the Rapture will take place, and subsequently the Second Coming is to diligently “watch” the warning signs be fulfilled that YAHSHUA, the prophets and the apostles gave us.

## **Modern Era**

### **Cotton Mather (1663-1728)**

The Puritan preacher Cotton Mather predicted the Lord would return in 1697 and then in 1716 and finally in 1736. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 338)

### **John Wesley (1703-1791)**

Methodist Church founder John Wesley foresaw the Millennium beginning in 1836, the same year that the Beast of Revelation was supposed to rise from the sea. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #269)

### **The Shakers (1747-Present)**

The Shakers, United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, sprang from the Protestant denomination the Quakers. They believed in celibacy and could not attract many followers. They predicted the world would end in 1792.

### **Hatley Frere (1779-1866)**

Hatley Frere, who brought Edward Irving into the premillennial fold, thought Louis Napoleon was the Antichrist. He also predicted that the Jews would return to Palestine and rebuild their temple in 1865 and that the Roman Catholic Church would become defunct by 1864 (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 54-55).

### **Michael Baxter (1834-1910)**

The Anglican minister Michael Paget Baxter was an ardent date setter, a veritable Charles Taylor of the 19th century. In one of his

earliest publications he predicted the end of the world for 1861-1867. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #348)

He also predicted the end to come in 1868 and 1869. He continued to make predictions picking the years 1871-1872. He took some time off from predicting, and then chose 1896. He did not stop. He foresaw the end of the world in 1901 in his book, *The End of This Age About the End of This Century*. He refused to quit, and in another book, *Future Wonders of Prophecy*, he predicted that the Rapture would take place on March 12, 1903, between 2-3pm. (*The End of the World: An Annotated Bibliography*, #353)

### **Leonard Sale-Harrison (1875-1956)**

Leonard Sale-Harrison was a solid Pre-Tribulationist. He thought Mussolini was the Antichrist and predicted the Rapture would take place in either 1940 or 1941. He made the fatal mistake that most of the modern Pre-Tribulationists make who believe that there are no *signs* for the Rapture. Robert Clouse commented on this prognosticator saying, “Like many pretribulation premillennialists, Sale-Harrison was rather inconsistent. If there are no signs required before the coming of the Lord to rapture His church, then why is so much time spent in reading current events into the Bible?” (*Handbook of Biblical Prophecy*, pp. 30-32).

### **Henry “Harry” Ironside (1876-1951)**

Henry Ironside thought, in 1915 when he wrote the book *The Midnight Cry*, that he was living in the “last days” and the Lord would return in his lifetime:

Reader, let me press my point again. The world-wide Gospel proclamation and world-wide apostasy at the same time are **clear proofs that the end is close upon us.** (*The Midnight Cry*, p. 28, citing Lindsell, *The Gathering Storm*, p. 123, emphasis added)

Laodicea is the closing period of the Church’s history, and who can doubt that we have now reached the very time predicted? It

behooves us to act as men who wait for their Lord, knowing that **His coming cannot be much longer delayed** (Ibid. p. 35, citing Lindsell, p. 124, emphasis added)

It has been 97 years since he wrote that the return of Christ “cannot be much longer delayed.” He saw some warning signs, but not all of them. Had he been aware of all or most of the warning signs of the Rapture he would not have made statements like that. Every preacher who has made a prediction that the Rapture would take place in a specific year or at “any moment” or “soon” or anything like that has not studied Bible prophecy thoroughly. Instead they have studied commentaries of other preachers or theologians who have not studied Bible prophecy thoroughly and adopted the concepts they came up with. Virtually all eschatologists of the last 181 years have failed to study the Bible to come to an understanding of Bible prophecy. Instead they study each other’s writings. It is the blind leading the blind. No one can know the time of the Rapture without knowing all of the major warning signs.



**William Branham**  
**(1909-1965)**

William Branham, founder of the post World War II faith healing movement, proclaimed himself to be the angel of Revelation 3.14 and 10.7. He prophesied that by 1977 all denominations would be consumed by the World Council of Churches under the control of the Roman Catholics, that the Rapture would take place and that the world would be destroyed.<sup>1</sup>



**Lester Sumrall**  
**(1913-1996)**

Lester Sumrall predicted the end of the world in his book, *I Predict 1985*. When that prediction failed he wrote another book. In his book, *I Predict 2000 A.D.*, he argued that the Lord would return by the year 2000 at the latest to set up His Millennial Kingdom. “I predict the absolute fullness of man’s operation on planet Earth by the year 2000 A.D. Then Jesus Christ shall reign from Jerusalem for 1000 years.” (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99, 341)



**Kenneth Hagin**  
**(1917-2003)**

Kenneth Hagin predicted the Rapture would take place in October of 1997. This is what he said at revival meeting in July 1997:

It shall **come to pass this year!** It shall come to pass at last. That which has hindered shall be taken out of the way. The last vestige shall be removed! And it shall come. What is that I see? Shining so bright coming from heaven. Awesome; you want to weep, yet shout, cry yet laugh. I see it coming, nearer and nearer. Blinding light. **The fall of this year - October.** As the people walk in the light of what they have, the rest shall come to pass.

We are going with God. We'll go off and leave some, but we are going with God. Going with God! In the spirit he speaketh mysteries, secrets. Things which are and shall be. When it comes to pass you will know.

In **October** in St. Louis, the center and heart of the nation, it shall come. It shall spread all over the nation. **Manifestations everywhere.** That which has frustrated will be removed. Then you will know the full meaning of the Divine glow. And others will be invited to walk in the light of it, and so they shall. The glory of the Lord shall shine upon His people. (Hagin Holy Ghost Meeting, Oct. 12-24 or longer, St. Louis Family Church, Jeff C. Perry, Pastor, with satellite broadcast, emphasis mine)

It is sad but virtually every major Pentecostal evangelist has made false predictions concerning the Rapture. This is a serious problem Pentecostals have had from their beginning and nothing is being done about it. Instead of refraining from making false predictions they continue to.

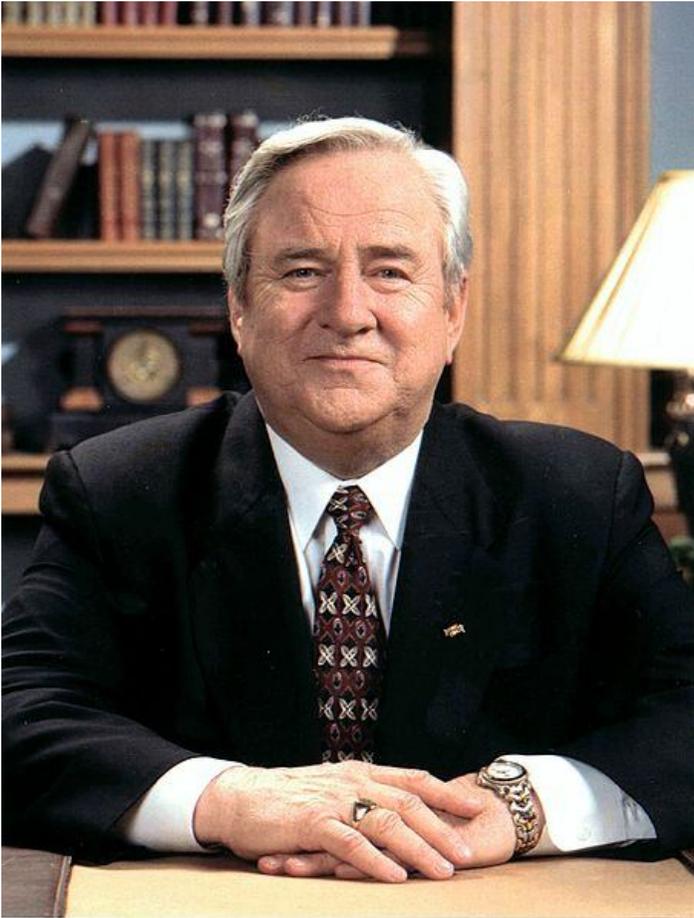
## **Charles Taylor**

End-time preacher Charles Taylor made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. The first year he picked was 1975. When 1975 failed he picked 1976. He didn't stop and went on to pick 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1994. He quit predicting the Rapture due to an untimely ailment called death (*End-Time Visions*, p. 99).

## **Edgar Whisenant (1932-2001)**

Edgar Whisenant and Greg Brewer wrote a book, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Is in 1988*, in which they predicted the Second Advent

would take place in 1988. When the Lord did not return in 1988, Whisenant wrote another book, *The Final Shout: Rapture Report 1989*. When the Lord failed to return in 1989 he stopped making predictions.



**Jerry Falwell**  
**(1933-2007)**

Jerry Falwell, founder of the “Moral Majority,” Liberty University and senior pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, made a prediction that did not come true. He predicted on his TV show (December 27, 1992) that the Rapture would take place before the end of 1999. Even though he expected the Rapture in seven years or less he said he

expected to live as long as W.A. Criswell, who was 83 at the time. He was 59 years of age in 1992. (North, Gary, *Rapture Fever*, p. 200).

In 1999 Falwell said the Antichrist was probably alive, and that the Second Coming will probably be within 10 years. He also told about 1,500 people at a conference on evangelism at Kingsport, Tennessee, that the Antichrist is a male Jew. “Who will the antichrist be? I don’t know. Nobody else knows,” he said.<sup>2</sup>

It is unfortunate that Falwell made a couple false predictions. He should have stuck to teaching and preaching the Word and leaving Bible prophecy to the self-proclaimed experts.



**Salem Kirban  
(1925-2011)**

In his 1968 book, *Guide to Survival*, Salem Kirban used Bishop Ussher’s calculations to speculate that 1989 would be the year of the Rapture (p. 136). Kirban has written some good books on Bible prophecy. He should have remained silent concerning the end.



**Grant Jeffrey  
(1948-2012)**

In 1990 Grant Jeffrey wrote *Armageddon: Appointment with Destiny*. He predicted that the year 2000 A.D. “is a probable termination date for the ‘last days’” (p. 193). He used an elaborate argument based on the jubilee years. He cited the start of the Lord’s ministry where He read Isaiah 61.1 and the first line of verse two. The Lord’s ministry began in a jubilee year:

The year when this occurred, the fall of A.D. 28, was, in fact, not only a Jubilee Year, but was also the thirtieth Jubilee since the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years began when Israel crossed the Jordan River in 1451 B.C. Thus, Jesus Christ precisely fulfilled “the acceptable year of the Lord” on the exact year of Jubilee – the year of liberty and release.

Please note that He stopped reading at “the acceptable year of the Lord” because He knew that the next phrase of the prophet’s sentence, “and the day of vengeance of our God,” which refers to Armageddon, would be postponed exactly 2,000 biblical years (2000 biblical years times 360 days equals 720,000 days divided by 365.25 equals 1971.25 calendar years).

If we add 2000 biblical years (1971.25 calendar years) to the beginning of Christ's ministry on a Jubilee Year when He read the prophecy about "the acceptable year of the Lord" in the fall of A.D. 28; we arrive at the year A.D. 2000, forty Jubilee Cycles later.

