

# JOSEPH A TYPE OF CHRIST AND THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

JOSEPH	JESUS
Was loved by his father (Genesis 37:3)	Was the beloved son of the Father (Matthew 3:17)
Suffered as a servant (Genesis 37:2)	Was called the suffering servant. (Zechariah 3:8, Isaiah 42:1)
Loved and exalted above his brethren (Genesis 37:3)	Loved and exalted above the brethren (Hebrews 1:9)
Hated because of his dream of ruling over them (Genesis 37:4,8)	Hated for one day ruling and reigning over all (John 7:3, Luke 19:14)
Was rejected by his brothers (Genesis 37:4)	His own rejected Him, "they received Him not" (John 1:11)
Was likened to a sheaf of wheat (Genesis 37:7)	Was the wave sheaf. (Leviticus 23:11, 12)
Hatred for him grew worse (Genesis 37:4,5,8)	Hatred for Him grew progressively worse through the Gospels.
Rebuked by his natural father (Genesis 37:10)	Rebuked by his mother and father at the temple. (Luke 2:48)
Israel would bow down to him (Genesis 37:10)	All Israel will eventually bow down to Him (Romans 11:26)
His father "observed the saying" (Genesis 37:11)	His mother "pondered His saying." (Luke 2:19, 51)
Sent on a mission to His brethren (Genesis 37:13-14)	Was sent to earth for His brethren (Galatians 4:4-5)
Sent to Shechem a worldly and wicked place (Genesis 37:14)	Sent to the world a wicked place (John 3:16)
Sent because his brothers may be lost (Genesis 37:14-15)	Sent to seek and save those who were lost (Luke 19:10)
A plot to kill him when they saw him from afar (Genesis 37:18)	They plotted how they might kill him (Matthew 21)
Wanted to kill him for his prophetic dreams (Genesis 37:20)	Crucified Him for His words spoke from God. (John 12:48)
Reuben tries to appease his brothers (Genesis 37:21-22)	Pilate tries to appease the Jews (John 19:11)
Reuben tried to save him at the last minute (Genesis 37:21)	Pilate tried to stop Christ's death (John 19:4)
Was cast into an empty pit (Genesis 37:24)	Was placed into an empty tomb (Mark 15:46)
Was stripped of his coat (Genesis 37:23)	Was stripped of His robe (Matthew 27:28)
They sat down after leaving him for dead (Genesis 37:25)	Sat down after He was crucified (Matthew 27:36)
Was betrayed and sold for pieces of silver (Genesis 37:28)	Was betrayed and sold for pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15)
They said; "He's our brother and our flesh" (Genesis 37:27)	"We're members of His body, flesh and bones" (Ephesians 5:30)
Had his coat dipped in blood (Genesis 37:31)	"Dressed in a robe dipped in blood" (Revelation 19:13, Isaiah 63:2)
They lied about his death because he was alive (Genesis 37:32)	They we're paid to lie about Him, He was alive (Matthew 28:13-15)
All things committed to him by his master (Genesis 39:8)	All things committed to Jesus by His Father (Luke 10:22)
Had his garments taken off (Genesis 39:13)	Had his garments taken off (John 19:23)
Was falsely accused (Genesis 39:14)	Was falsely accused (Luke 23:14)
Did not defend himself against the charges (Genesis 39:20)	Did not defend himself against the charges (Matthew 27:12-14)
Was given favor in the sight of God and man (Genesis 39:21)	Was in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52)
Was in prison next to two criminals (Genesis 40:3)	Was on the cross with two criminals (Luke 23:39-43)
One prisoner perishes, one is saved (Genesis 40:13)	One thief perishes, the other is saved (Luke 23:43)
Foretells the raising up after three days (Genesis 40:13)	Foretells His raising to life after three days (Matthew 16:21)
Tells the cupbearer to remember him after he's raised up (Genesis 40:14)	Tells them to remember Him with the cup after He's raised (Luke 22:19)
Tells him he's done nothing to be put in the dungeon (Genesis 40:15)	Pilate tells them He's done nothing to be put on the cross (Luke 23:4)
Two dreams with two elements; the cup and the bread (Genesis 40:16,17)	Two elements at the last supper; the cup and the bread (Luke 22:17-19)
Was clothed in the right garments and brought to Pharaoh (Genesis 41:14)	Clothes us in His righteousness when brought to Him (Galatians 3:27)
Points to God as the only one with the interpretation (Genesis 41:16)	Jesus always pointed to the Father for the glory (Matthew 5:16)
Prophetically reveals a seven-year famine (Genesis 41:27)	Is prophetically revealed in the seven-year tribulation (Revelation 5:5)
Was "a man in whom is the Spirit of God" (Genesis 41:37)	Was given the Spirit of God without limitation (John 3:34)
Went from the dungeon to the throne (Genesis 41:40)	Went from the tomb to the throne (Revelation 5:1)
Rode in the "second chariot" as they paid homage (Genesis 41:43)	The "second Person" of the trinity, and we pay homage (Matthew 3:17)
They were to bow their knee before him (Genesis 41:43)	Every knee will bow to Him (Philippians 2:10)
Is given authority over all people in the land of Egypt (Genesis 41:43)	Was granted authority over all people (John 17:2)
No one could do anything without his permission (Genesis 41:44)	Without Him we can do nothing (John 15:5)
Given a new name when he was raised up (Genesis 41:45)	Given a new name at His ascension (Philippians 2:6-9, Revelation 3:12)
Took an Egyptian bride before the 7-year famine (Genesis 41:45)	Takes His gentile bride before the 7-year tribulation (John 3:29)
Was 30 years of age when he began his work (Genesis 41:46)	Was 30 years of age when he began his ministry (Luke 3:23)
Born sons come to him before the "7" year famine (Genesis 41:50)	Born again sons of God come to Him before the "7" year tribulation
Firstborn son named "forget" (Genesis 41:51)	First born sinners but our sins are remembered no more (Psalm 103:12)
Second born son named "fruitful" (Genesis 41:52)	The second birth is fruit of righteousness through Him (Philippians 1:11)
Pharaoh told them to do whatever he says to do (Genesis 41:55)	Jesus' mother told them to do whatever he says to do (John 2:5)
Was the only bread of life source for the world physically (Genesis 41:57)	Is the only source for the bread of life for the world spiritually (John 6:33)
All who come to him will live and not die (Genesis 42:2)	All who call upon Him will be saved (Romans 10:13)
Brothers come to him in the midst of the famine (Genesis 42:2)	Israel comes to Him in the midst of the tribulation ((Daniel 9:27)
10 brothers are brought to him for provision (Genesis 42:3)	10 Commandments bring us to Him for justification (Galatians 3:24)
Benjamin had no part in denying or betraying him (Genesis 42:4)	The Apostle Paul was from the tribe of Benjamin (Philippians 3:5)
His brothers bow down to him (Genesis 42:6)	Israel, His brothers, will be saved and bow to Him (Romans 11:26)
His brothers don't recognize him (Genesis 42:8)	His own didn't recognize or receive Him (John 1:11)
Brothers keep lying about his death (Genesis 42:13)	Jews keep lying about his death and resurrection (Matthew 28:12-15)

