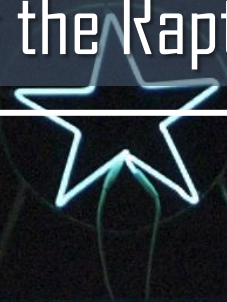


Portrait of Prophecy Series Part VI

BE EXPECTING – The Prophecies and Doctrine Regarding
The Hope of the Rapture of The Church



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The Witness of Christ Himself



I Peter 1:12-13 To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into.

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ~JESUS

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JESUS “Surely, I AM coming quickly”

(means speedily, without delay, soon)

- 1. He comes very soon to our souls as our life is but a vapor**
- 2. His resurrection/ascension initiated the last 1/3 of history**
- 3. He sits outside of time so to Christ a day is as a 1,000 yrs**

Seeing the Rapture Clearly in Scripture

1. **Jesus' Own Words/Teaching, and His Ministry footsteps**
2. **The Apostles writings/encouragement in the Epistles**
3. **Old Testament events that parallel NT revelation**
4. **The Types & Shadows within the Law that was given to Israel (Specifically the Required Feasts)**



Rapture of The Church Vs. Second Coming of Jesus

Rapture	Second Coming
1 Translation of all believers	1 No translation at all
2 Translated saints go to heaven	2 Translated saints return to earth
3 Earth not judged	3 Earth judged and righteousness established
4 Imminent, at any moment	4 Follows definite predicted signs, including the tribulation
5 Not specifically mentioned in the Old Testament (parallel pictures/types in view)	5 Mentioned and predicted often in the Old Testament
6 Believers only	6 Affects all mankind
7 Before the day of wrath	7 Concludes the day of wrath
8 No reference to Satan	8 Satan bound
9 Christ comes for His own	9 Christ comes with His own
10 He comes in the air	10 He comes to the earth
11 He claims His bride	11 He comes with His bride
12 Only His own see Him	12 Every eye shall see Him
13 Tribulation begins on earth	13 Millennial Kingdom begins on earth

The Promise of the Rapture Was Concealed/Hidden in the Old Testament (Tanakh) but was/is Revealed in the NT

Mystery (Greek – musterion) = hidden thing, secret, mystery, not obvious to the understanding. Related to God: the secret counsels which govern God in dealing with the righteous, which are hidden from ungodly and wicked men but plain to the godly

The Meaning and Origin of “Rapture”

Harpazo (Greek)



Raptus (Latin)



Caught Up (English) = the word we render as Rapture

The Meaning is: *to seize, carry off by force, to claim for one's self eagerly, to snatch out or away*

Same word “*Harpazo*” used 14x in the NT

Rapture (Harpazo/Raptus) applied to Christ and the Church

- A) He is **eager to claim/take The Church (His Bride) for Himself.**
- B) And will take the Church (His Bride) **out and away from this world.**

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Rapture describes God's activity in physically and miraculously transporting people from one place to another.

~Dr. William D. Mounce

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4 Views of the Rapture's Timing

1. **Pre-Tribulation** – before the 7-year Tribulation
2. **Mid-Tribulation** – middle of the 7-year Tribulation
3. **Pre-Wrath** – between the 6th and 7th Seal Judgments
4. **Post-Tribulation** – just before the 2nd coming at the end of the Tribulation



**I Thessalonians 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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5 Passages to Consider

- 1. Matthew 24:32-42** – Watch the Fig tree, and the word “taken” (Paralambano) in Matthew 24:41 = *to take to, to take with one's self, to join to one's self, a companion.*
- 2. Acts 1:6-7** – Jesus does not correct the Apostles about the Kingdom restored to Israel. The implication is that they will now do the work of the Church, Israel's restoration is later.
- 3. I Corinthians 15:50-52** – Paul says to writing to THE CHURCH that the mystery is now revealed that not all will sleep; in an instant they'll be changed (see Matt. 24:41).
- 4. I Thessalonians 4:16-17** – The word for “caught up” (harpazo) compliments the possessive action described by Jesus in Matthew 24:41. The word for “together” (hama) means *at the same time and together with.* It tells us this sudden meeting is in the clouds.
- 5. Revelation 22:20** – Quickly (soon) and (Matthew 24) we do not know when.

LET'S BE LIVING BY FAITH AND EXPECTING HIS SOON RETURN!



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