The next Jubilee Year will occur in A.D. 2000, completing the Sabbatical-Jubilee system of years – the seventieth Great Jubilee.

In the thirtieth Jubilee Year, Christ commenced His ministry in A.D. 28. In the seventieth Jubilee Year, Christ may commence His kingdom in A.D. 2000. It is also interesting that both the First and Second Temples were dedicated to the Lord on the Feast of Tabernacles in a Year of Jubilee. (pp. 192-193)

Jeffrey went on to argue that his calculations were being confirmed by "thousands of pastors and believers around the world that are **receiving a quiet assurance in their own spirit** that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching." (Ibid., p. 193, emphasis added)

It is obvious that his calculations were wrong. If Christ was scheduled to return in 2000 AD, the Rapture should have taken place in 1993. It's been 16 years since Jeffrey predicted the Lord should have returned, and it may be another decade before He does.

Those thousands of pastors and believers who had "a quiet assurance in their own spirit that the Second Coming of the Lord is quickly approaching" were also wrong. That assurance did not come from the Lord or from the Bible; it came from wishful thinking. The key to understanding when the Rapture will take place is not elaborate calculations or quiet assurances. The key is to know what *warning signs* will take place before the Rapture. Once you know them you can diligently look for them to be fulfilled, and watch as the Rapture approaches.

Everyone who has made a prediction based on Biblical calculations has been wrong. We do not believe anyone can use mathematical calculations to determine the exact or approximate date of the Rapture and Second Coming. The possible exception might be Sir Isaac Newton who has predicted that the Second Coming will take place in 2060 AD. We will have to wait to see if his calculation was

divinely inspired. The way to determine the approximate time of these events is to know what *signs* have yet to be fulfilled, and then keep diligent watch for them to be fulfilled.

Jeffrey decided to give up date-setting a few years later. In his 1994 book, *Prince of Darkness*, he had this warning for all date-setters:

We should emulate Paul's attitude of watching expectantly for the Lord's return but refuse to set a date for it... **Attempts to calculate the exact timing are doomed to failure and are in direct disobedience to the words of Christ.** (p. 212, emphasis added)

It is a shame he did not come to this conclusion before he predicted in 1990 that the Rapture would take place in 2000. Jeffrey passed away in May of 2012 and now knows he was wrong in making predictions.



## **Billy Graham**

In 1950, a young Billy Graham stated, “We may have another year, maybe two years. Then I believe it is going to be over.” (Hugo McCord, *Date Setting*, article<sup>3</sup>)

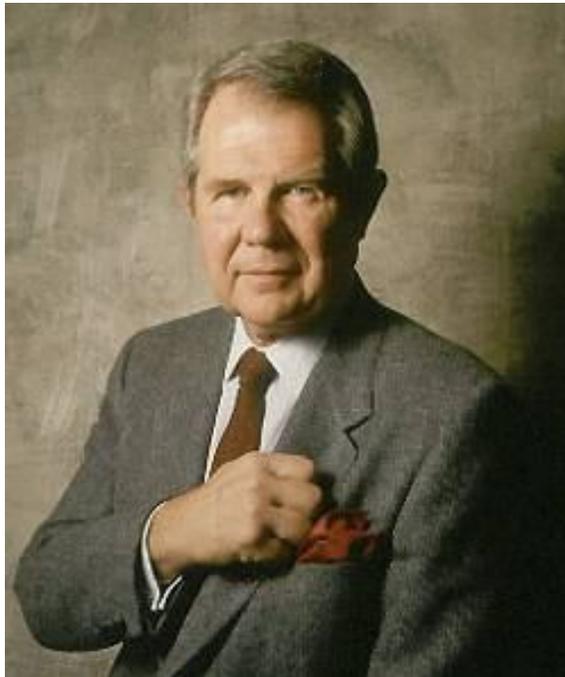
It is understandable for a young evangelist to get caught up in Rapture fever. Fortunately he learned his lesson and has said nothing about the timing of the Rapture since then.

## Doug Clark

Doug Clark self-published a book in the 1970s, in which he said the “Rapture could take place in the 70s. Yes it could!” (*Amazing Prophecies of the 70’s!*, p. 57). He gave 51 prophecies that he said could be fulfilled in the 1970s. In that book he also speculated that Henry Kissinger could be the Antichrist, and he gave ten reasons for his choice (pp. 13-17).

On April 26, 1989, Doug Clark announced on Trinity Broadcasting Network’s show, *Praise the Lord*, that World War III would begin within 3 years. (*End-Time Visions*, p. 92)

Clark has dipped out of sight not being seen on TBN or any other religious network for years. Maybe he has quit the prophecy biz.



## Pat Robertson

Pat Robertson, founder of the 700 Club television show, predicted the end of the world would occur in 1982. “I guarantee you by the end of 1982 there is going to be a judgment on the world,” he said in a May 1980 broadcast of the 700 Club. (Boyer, Paul S., *When Time Shall Be No More*, p. 138)

Robertson has enough troubles running a billion dollar empire. He should stop making predictions of the end of the world. He should also stop posing using secret Masonic hand signals. Since he is getting up in age he may also want to give away 99% of his empire to the poor and needy and just live off the remaining one percent which would be several million FRNs. If he were to do this he would have treasure in Heaven (Matthew 6.19-21). He most likely will die without giving any of his riches to the poor and needy and end up being a pauper in Heaven for all eternity if he is saved. He may not even be saved.

### **Mikkel Dahl, Reginald Duncan & Emil Gaverluk**

Mikkel Dahl predicted in “The Midnight Cry” that the present era would end by 1980. Reginald Edward Duncan predicted in “The Coming Russian Invasion of America” that the Millennium would begin in 1979. Emil Gaverluk, of the Southwest Radio Church, predicted that the Rapture would occur by 1981. (DeMar, Gary, *Last Days Madness*, p. 14)



**Noah Hutchings**

### **David Webber & Noah Hutchings**

David Webber and Noah Hutchings, of the Southwest Radio Church, published a booklet in 1978 in which they speculated that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ might be in 2001. This is what they wrote:

A vital question that affects every man, woman and child living today is: “Will Christ come by 2001?” This impending possibility looms ominously on the human horizon and confronts each of the nearly 42 billion people on this planet. A time of unparalleled affliction, tyranny, and destruction must occur before the most shattering event in all history of man – the physical return of Christ to the earth, in real, visible, and overwhelming power.

The irrefutable evidence of prophetic Scripture indicates that Jesus **Christ may very well be here by 2001!** The **general signs** in the heavens and on earth, plus the **specific signs** occurring in Israel (God’s dramatic timepiece), all point to **His soon return**. (*Will Christ Come by 2001?*, p. 2, emphasis added)

They opened their booklet with a chart of past and future dates:

- A.D. 1917-1921 - Balfour Declaration
- A.D. 1918-1922 - The Beginning of Sorrows
- A.D. 1948-1952 – Israel’s Rebirth After the Flesh
- A.D. 1967-1971 - Jerusalem Restored
- A.D. 1974-1978 - Jewish Temple Rebuilt?
- A.D. 1981-1985 - Beginning of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1985-1989 - Middle of Tribulation
- A.D. 1988-1992 - End of the Tribulation
- A.D. 1995-1999 - Completion of Millennial Temple
- A.D. 1996-2000 - The Jubilee, a rest
- A.D. 1997-2001 - Beginning of the Kingdom Age (p. 3)

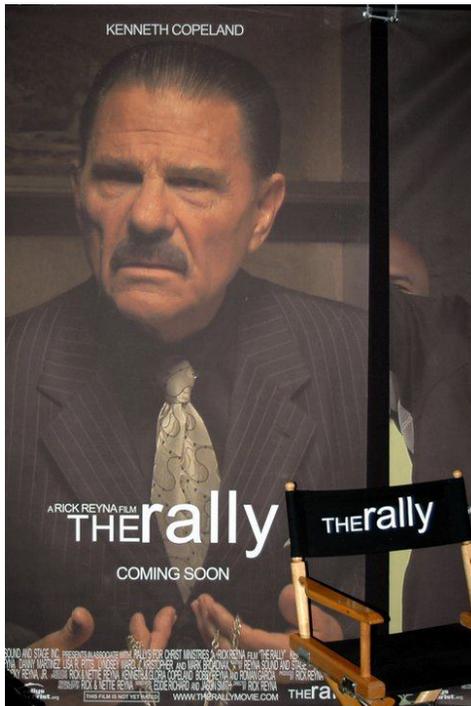
Needless to say they missed by a long shot. We must note that Webber and Hutchings are Pre-Tribulationists. That means the Rapture must take place before the start of the Tribulation. According to their chart the Rapture should have taken place in 1985 by the latest.

Webber and Hutchings teamed up with Emil Gaverluk and published a transcript of a radio program in 1978 in which they predicted the Rapture would take place in the 1980s. Here are a few of the things they predicted would take place in that decade:

- 1980: New World Monetary System emerges
- 1981: Great Synagogue completed
- 1982: Parade of Planets

1983: Russian invasion of the Middle East  
1984: George Orwell's world of 1984 (World government)  
1985: Treaty with Israel aborted  
1986: Halley's Comet reappears  
1987: Massive storms, earthquakes, extreme heat from the sun  
1988: Comet Kohoutek reappears 1989: A great invasion from outer space. Jesus Christ institutes a new government on earth.  
(*God's Timetable for the 1980's*, p. 2)

They firmly believe the Rapture will take place at least seven years prior to the start of the Tribulation. The Tribulation starts with the signing of the covenant between the Antichrist and Israel. Since they place the breaking of the covenant in 1985, they believed the Rapture would take place by 1982 at the latest. The Antichrist breaks his covenant with Israel 3.5 years after signing it (Daniel 9.27). They missed the date of the Rapture by 30 years and counting.



## Kenneth Copeland

On his broadcast on the morning of February 7, 2000, televangelist Kenneth Copeland claimed that a group of scientists and scholars had

studied the Bible in great detail, and had determined that February 11, 2000, would be the last day of the 6000th year since Creation, a date when the Apocalypse would presumably happen. Copeland did not imply he believed this to be accurate yet he went on to say that the Rapture will come soon.



### **Timothy LaHaye**

In Timothy LaHaye's first book on prophecy published in 1972, *The Beginning of the End*, he stated succinctly that one of the primary signs of the last days was the fulfillment of Matthew 24.7:

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in various places. (NKJV)*

What war was the fulfillment of that prophecy? LaHaye had this to say:

Now we are ready to ask: Has there ever been a war, started by two nations, which grew into a worldwide war by the kingdoms of the world, followed by unprecedented famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (perhaps simultaneously)? I am of the opinion that we can discern such. Though reluctant to be dogmatic on the subject, I believe there is one event that fulfills all four parts of this prophecy. That terrible event has been labeled by historians as World War I, which took place between 1914 and 1918. (Ibid., pp. 35-36)

Jesus said, “*Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*” (Matthew 24.34). How long is a generation according to LaHaye? Here is what he had to say about the length of a generation:

We may logically inquire next, “How long is a generation?” Psalm 90:10 provides insight into this subject. “The days of our years are three-score years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be four-score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow....” This does not mean that the final generation is limited to seventy or eighty years; the psalmist is acquainting us with the general length of a generation.

