

Rapture: The Blessed Hope of Believers

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Reasons to trust in the Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the church

1. The tribulation's purpose concerns Israel
 2. It best explains the distinctions between the Rapture and the Second Coming
 3. The church is exempt from God's wrath
 4. There is no biblical reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation
 5. The Rapture is imminent
 6. The _____ necessary between the Rapture and the Second Coming
 7. The Antichrist cannot come to power until the _____ is removed
 8. The Rapture is our _____ and hope
- ☛ All of these taken together provide a very convincing case!

The _____ necessary between the Rapture and the Second Coming

1. The Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
2. The Sheep and the Goats Judgment (Matt. 25:31-46)
3. The population of the millennial kingdom (Isaiah 65:20-25)

The Antichrist cannot come to power until the _____ is removed (2 Thess. 2:1-10)

1. The "man of lawlessness" is the _____ (v3-4, 8)
2. The Restrainer is holding back the Antichrist (v6-7)
3. The Restrainer = omnipotent _____ (v6-7)
4. The Holy Spirit permanently indwells all church age believers (John 14:16; 1 Cor. 6:19)
5. Spirit indwelt believers must be removed prior to Antichrist's revealing (v7-8)

The Rapture is the believers' _____ and hope

1. The key passages

- John 14:1-3
- 1 Thess. 4:1-18
- Titus 2:13

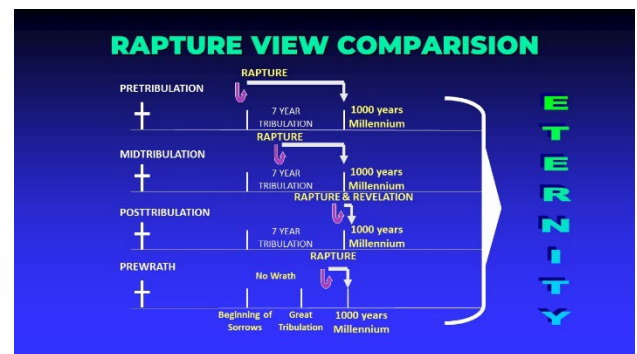
➡ The Rapture was given to believers to comfort us and give us hope!

2. What about the "thief in the night?" (Matt. 24:43; 1 Thess. 5:2)

3. Which view of the Rapture comforts you?

Favorite Resources

1. [The End](#); Mark Hitchcock
2. Amir Tsarfati teachings and books; Beholdisrael.org, [Israel and the Church](#)
3. [The Rapture Question](#); John F. Walvoord
4. [The Popular Handbook on the Rapture](#); Tim LaHaye, Thomas Ice, Ed Hindson
5. "Before the Wrath" Ingenuity Films, Narrated by Kevin Sorbo, Jack Hibbs, etc. (Amazon Prime)



Discussion questions

1. Which of these three arguments seem most convincing to you personally?
2. Which passage about hope & comfort is most encouraging to you?
3. What questions do you still have about the Rapture of the church?
4. How will you further your understanding of the doctrine of the Rapture?