Brothers are released from prison on the third day (Genesis 42:17)	Jews will be restored on the third day (after 2,000 years) (Hosea 6:2)
Reuben says: "his blood is now required of us" (Genesis 42:22)	They said; "Let His blood be upon us" (Matthew 27:25)
Wept over his brothers (Genesis 42:24)	Wept over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41)
Judah becomes surety for Benjamin (Genesis 43:8)	He becomes surety of the New Covenant (Hebrews 7:22)
Brothers delay in coming to him (Genesis 43:10)	Israel delays coming to their true Messiah (Romans 11:26)
Was offered gifts, of spices and myrrh (Genesis 43:11)	Was offered, gold, spices and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)
Was said that God Almighty would show mercy before him (Genesis 43:14)	Because of His mercy we are righteous before Him (Titus 3:5)
They stood before him (Genesis 43:15)	They will "stand before Him" (Daniel 11:16)
Desires to break bread with his brothers in his home (Genesis 43:16)	Desires to break bread with us in His kingdom (Luke 22:16)
Has an animal slain to make ready for a feast (Genesis 43:16)	Taught prodigal son parable; an animal is slain for a feast (Luke 15:20)
His steward tells them; "Peace be with you, be not afraid" (Genesis 43:23)	After His ascension said; "Peace be with you." (John 20:26)
Prophecies about him are fulfilled (Genesis 43:28)	The spirit of Prophecy is Him (Revelation 19:10)
Is gracious and kind to his brothers in spite of their sin (Genesis 43:29)	While we were sinners He died for us for His love for us (Romans 5:8)
Weeps a second time (Genesis 43:30)	Weeps two times (John 11:35-Lazarus & Luke 19:41-Jerusalem)
Says, at the supper; "serve the bread" (Genesis 43:31)	Says, at the last supper, "take this bread." (Luke 22:19)
They looked in astonishment at each other because of him (Genesis 43:33)	They were astonished with Him and marveled (Matthew 8:27)
His cup was silver and would lead to their redemption (Genesis 44:2)	His cup was for redemption, of which silver is a picture (Ex.35:25-28)
Drunk from a cup used for discerning the will of the gods (Genesis 44:5)	Drunk from a cup of suffering as the will of Father God (Matt.26:39,42)
11 of them are innocent of betraying him at his table (Genesis 44:8)	11 of them were innocent of betraying Him at His table (Mark 14:17)
Judah becomes their advocate (Genesis 44:18)	From the Lion of the Tribe of Judah comes our advocate (1 John 2:1)
Judah offered himself as a substitutionary sacrifice (Genesis 44:33)	From Judah, offers Himself as the substitutionary sacrifice (Eph.5:2)
Couldn't refrain himself longer and cut the process short (Genesis 45:1)	For the sake of the elect, the days are cut short (Matthew 24:22)
Stops hiding himself when there's confession (Genesis 45:2)	Stops hiding His face when there's confession (Hosea 5:15)
In the end he is revealed to his brothers (Genesis 45:3)	In the end He will reveal Himself to Israel (1 Peter 1:20)
We're dismayed when they looked at him (Genesis 45:3)	Will mourn when they look at him (Zechariah 12:10)
Said; "come near to me" (Genesis 45:4)	Said; "come unto me" (Matthew 11:28)
Was sent to Egypt to save (Genesis 45:5)	Was sent to the world to save the lost (Luke 19:10)
Israel believed and said of Joseph; "it is enough"	To all who believe, He says; "it is finished" (John 19:30)
Israel said; "my son is yet alive" (Genesis 45:28)	They said; "Jesus, the Son is alive" (Luke 24:23)