How many people make up a generation? No particular number; just one person who comprehended the four parts of the 1914-1918 sign could represent the “generation.” (Ibid., p. 168)

He argues that just one person needs to be alive, who was old enough to understand that World War I was a *sign*, for the prophecy of Jesus to be fulfilled. If we say a four-year-old child could understand that World War I was a *sign* that means the Lord must return before the last person dies who was born in 1910 or before. According to his argument if a person lives to 120 who was born in 1910, the Lord would have to return by 2030. The rapture would have to take place seven years early in 2023.

The longest period of time for a generation in the Bible is 100 years (Genesis 15:13, 16). Using that as the longest period for a generation the Lord must return by 2014 at the very latest. The start of World War I was the first sign according to LaHaye:

The uniqueness of this prophetic book is the basing of these signs in the first great sign, World War I. Admittedly, some appeared prior to 1914, just as the conditions that produced the tragic war rumbled long before the opening Serbian shot was fired. (Ibid., p. 161)

In a later book, *Are We Living in the End Times?*, he pinned down a generation:

As my friend and prophecy scholar Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum has written, “The Bible nowhere limits the period of a generation simply to forty years. The one place where the term generation is given a specific time length, it is reckoned to be 100 years (Genesis 15:13-16). Actually, the term generation can mean 20, 40, 70, 80, or 100 years.” (p. 60)

The longest a generation can possibly be is 100 years! He teaches the Rapture will take place seven years earlier. Therefore, that “*blessed hope*” must take place by 2007 at the very latest. That year has passed without the Rapture taking place.

In *The Beginning of the End*, published in 1972, he had this to say about how close the Rapture was:

No one knows how long we have before we see the fulfillment of these things, but as we shall see in future studies, it seems that it cannot be much longer before our Lord comes for his Church. As the Lord Jesus said, although we cannot predict the “day or the hour” (Matthew 24:36) when He shall return, **we can know the season**. This book is dedicated to showing that **we are not only in the season**, but the **twilight of the season**. (p. 84, emphasis added)

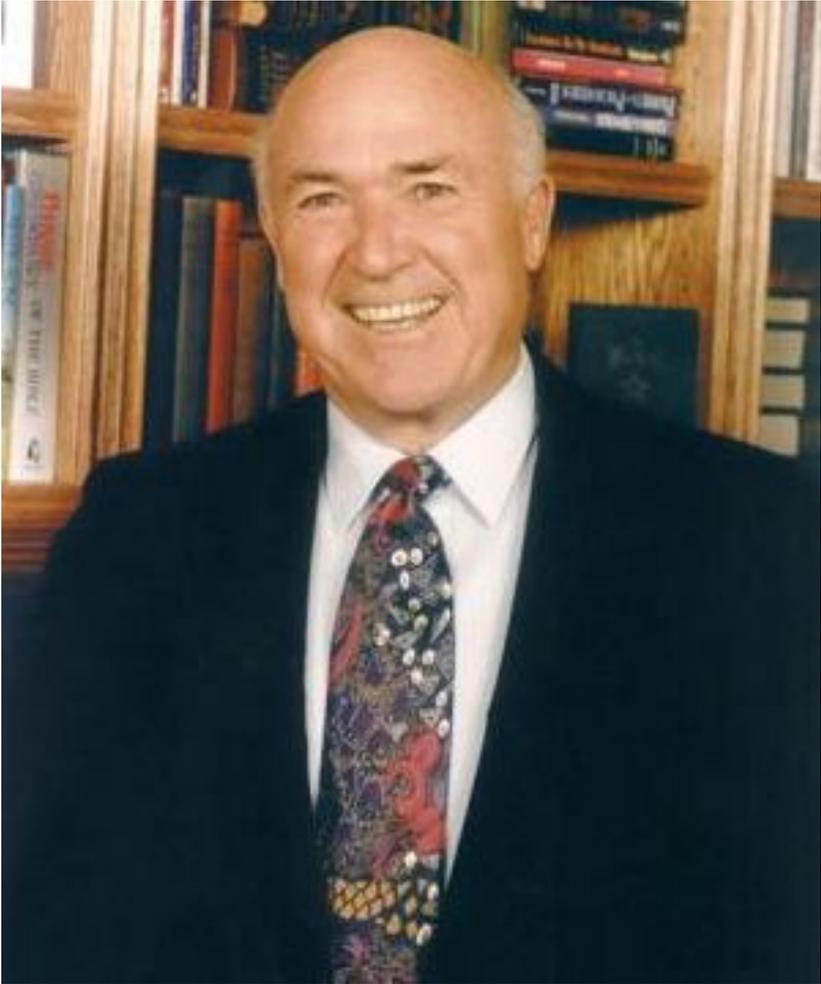
If a season is 100 years long and the twilight is 20 years long, it means he made another prediction that did not come to pass as he said

it would. It all depends on how long a “season” is and how long the “twilight” is.

He listed the 12 most important *signs* of the Second Coming, and described them in that same book, *The Beginning of the End*. He signified how close we were to the Rapture in 1972 by giving the time of the night for each *sign*:

- World War I (10:30 pm)
- Rebirth of Israel (10:35 pm)
- Russia and the Middle East (10:40 pm)
- Capital and Labor Conflicts (10:45 pm)
- Skyrocketing Travel (10:50 pm)
- Explosion of Knowledge (11:00 pm)
- Apostasy (11:15 pm)
- Occult Shadows and Realities (11:20 pm)
- Perilous Times (11:30 pm)
- A Flood of Wickedness (11:30 pm)
- Scoffers Have Come (11:40 pm)
- The Ecumenical Church (11:50 pm)
- The Disunited Nations/World Government (11:58 pm) (pp. 162-3)

LaHaye implied by this clock that in 1972 the world was at 11:40 pm. All of the *signs* had been fulfilled except the last two – the ecumenical church and world government. If we divide 4200 seconds (70 minutes X 60 seconds) by 58 years (1914 to 1972) we come up with approximately 71 seconds per year. Since the last *sign* was fulfilled by 1972 (the time that the book was published) at 11:40 there were 20 minutes remaining on the countdown clock. There are 1200 seconds remaining (20 minutes X 60 seconds), which means the Second Coming of Jesus should have taken place in 1989 (1200 seconds divided by 71 seconds for each year, equals 17 years. 1972 plus 17 equals 1989). It’s obvious that he was working off of a generation as being 70 to 80 years (Psalm 90.10). If we add 80 years to 1914 we come to 1994. If we take away seven years for the Pre-Tribulation Rapture that event should have taken place in 1987, which corresponds to his countdown clock. That is also very close to the year (1981) that Hal Lindsey predicted for the Rapture.



## Chuck Smith

Chuck Smith made a clear statement in his book, *Future Survival*, that the Lord would Rapture the Church before the end of 1981:

From my understanding of biblical prophecies, **I'm convinced that the Lord is coming for His Church before the end of 1981. I could be wrong**, but it's a **deep conviction in my heart**, and **all my plans are predicated upon that belief**. (p. 20, emphasis added)

Deep convictions should not be the basis for doctrine. Scripture is the only basis for doctrine, never feelings or convictions. If he truly

believes the Rapture can take place at *any moment* all of his plans should have been predicated upon that belief.

We do not know why he chose 1981 for the date of the Rapture, but it's possible that he believed the teaching of Hal Lindsey. In his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Lindsey speculated that a generation was 40 years. He believed the Lord would return 40 years after the establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 because the Lord said that everything mentioned in the Olivet Discourse would take place before the “*generation*” that sees Israel become a nation again passes away (Matthew 24.32-34). Since the Rapture takes place seven years earlier it should have taken place in 1981.

Besides thinking 40 years was the Biblical length of a generation, he thought the return of Haley's comet might be a fulfillment of prophecy. He speculated that the return of Haley's comet might be one of the “signs in heavens” that Jesus spoke of:

*And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, man fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (Luke 21.25-27)*

Smith went on to speculate that the tail of Haley's comet could “affect the balance of the earth's ozone blanket” and “the sun's ultraviolet rays would begin to scorch people upon the earth” (Ibid., p. 20). Then he wrote:

The Lord said that towards the end of the Tribulation period the sun would scorch men who dwell upon the face of the earth (Rev. 16). The **year 1986 would fit just about right!** We're getting **close to the Tribulation** and the return of Jesus Christ in glory! (Ibid., p. 21, emphasis added)

We are 30 years further down the road from when Smith wrote his book, *Future Survival* (1980), and there are still many things that must happen before the Rapture takes place. He continued to exhort the Church to be ready for the Rapture:

All the pieces of the puzzle are coming together. God is warning you. (Ibid., p. 21)

Smith did not stop there. He noted how YAHSHUA had rebuked the Pharisees for not knowing “*the signs of My coming.*” He also quoted Paul’s exhortation that Christians are not “*children of darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief*” (1 Thessalonians 5.4). He concluded that chapter by saying:

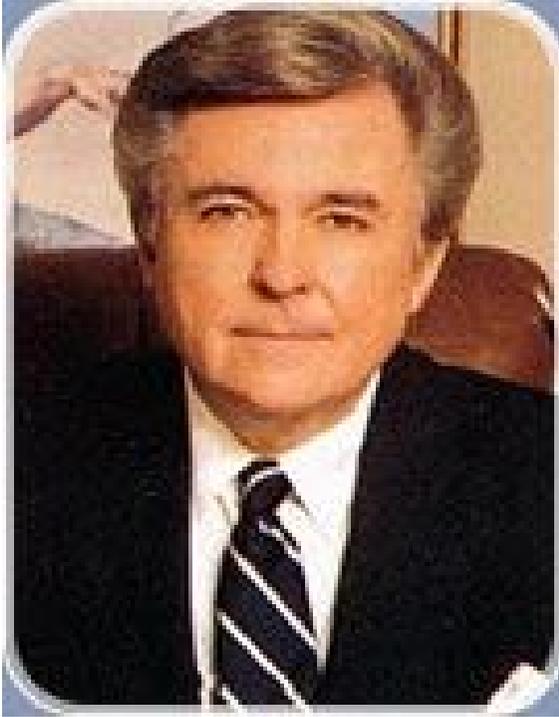
Christ’s return shouldn’t come as a surprise to the child of God. God has given us **plenty of evidence to look for** – and **that evidence is here now!** We can see it! And so, with Paul the apostle I say to you that all of our futures are foreshortened. We don’t have time to be involved in nonessential things. The time has come to let out all the stops and go for it – because our **Lord is coming very soon!** (Ibid., pp. 21-22, emphasis added)

The Rapture should not come as a surprise to Christians who know what warning signs to look for. The problem is that too many Christians do not know the specific warning signs that we should be looking for to know when the Rapture is near. We encourage every Christian to memorize those warning signs, and to diligently look for them to know the time of the Rapture. Get your copy of Rapture Warning Signs to know exactly what prophecies will be fulfilled before the Rapture.

