

Rapture: The Blessed Hope of Believers

Bible Study #5 – June 3, 2021

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

1. The tribulation's _____ concerns Israel
2. It best explains the _____ between the Rapture and the Second Coming
3. There is _____ reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation
4. The church is _____ from God's wrath
5. The Rapture is _____
6. The Rapture is a comfort
7. The Antichrist cannot come to power until the restrainer is removed
8. The symbolic parallels
 - ☹ All of these taken together provide a very convincing case!

There is _____ reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation

1. The "missing church" in the book of Revelation
 - Outline of the book appears in Rev. 1:19
 - Rev. 1 – Past – "the things that you have seen"
 - Rev. 2-3 – Present – (the things) "that are"
 - Rev. 4-22 – Future – the things) "that are to take place after this" (meta tauta)
 - The word "church" _____ in Revelation 4-19
 - The _____ of the church is missing in Rev. 4-19
2. Objection: The word _____ in Revelation refers to the church (Rev. 13:7, 10; 14:12)
3. Satan attacks _____ rather than the church in Rev. 12

4. The 24 Elders in Rev. 4-5 most likely describe _____ in heaven

- Rev. 4:4 - "Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads."
- They are seated on _____
- The word elders (*presbuteroi*) is never used in the Bible to refer to _____
- White _____ is the normal dress of believers (Rev. 3:5, 18; 19:8)
- John see the elders wearing golden _____ on their heads (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:8)

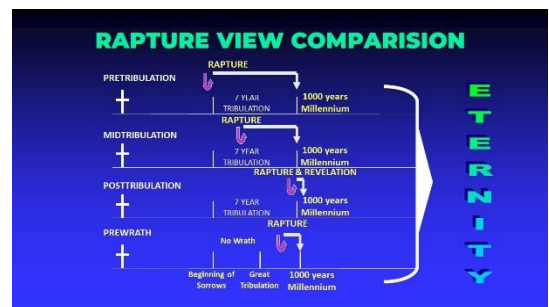
The Rapture of the church is _____

John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:7; 1 Cor. 16:22; Phil. 3:20, 4:5; 1 Thess. 1:10; Titus 2:13; Heb. 9:28; James 5:7-9; 1 Pet. 1:13; Jude 1:21; Rev. 3:11; Rev. 22:7, 12, 17, 20

1. It could happen at _____.
2. It will occur without _____. There are no prophetic signs that precede it.
3. It is certain, but not necessarily _____.

☞ We are waiting for Jesus Christ, not the _____!

☞ Which view of the Rapture best fits with the doctrine of imminency?



Discussion questions

1. How do you explain that there is no reference to the "church" in the book of Revelation in chapters 4-19 where the Tribulation is being described?
2. What does the doctrine of imminency mean for you as a Christian?
3. What questions did our study today raise in your mind?