## Bible Prophecy Update - Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

- As I mentioned last week we're doing something a little different for today's update and talking about the pre-tribulation rapture.
- Namely, that of scriptural proof as to why the rapture of the church absolutely has to happen prior to the seven year tribulation.
- What follows are seven of the many reasons for a pre-tribulation rapture, in the form of an acrostic of the word "RAPTURE".

**R** EVELATION TO US

**A** FFECTION UPON US

**P** URITY OF US

**T** RUMPETS FOR US

**U** NIFORMITY WITH US

**R** ESPONSIBILITY ON US

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**R** EVELATION TO US

Revelation 1:19 - Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Revelation 4:1 - After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, **"Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."**

SCRIPTURE	CHAPTER(S)	EVENT(S)
What you have seen... (Past)	1	<i>Jesus Christ Crucified-Buried-Resurrected</i>
What is now (Present)	2 & 3	<i>Church History (Church mentioned 19 times)</i>
What will take place after (Future)	4 & 5	The Rapture
What will take place after (Future)	6 - 19	The Tribulation (Church not mentioned)
What will take place after (Future)	20	The Millennium
What will take place after (Future)	21 & 22	The New Heavens & Earth

**A** FFECTION UPON US

Matthew 24:45-51 - 45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Timothy 4:8 - Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

1 John 3:2-3 - 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**P** URITY OF US

2 Corinthians 11:2-3 - 2 I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 3 But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

The Jewish Wedding	Our Wedding	Scriptures
The groom's father makes the match (Shiddukhin) and chooses the bride, and the groom approves the choice.	The Father chooses us the bride, and Jesus approved the choice.	John 10:28, 15:16
A marriage covenant (Ketubah) is made in writing for the bride as a promise to the bride that it will be fulfilled.	A new covenant is made in the written Word of God, for us the bride. The Old Covenant Promise is fulfilled.	2 Corinthians 3:5-6
They would then break bread and drink from the cup to seal the betrothal (Kiddushin) and new covenant.	He breaks bread and drinks from the cup at the last supper sealing His New Covenant in His blood.	Matthew 26:27-29 Luke 22:14-20