Smith made another prediction of sorts in 2010 on his “Pastor’s Perspective” radio program:

I do think that the Antichrist is in the world. I think that he is alive, and I think that he is **chomping at the bit to take over the reins of the world.** (1.14.2010, emphasis added)

When the Antichrist is revealed and it is shown that he was not an adult in 2010, it will mean Smith was wrong in his belief that the Antichrist was ready to take rulership of the world. It is our belief that if the Antichrist was alive in 2010 he would be a very young boy under the age of five. Smith and all of the elderly Pre-Daniel’s Seventieth Weekers want YAHSHUA to return any day because they have lived a full life. They want the Rapture to take place while they are at the top of their game. Fortunately, the Rapture is more than two decades away. The younger Pre-Seventieth Weekers may see the Rapture if they escape martyrdom during the Fifth Seal (Revelation 6.9-11).



## **Jack Van Impe**

Jack Van Impe has made several predictions for the date of the Rapture. He claimed in his video entitled, “AD 2000 – the End?” that the Rapture could possibly take place in September 1999. He based it on generations listed in the Gospel of Matthew. He took the 3 divisions of 14 generations and determined that from Abraham to Christ there were 2160 years. He divided those years by the 42 generations to arrive at 51.4 years per generation. He took year 1948 (when Israel was reborn) and added one generation (51.4 years) to determine that Christ would most likely return in the autumn of 1999.

When that prediction failed he took a break from predicting. Now his latest date is 2012. As of 2008 he is selling a DVD entitled, “2012,” in which he lays out myriad reasons why he believes the Rapture will take place in 2012. One of those reasons is that the Mayan calendar ends on December 21, 2012. This is what he said:

In Matthew 1.17, there are 42 generations from Abraham until Christ. What? 2,160 years divided by 42 is 51.2. In Luke chapter three, verses 23 to 38, there are 77 generations into

4,000 years from Adam to Christ and that comes out to 51.2 and if you add the extra six months because the Six Day War took place in June you're almost at 52 years. You add 52 to 1967 and you come out pretty close to 2018, 2019, subtract seven years from now, we're talking about 2012. Remember what I said two weeks ago? The Mayan calendar ends December 21st 2012. It's all there, ladies and gentlemen. **I don't believe in setting dates,** Matthew 24.36, but Jesus said, "*When you shall see all these signs (and they are here) then you'll know it's near even at the door,* Matthew 24.33. (Emphasis added)

We are living in the "times of the signs," but the Mayan calendar has nothing to do with the timing of the Rapture. The only *signs* that a true believer in Jesus Christ should "*watch*" for are the prophecies found in the Bible. Secular signs are not reliable, and they should be ignored. When 2012 ends it will mean that once again Van Impe has made a false prediction.



**Hal Lindsey**

Thousands of preachers have said during the last 42 years that Jesus Christ would "soon" return or that His return was "very near." This recent prophecy craze was started by Hal Lindsey in 1970. His

book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, was the foundation for most of the predictions since 1970. He speculated, but did not state emphatically, that the “last generation” started in 1948 with the establishment of the nation of Israel. He said that a generation was 40 years so the Second Coming should be in 1988. He believes the Rapture will take place seven years earlier which means he thought the Rapture would probably take place in 1981.

Lindsey quoted the Lord, “*Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished*” (Matthew 24:34), and then he made this statement:

What generation? Obviously, in context, the generation that would see the signs – chief among them the rebirth of Israel. A **generation** in the Bible is something like **forty years**. If this is a correct deduction, then within forty years or so of 1948, **all these things could take place**. Many scholars who have studied Bible prophecy all their lives **believe that this is so**. (*The Late Great Planet Earth*, p. 54, emphasis added)

He thought he was right when the Iraq-Iran War broke out in September 1980, but the Lord did not return. He was wrong about that prediction. Many scholars, who believed like him, and had “studied Bible prophecy all of their lives,” were also wrong.

Since then Lindsey has said dozens of times that the Rapture would take place “soon,” “very soon” and that it was “very near.” An example of one of his predictions, that is not a prediction, is found in his 1981 book, *The 1980’S: Countdown to Armageddon*:

During the last 25 years I have been studying prophecy I have seen incredible events forecast 3,000 years ago happen right before my eyes. Especially in the past 10 years, I have watched current events push toward the climax of history the prophets foretold. I believe many people will be shocked by what is happening right now and by what will happen in the very near future. *The decade of the 1980’s could very well be the last decade of history as we know it.* (pp. 7-8, emphasis added, H.L.)

He missed that prediction also. The 1980’s was not the “last decade of history as we know it.” He was not even close.

Lindsey has also said the Lord would return to rapture the Church in his lifetime. If he dies it will mean that he missed it, no matter what excuse his defenders may make. He also said that the Rapture would take place by the time he reached the age of the life span of the average American male. That year has come and gone. He has made four clear predictions with three of them wrong. When he dies that will be his fourth inaccurate prediction.

He made a prediction dealing with the Soviet Union in his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*. He said the Russians were “seeking to gain footholds in Iran by various overtures of aid. In order to mount a large-scale invasion predicted by Ezekiel, Russia would need Iran as an ally.” He then wrote:

Watch the actions of Iran in relation to Russia and the United Arab Republic. This writer believes that significant things will soon be happening there. (p. 68)

Russia and her allies use this occasion to launch an invasion of the Middle East, which Russia has longed to do since the Napoleonic wars. (Ibid., p. 154)

In his second book, *The 1980'S: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said that he predicted, in his first book, that Russia would invade the Middle East:

In *The Late Great Planet Earth* I predicted that the Soviets would begin their Middle East campaign with a sweep through the Persian Gulf area into Iran. The recent Russian invasion of Afghanistan was a first step in that direction. Once the **Middle East falls to Russia**, the communists will withhold their newly-gained oil to cripple the west. Just how close the Soviets are to making this bold move will be discussed in a later chapter. (p. 13)

He also made this prediction about Russia's plans for the Middle East:

The Russian invasion of Afghanistan has telegraphed the **Soviet intention to take over the entire Middle East**. Russian troops are already present in South Yemen and Ethiopia, and the fall of

the Shah in nearby Iran has opened the door for a **Soviet conquest of the strategic Persian Gulf area**. The rest of the Middle East – including **Saudi Arabia**, which sits on one-quarter of the world’s known oil reserves – appears to be an **easy target for a Soviet takeover**.

This area has now **fit precisely** into the **pattern predicted** for it. All that remains is for the Russians to make their predicted move. (Ibid., p. 63, emphasis added)

In 1980, when he wrote his second book, it looked as though the Soviets would take over the Middle East. Their invasion of Afghanistan in December of 1979, made him and most eschatologists think the end was very near. He made a prediction, on Paul Crouch’s TBN network, that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan was the beginning of the end. He said the Soviets would soon attack Israel, and that Christians should pack their bags.

Lindsey and most prophecy teachers did not foresee al-Qaeda, led by Usama bin Laden, defeating the Soviets, and running them out of Afghanistan with their tails tucked between their legs. Instead of the Soviets taking over the Middle East, and holding the world to ransom with oil, the United States has done that.

On October 7, 2001, George Bush invaded Afghanistan in response to the September 11 attacks, and then invaded Iraq in 2003. He captured Saddam Hussein, and had him hung. Before the invasion of the Middle East by Bush the price of oil was around \$25.00 per barrel. It climbed to over \$140.00 a barrel in 2008 before falling back. Lindsey should have predicted that the United States would invade the Middle East, and hold the world to ransom with oil.

On September 25, 1997, he predicted on his TV show, *International Intelligence Briefing*, that Russia would invade Israel within 18 months (*End-Time Visions*, p. 286).

The false prediction by Lindsey concerning the Soviet Union is to be expected because he does not speak for God as the Old Testament prophets did. We must all be knowledgeable about the political machinations of the families who run the world – Rothschilds, Rockefellers, Bronfmans, DuPonts, Habsburgs, Sassoons, Schiffs, Thyssens, Vanderbilts and Witten-Saxe-Coburg-Gotha-Windsors, and the organizations they use to run the world – Bilderberg Group, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Bohemian Club, Club of Rome, Skull and

Bones Society, Fabian Society, New York Century Association, Cosmos Club, Twentieth Century Fund, United Nations, Federal Reserve Corp., Council of Nine, Freemasons, Roman Catholic Church, Society of Jesus, Knights of Malta, Knights Templar, Illuminati Order and hundreds of other groups – or we may also make similar mistakes.

In his second book, *The 1980'S: Countdown to Armageddon*, Lindsey said that the False Prophet was alive in 1980 when the book was written:

I believe the false prophet is in the Middle East today, awaiting his fateful hour. (Ibid., p. 48)

When the False Prophet is identified, and it is learned that he was born after 1980, it will mean that Hal Lindsey made another false prediction.

In his book, *Planet Earth 2000 A.D.*, Lindsey predicted the Rapture would take place in the year 2000. However, he left himself a face-saving outlet:

“Could I be wrong? Of course. The Rapture may not occur between now and the year 2000.” (p. 306)

Lindsey has been wrong about every prediction he has made. Why? He has been unduly influenced by the doctrine of *imminence* and he does not understand what the **What** is.

## Texe Marrs

Texe Marrs suggested in a 1992 essay, “Night Cometh!” the Rapture could take place by the year 2000. He wrote that Satan’s “New Age occult kingdom will be fully in place on planet earth and the New Age messiah will be in charge of this world. But, that’s the Devil’s timetable, not God’s” (James, William T., *Storming Toward Armageddon*, p. 130).

The devil is taking his time establishing his final New World Order. He is patiently waiting for the technology that has been developed in secret government laboratories to be implemented so he will have total control over everyone on Earth. He knows it is pointless to try to usher in a New World Order before he has all of the Big Brother technologies firmly in place.

## **Joe VanKoevering**

Dr. Joe VanKoevering, president of “God’s News Behind the News” and pastor of the Gateway Christian Center in St. Petersburg, Florida, with his wife Kaye Brubaker VanKoevering, made a DVD *Unveiling the Man of Sin* in which he identified the Antichrist as being Prince El-Hassan bin Talal. He is the son of King Talal of Jordan and Queen Zein al-Sharaf. He is the brother of the late King Hussein, and was Crown Prince from 1965 to 1999. He is also uncle to the present King Abdullah II of Jordan.

It is impossible for El-Hassan to be the Antichrist because he is far too old. He was born in 1947 and is 63 as of 2010. Even if the Tribulation were to begin this year he is too old. It would seem more reasonable the Antichrist will be a young man in his thirties because he comes as one in place of Jesus. We also know that no one will be able to identify the Antichrist until the world government is formed (Daniel 7.23) and it breaks into ten divisions (Daniel 7.24). Once those two prophecies are fulfilled Christians will be able to identify the Antichrist.



**Benny Hinn**

Toufik Benedictus “Benny” Hinn, Palestinian born televangelist, founder of the Orlando Christian Center and host of the television

program “This is Your Day,” has made numerous false prophecies with some of them concerning the Antichrist and the Rapture:

“A **world dictator** is coming on the scene. My! He’s a **short man**. He’s a short man. I see a short man who’s a perfect incarnation of Satan. [Hinn speaks in tongues.] Never in my life have I had anything happen like what’s happening to me now! ‘This man will rule the world. In the **next few years you will see him**. But not long after that you will see Me.’” (Orlando Christian Center, 12.31.1989, emphasis mine)

“We may have **two years before the rapture**. Can I be blunt with you? I don’t know if we have **two years left**. I’m going to prove to you from the Word tonight, that **we have less than two years**.” (Trinity Broadcasting Network, 11.9.1990, emphasis mine)

“**Jesus is coming again** within the **next two years**.” (July 1997, fund-raising telethon on TBN, emphasis mine)



### Harold Camping

Harold Camping wrote a book, *1994?* in which he decided no one could be saved after September 6, 1994 (pp. 526-7, 531). During that year he said emphatically that the Lord would return sometime between September 15-27. He went on to predict September 29, and then October 2 for the end. Camping made another prediction a few years later picking March 31, 1995. When the Lord failed to return on

those dates he said he did not predict the Lord's Second Coming. He said it was highly probable the Lord would return on those dates. Since then he has made another prediction for the Lord's return. That lucky year is 2011. Here is the warning posted on his website:

In 2 Peter 3:8, which is quoted above, Holy God reminds us that one day is as 1,000 years. Therefore, with the correct understanding that the seven days referred to in Genesis 7:4 can be understood as 7,000 years, we learn that when God told Noah there were seven days to escape worldwide destruction, He was also telling the world there would be exactly 7,000 years (one day is as 1,000 years) to escape the wrath of God that would come when He destroys the world on Judgment Day. Because Holy Infinite God is all-knowing, He knows the end from the beginning. He knew how sinful the world would become.

Seven thousand years after 4990 B.C. (the year of the Flood) is the year 2011 A.D. (our calendar).  $4990 + 2011 - 1 = 7,000$  [*One year must be subtracted in going from an Old Testament B.C. calendar date to a New Testament A.D. calendar date because the calendar does not have a year zero.*]

Thus Holy God is showing us by the words of 2 Peter 3:8 that He wants us to know that exactly 7,000 years after He destroyed the world with water in Noah's day, He plans to destroy the entire world forever. *Because the year 2011 A.D. is exactly 7,000 years after 4990 B.C. when the flood began, the Bible has given us absolute proof that the year 2011 is the end of the world during the Day of Judgment, which will come on the last day of the Day of Judgment.*

Amazingly, May 21, 2011 is the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of the Biblical calendar of our day. Remember, the flood waters also began on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, in the year 4990 B.C.

The Holy Bible gives several additional astounding proofs that May 21, 2011 is very accurate as the time for the Day of Judgment. For more information on this subject, you may request a copy of *We Are Almost There*, available free of charge from Family Radio.

God is proving to us that we have very accurately learned from the Holy Bible God's time-plan for the end of the world.

Sadly, the Holy Bible tells us that only a small percentage of today's world will turn from their evil ways, and with great humility and fear will cry to God for mercy. Nevertheless, the Bible assures us that many of the people who do beg God for His mercy will not be destroyed. We learn from the Bible that Holy God plans to rescue about 200 million people (that is about 3% of today's population). On the first day of the Day of Judgment (May 21, 2011) they will be caught up (raptured) into Heaven because God had great mercy for them. This is why we can be so thankful that God has given us advance notice of Judgment Day.<sup>4</sup> (Emphasis added, H.C.)

His date for the flood of Noah's time (4990 BC) is off by over 2500 years. The major dates for the flood are – Martin Antsey 2386, the Chinese 2348, Bishop Ussher 2348, the Great Pyramid 2343, Judaism 2105.

Camping teaches that May 21, 2011, will be the day that Christians are raptured and the Tribulation begins. He believes the Tribulation will last 5 months (Genesis 7.24), and Jesus Christ will return in person on October 21, 2011. On that day the unsaved will be judged.

He is also wrong in the number of people who will be saved. He gets that number from Revelation 9.16. The 200,000,000 is the number of the demonic creatures that will terrorize the world during the Tribulation with the blowing of the sixth trumpet. The number of people who will be raptured before the start of the Tribulation will be more than 200 million, and there may be that many or more saved during the Tribulation (Revelation 7.9). Most of those saved during the Tribulation will be martyred.

He confirmed his belief that YAHSHUA will return on May 21, 2011 on his "Open Forum" program. He said he is positive that his date is correct:

**I have no option**, I can't say as I did a few years ago there is a high likelihood it'll be this or that. Now **I have to say it is absolutely certain** this is going to happen. ("Open Forum," 10.09.2009, emphasis mine)

It is hard to believe that Camping is right about his date for creation and everyone else is off by 6000 years. If his date for creation (11,013 B.C.), and the flood (4,990 B.C.) are wrong, then his

date for the Second Coming is also wrong. Most historians date Creation around 4,000 B.C. and the Flood at 2341 B.C.



May 21, 2011 came and went and everything is as it was. Camping made another false prediction. He quickly recalculated his date and said the end would come on October 21, 2011. He held a press conference and explained that the Rapture was a spiritual Rapture, but the Second Coming would be real. He suffered a stroke soon after his false prophecy and stopped doing call-in programs. When October 22 came he realized he had once more made a false prophecy and promised not to do it again:

### **An Important Letter from Mr. Camping - March 2012**

THE BOARD OF FAMILY RADIO WISHES TO POST THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. CAMPING. IT WAS OUR WISH, OUT OF RESPECT FOR OUR LISTENERS, TO MAIL OUT THIS LETTER BEFORE POSTING IT TO THE WEB SITE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE IT WAS LEAKED TO THE INTERNET WITHOUT OUR AUTHORIZATION, WE HAVE MADE THE DECISION TO POST IT IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID CONFUSION. THIS LETTER WILL ALSO BE MAILED OUT TO OUR LISTENERS.

*“God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.” Romans 3:4*

Dear Family Radio Family,

In this time of confusion and turmoil, God's Word remains the only truth in which we can trust. God has shown us again the truth that He alone is true. In Romans 3:4 God declares: "*Let God be true but every man a liar.*" Events within the last year have proven that no man can be fully trusted. Even the most sincere and zealous of us can be mistaken.

The May 21 campaign was an astounding event if you think about its impact upon this world. There is no question that millions, if not billions of people heard for the first time the Bible's warning that Jesus Christ will return. Huge portions of this world that had never read or seen a Bible heard the message the Christ Jesus is coming to rapture His people and destroy this natural world.

Yes, we humbly acknowledge **we were wrong about the timing**; yet though we were wrong God is still using the May 21 warning in a very mighty way. In the months following May 21 the Bible has, in some ways, come out from under the shadows and is now being discussed by all kinds of people who never before paid any attention to the Bible. We learn about this, for example, by the recent National Geographic articles concerning the King James Bible and the Apostles. Reading about and even discussing about the Bible can never be a bad thing, even if the Bible's authenticity is questioned or ridiculed. The world's attention has been called to the Bible.

We must also openly acknowledge that we have no new evidence pointing to another date for the end of the world. Though many dates are circulating, Family Radio has no interest in even considering another date. God has humbled us through the events of May 21, to continue to even more fervently search the Scriptures (the Bible), not to find dates, but to be more faithful in our understanding.

We have learned the very painful lesson that all of creation is in God's hands and He will end time in His time, not ours! We humbly recognize that God may not tell His people the date when Christ will return, any more than He tells anyone the date they will die physically.

We realize that many people are hoping they will know the date of Christ's return. In fact for a time Family Radio fell into that kind of thinking. But we now realize that those people who were calling our attention to the Bible's statement that "*of that day and hour knoweth no man*" (Matthew 24:36 & Mark 13:32), were right in their understanding of those verses and **Family Radio was wrong.**

Whether God will ever give us any indication of the date of His return is hidden in God's divine plan.

We were even so bold as to insist that the Bible guaranteed that Christ would return on May 21 and that the true believers would be raptured. Yet this **incorrect and sinful statement** allowed God to get the attention of a great many people who otherwise would not have paid attention. Even as God used sinful Balaam to accomplish His purposes, so He used **our sin** to accomplish His purpose of making the whole world acquainted with the Bible. However, even so, **that does not excuse us**. We tremble before God as we humbly ask Him for forgiveness for making that **sinful statement**. We are so thankful that God is so loving that He will forgive even this sin.

So we must be satisfied to humbly wait upon God, and trust He will guide His people to safety. At Family Radio, we continue to look to God for guidance. If it is His good pleasure for us to continue on with our original mission, the proclamation of the Gospel, God's Word, then we must continue to look to Him.

We consider you to be a real part of this ministry and the tremendous opportunities which God, by His unfathomable mercy and grace, continues to give to us. And, your steadfast involvement and support is so appreciated!

May God bless you,

Harold Camping and the staff of Family Radio.



Let us hope Camping does not try to make another lame prediction. Camping blamed Family Radio for the false prophecy and not himself. He was the one who came up with the false date and he alone is to take the blame, not Family Radio. Until Camping states publicly that he and he alone made a false prophecy we must believe he has not learned his lesson and he has not been humbled.

Camping used two verses – *“And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth”* (Genesis 7.10), and *“But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day”* (1 Peter 3.8) – to determine that the statement in Genesis is a prophecy that after 7000 years (7 days) the Earth would be destroyed. He chose 4990 as the year of the flood, and counted 7000 years from that date to arrive at 2011. He also claimed the flood started on May 21 of 4990 so the destruction of the world would begin on May 21, 2011, and YAHSHUA would return five months later (Genesis 7.24) to judge the wicked on October 21, 2011. His dates and numbers are wrong.

Camping had a stroke soon after making his last false prophecy. He has not returned to the air and may soon go to his eternal rewards or punishment. It is unlikely he will make another false prophecy. We will not have him to kick around much longer.



**Arnold Murray**

## **Arnold Murray**

Arnold Murray, pastor of the Shepherd's Chapel teaches numerous false doctrines. He also made a few false predictions. In 1980 he said we were living in the last 3½ years of the Tribulation. He predicted that "one-worldism shall come to pass, and it shall receive a deadly wound about the end of this year." He also predicted the Millennial Temple would start to be built in 1981, and the Antichrist would appear in the same year.<sup>5</sup>

Murray teaches some damnable false doctrines such as Eve had sex with Satan and their off-spring live among us today. He calls them the Kenites. He also denies the Trinity and claims that YAHWEH speaks to him in an audible voice. Murray is one of the worst false teachers in America right next to Harold Camping.

### **What God Says Concerning False Prophets**

*"But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall **die**. And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah hath not spoken? When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him."*  
(Deuteronomy 18.20-22)

These men should be thankful they did not live in the Old Testament dispensation or they would have met an untimely death.

### **So how soon will the Rapture take place?**

No one can pick a date at this time and be 100% certain. There are too many variables for even us to choose a date. Yet we can make a very well-educated guess based on knowing what prophecies must be fulfilled before the Rapture and how long before they can be fulfilled. Below is a list of prophecies that must be fulfilled prior to the Rapture with an estimate as to how soon they can be fulfilled:

## Warning signs that are being fulfilled

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5).
2. The “*apostasy*” (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 2.1-5; 4.3-4).
3. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
4. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29).
5. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

1. Society will break down much more (**20 years**).
2. The “*apostasy*” will get much worse (**20 years**).
3. Corporations will become all-powerful (**20 years**).
4. Homosexuals will fully dominate society (**20 years**).
5. Mark of the Beast has to be implemented (**20 years**).

## Warning signs yet to be fulfilled

The 8 **warning signs** that take place, from a few years to several months, before the Tribulation are:

1. Destruction of Gog/Magog and allies (Ezek. 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World Church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).

1. The Gog/Magog War is still far off (**20 years**).
2. Ancient Babylon must become the economic headquarters of the world (**20 years**).
3. The transfer of the Holy See can only happen once Iraq becomes a stable nation (**10 years**).
4. The World Church cannot be created in a few years (**20 years**).
5. A world economic system will take two decades (**20 years**).
6. A world government will take about two decades (**20 years**).
7. The world government will break up once formed (**20 years**).
8. Rebuilding the Temple can take place at any time. (**0 years**).

The 8 **warning signs** that take place a short time before the Tribulation are:

1. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
2. Rise of Antichrist (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-2)
3. The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)
4. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Dan. 9.27)
5. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
6. Worldwide economic depression (Revelation 6.5-6)
7. Worldwide famine, pestilence, wild animals (Revelation 6.7)
8. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10)

1. “*Peace and safety*” is at least **20 years** away.
2. The Antichrist is **25 years** off.
3. The “*overflowing scourge*” is **25 years** away.
4. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel is **25 years** away.
5. The World War of Daniel’s Seventieth Week is **25 years** away.
6. The worldwide economic depression is **25 years** away.
7. Worldwide famine, pestilence, wild animals is **25 years** away.
8. Martyrdom of Church Age believers is **25 years** away.

## Conclusion

The Pre-Tribulation Rapture is NOT imminent or even close. It is at least 25 years away, possibly longer. Our best guess at this date (2013) is that it is 25 years away. If the Antichrist has not yet been born it means the Rapture is 35 years away.

As you can see the false prediction bug has also bitten far too many preachers. Even the hardcore fundamental Baptists have been bitten and made false predictions. This spiritual disease has spread throughout Christianity and there is no antibiotic that can stop it except serious study of Bible prophecy. The men who have taken that antibiotic have been cured and refrain from predicting when the Rapture will take place.

Do not be taken in by these false prophets. Remember this biblical truth: The Rapture cannot take place until the 16 Bible prophecies noted above are fulfilled.

The only people who make incorrect predictions concerning the timing of the Rapture and Second Coming are those who think the

Lord can return at any moment. Those who clearly understand that specific prophetic warning signs must be fulfilled before the Rapture can take place never make false predictions. They simply “*wait*” and “*watch*” for those prophecies to be fulfilled just as YAHSHUA commanded us to do:

*“Take heed, **watch** and pray: for you know not when the time is. [For the Son of Man is] as a man going out of the country, leaving his house and giving his bondmen authority, and to each man his work, and commanded the door-keeper to **watch**. **Watch** therefore: for you know not when the master of the house comes, at evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, **Watch**.”* (Mark 13.33-37)

And for what do we *watch*? The only things that we can *watch* for are the prophetic warning signs that the Old Testament prophets, YAHSHUA, Paul and Peter gave so we would know the time of the Rapture!



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# AFTERWORD

YAHSHUA Messiah commanded all believers to watch for the **warning signs** of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

*“Therefore **be alert**, for you do not know in what hour your Lord comes.”* (Matthew 24.42)

*“**Be alert** for you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man comes.”* (Matthew 25.13)

The Holy Spirit also commanded all believers to watch for the **warning signs** of the Rapture through the writing of Paul:

*Awaiting the **blessed hope** and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Messiah YAHSHUA.* (Titus 2.13)

Those who are “watching” for specific **warning signs** to take place before the Rapture are obedient servants.

Since there is no gap between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation then more than a dozen major prophecies must be fulfilled before the Rapture. All students of Bible prophecy should learn what those prophecies (**warning signs**) are, and then carefully “watch” for them to be fulfilled.

As we “watch” the fulfillment of the prophecies that must be fulfilled before the Rapture we will be able to determine how close we are to that “*blessed hope*” (Titus 2.13).

It is important to know what the major Bible prophecies are that must be fulfilled prior to the Rapture. By knowing what those prophecies are we will be able to explain to the lost that the Bible is the Word of YAHWEH, and that the prophecies concerning the “*last days*” are being fulfilled. Fulfillment of Bible prophecy is one of the most powerful proofs that the Bible is the Word of YAHWEH.

Knowing Bible prophecy is also important to edify, encourage and stimulate fellow Christians “*unto love and good works*” (Hebrews 10.24). We should do this all the more as “*we see the day drawing near*” (Hebrews 10.25). The “*day*” that is “*drawing near*” is the day of the Rapture.

Study Appendix A carefully, and then “*watch*” for the fulfillment of those **warning signs**. As you see them be fulfilled share the importance of those prophecies with fellow believers. Also share them with those who are not saved, and pray that they will come to a saving knowledge of YAHSHUA Messiah.

All Christians are ambassadors of YAHSHUA Messiah:

*Therefore, we are **ambassadors** for Messiah, as it were YAHWEH exhorting by us; we beseech you for Messiah, be reconciled to YAHWEH.* (2 Corinthians 5.20)

And we are commanded to know how to share the gospel:

*And having **shod your feet with [the] preparation of the gospel of peace.*** (Ephesians 6.15)

*But sanctify the Lord YAHWEH in your hearts, **and be ready always for a defense** to everyone who asks you to give an account concerning the hope in you with gentleness and respect.* (1 Peter 3.15)

A good way to learn how to share the gospel is to memorize the basic salvation verses given in Appendix B. Then find a brother at the church you attend who knows how to share the gospel, and go out with him to share it. Some churches have classes to teach members how to share the gospel and some have evangelistic programs. Every Christian should take advantage of those classes and programs.

As noted in the Preface, all Christians are commanded to resist evil and expose the evil deeds of the wicked, including the coming New World Order:

*Be of sober, **be alert.** Because your adversary, the devil, goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist [him], firm in [your] faith, knowing the same sufferings are being experienced by your brethren who are in the world.* (1 Peter 5.8-9)

*And do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even **reprove them**. It is shameful to even speak of the hidden things being done by them; but all things which are **reproved by the light** are revealed for everything that is revealed is light. (Ephesians 5.11-13)*

*Put on the panoply [full armor] of YAHWEH that you will be able to **stand against the schemes of the devil** (Ephesians 6.11)*

*The people will curse him who says to the wicked, “You are righteous,” and the nations will abhor him. But to **those who rebuke the wicked will be delight**, and a **good blessing will be upon them**. (Proverbs 24.24-25)*

*Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, but those who **keep the law strive with them**. (Proverbs 28.4)*

*For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have **not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood** in your striving against sin. (Hebrews 12.3-4)*

*Like a fouled spring and a broken fountain are the righteous **who give way before the wicked**. (Proverbs 25.26)*

All Christians are commanded to **withstand steadfast against** (resist) **the devil, reprove the wicked** and **their evil deeds, stand against the wiles** (schemes) **of the devil, keep the Law** (of God) **to contend with them, strive against sin** and **not give way before the wicked**. If you are not actively doing these things on a continual basis you are not fully serving the Lord.

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# GLOSSARY

**Angels** – Created beings who serve YAHWEH and believers (Hebrews 1.14). One-third of them joined Satan in his rebellion (Revelation 12.4). They are called “fallen angels.”

**Antichrist** – He will rise to power prior to the Rapture (Daniel 7.20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2) and be identified as the Antichrist before the Rapture (2 Thessalonians 2.1-3). After the Rapture he will assume control of the world, but will be under the power of the World Church (Revelation 17.3). At the mid-point of the seven-year Tribulation he will take total control of Earth by the power of Satan (Revelation 13.4) and rule with absolute authority for 42 months (Revelation 13.5). He will blaspheme YAHWEH (Daniel 7.25; Revelation 13.5-6) and persecute and kill those who are saved after the Rapture (Daniel 7.21, 25; Revelation 13.7).

**Apostasy** – The turning away by the Church from the faith and Biblical doctrines to a false faith and false doctrines (2 Thessalonians 2.3; 2 Timothy 4.3-4). It started in the first half of the 19th Century and it will continue until the Rapture.

**Any Moment** – A term that means YAHSHUA Messiah can return to Rapture the Church at any time. This unbiblical concept promotes the idea that there are no warning signs or events that must take place before the Rapture.

**Apostles** – The eleven Disciples (Judas Iscariot not included) plus Paul, who YAHSHUA chose to preach the Gospel (Matthew 28.19-20; Acts 1.8) to the world and to build His Church (Ephesians 4.11-13). There are no apostles today.

**Beast** – The **Antichrist**. This future world ruler is also called the man of lawlessness and the son of destruction among other names (2 Thessalonians 2.3)

**Bible** – The infallible, holy word of YAHWEH. It contains all the information that every believer needs to live his life for the Lord YAHSHUA Messiah (2 Timothy 3.16). It contains hundreds of

prophecies that have been fulfilled in a literal manner. It also contains more prophecies which will be fulfilled prior to the Rapture. Those prophecies are the warning signs that we must all look for.

**Christians** – True believers in YAHSHUA Messiah. Not everyone who calls himself a Christian is truly born again. YAHSHUA said that come judgment day some people who thought they were saved and serving Him will be turned away into Hell (Matthew 7.21-23).

**Church** – The body of YAHSHUA Messiah which consists of all true believers in Jesus (1 Corinthians 12.27; Ephesians 4.12).

**Devil** – He is also known as **Satan** (see **Satan**).

**Disciples** – The 12 men that YAHSHUA chose (Luke 6.14-16) to train so they could build His Church after His ascension. They became the Apostles except for Judas Iscariot, who betrayed YAHSHUA and committed suicide. Paul was chosen by YAHSHUA (Acts 9.1-16) to replace him as the twelfth Apostle.

**End Times** – An indeterminate period of time that began with the apostasy of the Church and will end with the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah. We are living in the End Times.

**Eschatologist** – A person who studies eschatology and writes books or essays on it.

**Eschatology** – The study of the “last things” in the Bible. The “last things” are also known as the End Times and the Last Days.

**False Prophet** – The religious leader who heads up the World Church. He is a partner of the Antichrist who enforces his dictates (Revelation 13.11-18).

**Gap** – A period of indeterminate time between the Rapture and the start of the Tribulation. The alleged gap is not biblical because the Rapture takes place after the Tribulation starts.

**Gospel** – The “good news” that YAHSHUA Messiah, the Son of God, died to save mankind. If you are not saved turn to Appendix B now.

**Hell** – The place, in the heart of the Earth (Matthew 12.40), where people who die in their sins go (Luke 19.16-31), to await judgment at the **White Throne Judgment** (Revelation 20.13-14).

**HOLY SPIRIT** – The Third Person of the **Trinity**.

**Imminence** – A false doctrine that teaches Jesus could have returned to rapture the Church at any moment since Pentecost. Therefore, there are no *warning signs* or events that must take place before the Rapture.

**Jesus Christ** – See **YAHSHUA Messiah**.

**Lake of Fire** – The final abode of Satan and the fallen angels (Matthew 25.41; Revelation 20.10). It is also the final abode of everyone who dies in their sins without trusting YAHSHUA Messiah to save them (Revelation 20.11-15). Everyone who is cast into that place of punishment (Proverbs 10.16; Matthew 25.46) has NO hope of parole, pardon or escape for ALL ETERNITY! They will be punished with fire, burning sulfur (brimstone), coals of fire, burning wind, extreme heat, unquenchable thirst, deafening screams of billions of other damned people, and eternally fighting with each other, demonic creatures, fallen angels and Satan.

**Last Days** – See **End Times**.

**Mark of the Beast** – A mark of some kind (most likely a computer chip implanted under the skin) that the Antichrist will force everyone on Earth to take to be able to buy or sell or receive any kind of government benefits. Those who refuse to worship the Antichrist and take his mark will be executed (Revelation 13.15-17).

**Millennial Kingdom** – The period of time that begins with the Second Coming of YAHSHUA Messiah and ends after 1,000 years (Revelation 20.1-10). It is also called the Millennium. The major passages describing that age are – Isaiah 4.1-6; 11.6-10; 25.6-7; 60.1-9; 61.3-11; 62.1-9; 65.17-25; 66.22-24; Jeremiah 23.3-8; 30.18-22; 33.6-18; Ezekiel 40-48; Joel 3, 18-21; Micah 4.1-8; Zephaniah 3.9-13; Zechariah 14.9-11, 16-21.

**Pentecost** – The official day that the Church began (Acts 2.1). On that day 120 believers in YAHSHUA Messiah gathered to pray (Acts

1.12-15). The HOLY SPIRIT came and took up residence inside of them (Acts 2.1-4). The Disciples then went out and preached the Gospel (Acts 2.5-13). Peter gave the concluding sermon (Acts 2.14-40) and about three thousand people were saved on that glorious day (Acts 2.41).

**Rapture** – The snatching off the planet of all believers in YAHSHUA Messiah (1 Thessalonians 4.16-17). It takes place after the breaking of the Fifth Seal and just before the breaking of the Sixth Seal.

**Pre-Tribulation Rapture** teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church before the start of the Tribulation.

**Mid-Tribulation Rapture** teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church at the mid-point of the Tribulation.

**Post-Tribulation Rapture** teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church at the end of the Tribulation.

**Pre-Wrath Rapture** teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church near the end of the Tribulation just before the pouring out of the wrath of God through the seven bowl plagues (Revelation 16.1)

**Early Tribulation Pre-Wrath Rapture** teaches YAHSHUA Messiah will rapture the Church after the breaking of the Fifth Seal and just before the breaking of the Sixth Seal. It is the correct position on the timing of the Rapture which contains no contradictions within it. The other four major positions have serious contradictions within them.

**Satan** – He was the highest-ranking angel who led a rebellion of angels taking one-third of them with him (Revelation 12.4). He is the ruler (John 12.31) and the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4.4). He is also the leader of all the forces of darkness (Ephesians 6.12).

**Second Coming** – The physical return of YAHSHUA Messiah to judge the wicked and reward the righteous (Revelation 19.11-21). After He judges the wicked and rewards the righteous (Matthew 25.31-46) He will establish the Millennial Kingdom. It is also referred to as the Second Advent and the Glorious Appearing.

**Daniel's Seventieth Week** – A seven year period of time that begins with the rise of the Antichrist and ends with the Second Advent of

YAHSHUA (9.24-27). It is often confused with the Tribulation which begins about 1.5 years after the Seventieth Week starts.

**Signs** – See **Warning Signs**.

**Tribulation** – It is a period of time during which YAHWEH Elohim judges the unsaved by pouring out Their wrath upon them. Chapters 6.12 through 19.21 of Revelation describe this period among other passages in the Bible.

**Trinity** – It consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Each is fully God and equal to each other in all ways. Each is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all-knowing) and omnipresent (present everywhere). Together They created and rule the universe.

**Warning Signs** – The past and future events that have and will fulfill Bible prophesy that alert us to the nearness of the Tribulation and later the Rapture.

**World Church** – Prior to the start of the Tribulation a world religion will be established. All of the religions of the world will be part of this false church. When the Tribulation starts it will have total control over all the churches on Earth. It will also control the Antichrist for the first 42 months of the Tribulation (Revelation 17.1-7). The churches that refuse to be part of the false church will be shut down and forced to fellowship in secret. Most true believers will be executed during the Fifth Seal.

**World Economy** – Prior to the start of the Tribulation a world economic system will be established. All of the nations of the world will be part of it. During the Tribulation the Antichrist will use this economic system to force everyone on Earth to worship him and take his mark.

**World Government** – Prior to the start of the Tribulation a super-government will be established that will have control over all the governments of the world (Daniel 7.23). Then this government will split into a coalition of ten kingdoms which will rule all the nations of the world (Daniel 7.23; Revelation 17.12).

**YAHSHUA Messiah** – The Son of YAHWEH and Messiah who died for the sins of mankind who will return to Earth sometime in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century to slay the wicked, reward the righteous and establish His Millennial Kingdom.

# APPENDIX A

## WHAT YOU MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Do not wait until the Tribulation starts to trust in **YAHSHUA Messiah** to save you. If you go into the Tribulation, there is no guarantee you will survive it for very long. Within the first year or so, one-fourth of the world's population will die from war, famine, pestilence and wild animals (Revelation 6.8). By the middle of the Tribulation, one-third of the remaining population of the world will be dead (Revelation 9.15), leaving half of the world's population alive. Things only get worse. So many people die during the Tribulation that man becomes rarer than gold (Isaiah 13.12).

If you have not trusted **YAHSHUA Messiah** to save you, do it now! Read the following Scriptures:

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of YAHWEH.*  
(Romans 3.23)

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of grace from YAHWEH is eternal life in Messiah YAHSHUA our Lord.*  
(Romans 6.23)

*But YAHWEH demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us.* (Romans 5.8)

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of YAHWEH; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* (Ephesians 2.8-9)

*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*  
(Ephesians 1.7)

*For, whoever will call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved.*  
(Romans 10.13)

*That if you confess with your mouth YAHSHUA as Lord, and believe in your heart that YAHWEH raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.* (Romans 10.9-10)

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of YAHWEH, to those who believe in His name.* (John 1.12)

If you understand you are a sinner in need of salvation because there is a real Hell, ask **YAHSHUA** to save you right now. Tell Him that you are trusting in Him to save you and cleanse your sins by the blood He shed on the cross. Once you have trusted in **YAHSHUA**, and in Him alone to save you use the book, *Make Disciples of All the Nations* to become a disciple.

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# APPENDIX B

## FAITH CHECK

Take a few minutes and examine your daily walk with Jesus.

<b>Spiritual Activities</b>	<b>Average Time Spent Daily</b>
Prayer	_____
Reading and studying the Bible	_____
Memorization & review	_____
Meditation	_____
Devotions with family	_____
Fellowship with believers	_____
Sharing the Gospel	_____
Helping others	_____
Total time serving Jesus	_____

<b>Activities of the Flesh</b>	<b>Average Time Spent Daily</b>
Watching TV & movies	_____
Reading (secular books)	_____
Hobbies	_____
Recreation	_____
Attending sporting events	_____
Socializing (in person or by phone)	_____
Shopping	_____
Other non-spiritual activities	_____
Total time serving yourself	_____

# APPENDIX C

## SPIRITUAL FITNESS PROGRAM

### Spiritual fitness

YAHWEH commands every child of His to be spiritually fit. This includes denying oneself of the pleasures of the world, living a holy and disciplined life, daily studying Scripture, living by every Word that proceeds from His mouth and then teaching others:

*Therefore, since Messiah has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of YAHWEH. For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties and abominable idolatries. (1 Peter 4.1-3)*

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to YAHWEH as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2.15)*

*Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. (Acts 17.11)*

*But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (Matt. 4.4)*

*"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6.6-7)*

There are a few basic things that a believer in YAHSHUA Messiah must do to become a faithful *disciple*:

1. **Pray** (Matthew 7.7-11; Luke 18.1-8; John 14.13-14; 16.24; Ephesians 6.18; James 1.5; 1 Thessalonians 5.17).
2. **Listen** to Scripture (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; Proverbs 8.34; 23.12; Luke 8.15, 21; 11.28; James 1.22; Revelation 1.3).
3. **Read** Scripture (Deuteronomy 17.19; Psalm 42.1-2; 63.1; 143.6; Revelation 1.3).
4. **Study** Scripture (Deuteronomy 8.3; Matthew 4.4; Proverbs 2.1-5; 8.34; 22.17; John 5.39; Acts 17.11; Romans 15.4; 2 Timothy 2.15; 3.15).
5. **Memorize** Scripture (Deuteronomy 6.6; 11.18; 30.14; Psalm 37.31; 40.8; 119.11; Proverbs 2.1; 3.1, 3; 4.1, 21; 6.21; 22.18; Isaiah 51.7; Ezekiel 3.10; Romans 10.8; Colossians 3.16).
6. **Meditate** on Scripture (Joshua 1.8; Job 22.22; 23.12; Psalm 1.2; 4.4; 19.14; 63.6; 77.12; 104.34; 119.15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148; 143.5; Colossians 3.16; 1 Timothy 4.15)
7. **Fellowship** with the brethren (Psalm 22.22; 119.63; Proverbs 13.20; Acts 2.42, 46-47; 5.42; Heb. 3.13; 10.24-25; 1 John 1.7)
8. **Share the Gospel** (Psalm 9.1; 26.7; 35.28; 96.2; Proverbs 11.30; Mark 16.15; Acts 2.47; 1 Peter 3.15).
9. **Be disciplined** (Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; Ephesians 4.11-13)
10. **Make disciples** (Deuteronomy 4.9-10; 6.5-7; 11.18-19; 32.46; Psalm 78.3-7; Proverbs 1.8; 4.1; 6.20; Joel 1.3; Matt. 28.19-20; Ephesians 4.11-13; 2 Timothy 2.2).

1. **PRAY:** Pray often for your family, friends, fellow employees, employer, church members, pastors, and city, state and federal politicians. Pray with your family daily and with church members on a regular basis. Begin and end each day in prayer, and pray throughout the day. Pray that God teach you each day as you study His word.

2. **LISTEN TO SCRIPTURE:** Play recordings of the Bible and listen to sermons and studies.

3. **READ SCRIPTURE:** Make a reading program and stay with it. If you read three chapters a day in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament you will read the Bible through in one year. It is also important to read one chapter of Proverbs each day. It does not take more than a half-hour a day to read five chapters.

4. **STUDY SCRIPTURE:** Choose a book of the Bible or a topic to study, and stay with it until you finish it (see Steps 12, 15, 16).

5. **MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE:** Memorize key verses. In Step 11 there is a list of key verses you may consider memorizing (p. 90).

6. **MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE:** Once you have a few verses memorized you can meditate on them any time of the day, and wherever you are. Until then keep a pocket Bible or pocket New Testament handy. Keep a Bible and a few New Testaments in your car at all times for yourself and others. Get into the habit of giving out Bibles and pocket New Testaments. Go to page 91 for tips on meditation.

7. **FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BRETHREN:** Become an active member of a church. Support the church with your time, talents, treasure and spiritual gifts.

8. **SHARE THE GOSPEL:** Once you learn how to share the Gospel be ready to do so 24/7. Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to share the Gospel. Carry tracts with you and hand them out as you are prompted by the Holy Spirit. If the person(s) wants to talk – speak with them, but if they do not want to talk ask them to read the tract, and pray as you walk away. Keep a diary of your witnessing. When you lead someone to the Lord invite them to church, and make sure they become an active member. If you are not mature enough to disciple them ask your pastor(s) to find someone to disciple them.

9. **BE DISCIPLED:** Find someone to disciple you or find a good book on discipleship such as *Make Disciples of all the Nations*.

10. **MAKE DISCIPLES:** Once you have been discipled, start to disciple others. If you are a husband disciple your wife. If you are a father disciple your children. If you are a mother disciple your children with your husband. If you are single lead a person to the Lord and disciple him/her.

# APPENDIX D

## RAPTURE WARNING SIGNS

The Scriptures clearly teach us that numerous **warning signs** will be fulfilled before the Rapture/Tribulation starts. Several **warning signs** have already been fulfilled, and others are being fulfilled at this time. Below are the past, present and future **warning signs** of the Rapture/Tribulation:

### Warning signs that are being fulfilled

1. Breakdown of morality and society (2 Timothy 3.1-5)
2. The “*falling away*” (2 Thess. 2.3; 2 Timothy 2.1-5; 4.3-4)
3. Conflict between the corporations and workers (James 5.4-6).
4. Ressurgence of the homosexual movement (Luke 17.28-29)
5. Mark of the Beast technology (Revelation 13.15-18).

### Warning signs yet to be fulfilled

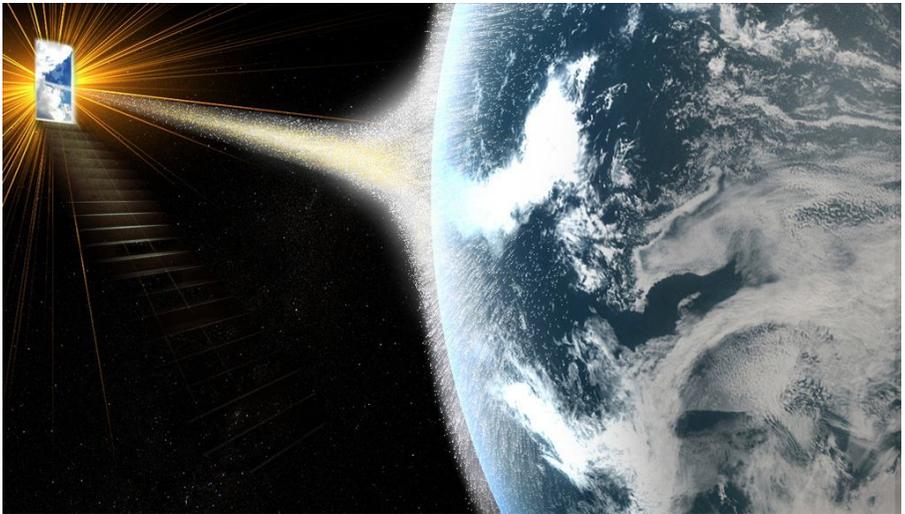
The 8 **warning signs** that take place, from a few years to several months, before the Tribulation are:

1. Destruction of Gog/Magog and allies (Ezek. 38.1-39.16; 30.1-5)
2. Rebuilding the ancient city of Babylon (Zechariah 5.5-11)
3. Moving the Holy See from Rome to Babylon (Zechariah 5.1-5)
4. World church and the False Prophet (Rev. 17.1-5, 18; 13.11-17)
5. World economy (Revelation 13.15-17)
6. World government (Daniel 7.23)
7. World government breaks into 10 divisions (Daniel 7.24)
8. Rebuilding the Temple (Revelation 11.1-2; 2 Thessalonians 2.4).

The 8 **warning signs** that take place a short time before the Tribulation are:

9. A time of “*peace and safety*” (1 Thessalonians 5.3; Rev. 6.1-2)
10. Rise of Antichrist (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.1-2; 13.1-2)
11. The “*overflowing scourge*” (Joel 2.1-11)
12. Antichrist’s covenant with Israel (Is. 28.15, 18-19; Dan. 9.27)
13. World War (Daniel 7.8, 20, 24; Revelation 6.3-4)
14. Worldwide economic depression (Revelation 6.5-6)
15. Worldwide famine, pestilence, wild animals (Revelation 6.7)
16. Martyrdom of Church Age believers (Daniel 7.21, 25; Mark 13.12-13; Revelation 6.9-10)

Watch for the **warning signs** that have yet to be fulfilled. As you see them fulfilled, you will be able to determine how much closer we are to the start of the Tribulation.



**Are you Rapture ready?**

# APPENDIX E

## The Resurrections

There are two general resurrections. The second resurrection, of the unsaved, takes place at the end of the Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20.5). The unsaved are resurrected, judged, found guilty and cast into the Lake of Fire where they will spend all eternity (Revelation 20.11-15).

The first resurrection is divided into four parts. The resurrection of YAHSHUA and a select number of Old Testament saints (Matthew 27.52-53) was the first part. They were the first fruits (1 Corinthians 15.23). The second part is the resurrection of all believers of the Church Age and Old Testament saints (1 Thessalonians 4.15-17). They will be the harvest. The third part is the resurrection of the two witnesses (Revelation 11.11-12). The final part of the first resurrection is that of believers who are martyred during the Tribulation (Revelation 20.4). The two witnesses and the Tribulation martyrs will be the gleaning.

An aspect of the resurrection of the believers who die prior to the Rapture that should be explained is that their tombs are opened. When the first fruits rose with YAHSHUA the graves were opened:

*The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.*  
(Matthew 27.52-53)

The tombs were opened at that time as proof that the dead truly rose from the dead. It was absolute proof that it was no trick. People who saw the dead alive again could go to their tombs and see that their bodies were not in them. The same will be true at the Rapture. Those who are left behind will be able to go to the graves of their loved ones who believed in YAHSHUA and see that their bodies are not there. The Antichrist will not be able to claim the Rapture is some

elaborate hoax due to the fact that the graves are opened supernaturally and the bodies of the dead are gone. He will have to come up with an explanation of some kind. Many theologians think he will claim aliens cleansed the planet of all of the troublemakers and have opened the door for mankind to ascend to a higher plane in the on-going process of evolution. The condemnation of true believers in YAHSHUA Messiah who have been purged from Earth will fall upon those who believe the gospel on the day of the Rapture and soon after. They will be targeted by the Antichrist and martyred by the millions (Daniel 7.21, 25; Revelation 12.17).

Some people have mistakenly claimed the gathering of the elect by angels of Matthew 24.31 is a resurrection. It is not a resurrection but a physical gathering of the people who were saved during Daniel's Seventieth Week after the Rapture. Angels pick the elect up in shuttle craft from their spaceships. This is a secret that no one knows about until now. Technically it is not a secret of the Rapture. It is thrown in as a freebie. To learn all of the secrets contained in the Bible get *Bible Secrets Revealed*.



# APPENDIX F

## Rapture Secrets

Seven secrets of the Rapture have been revealed in this book. We list them again for ready reference:

### Chapter Two

1. The Rapture does NOT take place in the “*twinkling of an eye.*”
2. The Rapture is an all-day event.

### Chapter Three

3. Believers will ascend slowly and be able to share the Gospel one last time.

### Chapter Five

4. All children will NOT be raptured.

### Chapter Six

5. There are five raptures recorded in the Bible.

### Chapter Seven

6. The Rapture will take place on the day the Sixth Seal is broken.

### Chapter Eight

7. The Rapture will take place in 25 or more years from 2013.



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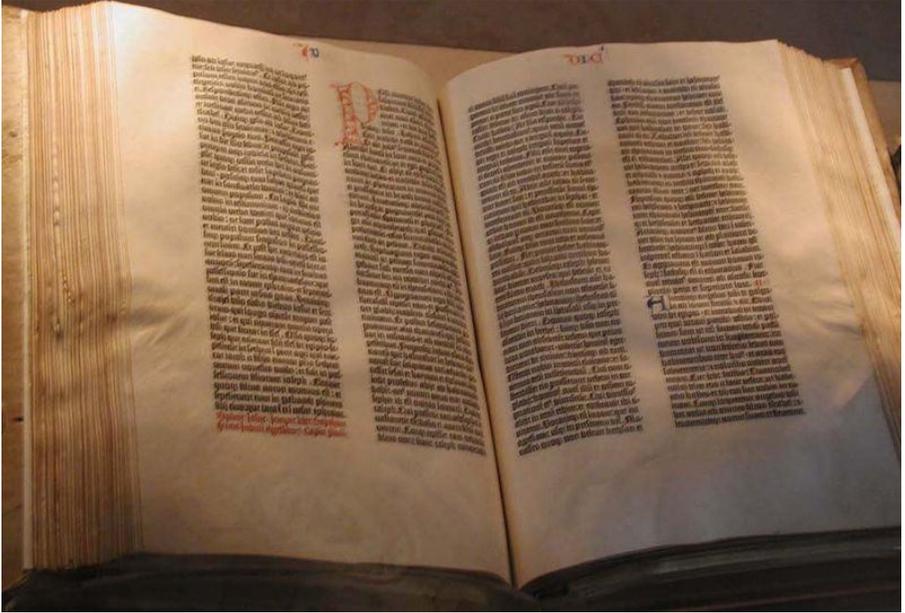
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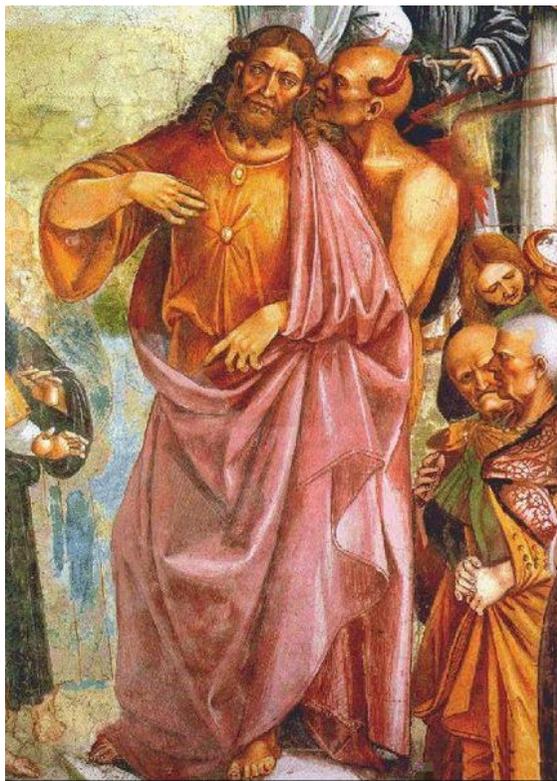


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