The groom pays the price (Mohar) showing the bride his love for her.	Jesus paid the price for us on the cross. This shows us the bride how there's no greater loves for us.	1 Corinthians 6:20 John 15:23
The groom makes a speech of promise to his bride that he would come for her soon.	Jesus' speech is recorded as a promise to us His bride, that He will come again for us soon.	John 14:1-3
The groom prepares a place for His bride and builds a room addition on his father's house.	Jesus says He goes to prepare a place for us in His Father's house where there are many rooms.	John 14:1-3
The Father is the only one who knows the day or hour of the grooms return for his bride.	Jesus said that no one but the Father knows the day or hour of His return for us, as His bride.	Mark 13:32-33
The groom gives the bride love gifts (Mattan).	Jesus our groom gives us His bride gifts of love, eternal life, peace, etc.	John 10:22-28 John 14:13-14, 27
The Father gives the bride gifts (Shiluhim) to equip her for her new life, as an inheritance.	We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit and our spiritual gifts are from the Father for us in our new life in Him, and with Him.	John 14:16-17 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Galatians 5:22
The bride would then take a purifying bath or Mikveh which is the Hebrew word for baptism.	We are baptized in the Holy Spirit Who cleanses and purifies us.	Acts 1:4
The bride's unmarried friends (bridesmaids) attend to the bride and provide light for the groom Who will come as a thief in the night.	We prepare the bride by letting our light shine so the bride is ready for the groom who will come as a thief in the night.	Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom comes, the grooms' men run ahead and shout that He is coming by blowing the Shofar.	When our bridegroom comes, it will be with a shout of the trumpet that Jesus is coming.	Rev. 4:1 / 1 Thes. 4:16-17 / 1 Cor. 15:51-52
The groom takes his bride who is lifted up off the earth and carried in the air to her groom.	Jesus, our groom will rapture us away as He takes us in the air us as His bride.	Luke 17:34-36 1 Thess 4:16-17
The groom takes his bride to the chamber: they consummate (Nissuin), and celebrate for a period of seven (Shavuah) days.	Jesus will take us to His bridal chamber where we will consummate and celebrate for a period of seven (Shavuah) years.	Joel 2:15-16 Daniel 9:27
The party waits outside until the groom tells the best man that it is consummated. Then the guests rejoice for a period of seven days.	During our seven-year celebration, the world goes through the seven-year tribulation.	Revelation 19:7-8
There is a big feast, (the wedding feast), after the wedding celebration.	We too, after the seven-year celebration, have the Marriage Feast of The Lamb.	Revelation 19:9
There were three groups present at the wedding: the groom, the bride, and the invited guests.	There will also be three groups of people involved in the marriage of the Lamb: The Groom –Jesus, The Bride-Church and the Guests- those saved after the Rapture, at the end of the seven year tribulation.	2 Corinthians. 11:2, Ephesians 5:23-27 Revelation 21:9-10 Rev 7:13-14
The new home of the bride was Jerusalem and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her.	It is from the new Jerusalem that the believers in the Messiah during the Messianic age, or Millennium, will reign with the Messiah.	Rev. 21:1-4 Ezekiel 43:1-2,7 Isaiah 2:2-4 Micah 4:1-5

### **T** RUMPETS FOR US

- Trumpets in scripture are sounded to bring God's people up to meet Him or assemble together as God's people for a wedding.
- Trumpets in the scriptures are also sounded for another reason, which is that of assembling God's people for a battle in war.
- In both the Old and New Testament there are two trumpets for two purposes. There's also the first trumpet and the last trumpet.
- The first trumpet is for Israel, the last trumpet for us. The first trumpet in the Old Testament for Israel is in the book of Exodus.

Exodus 19:16-17 - 16 Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

- The last trumpet is for us and we see this in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where he describes the rapture of the church.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 - 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

- Before we go any further, I think I would be grossly remiss were I not to address the trumpet in the book of Revelation 10:7.

Revelation 10:7 - But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

- The reason this cannot be the last trumpet for us during the tribulation is it's an angel that sounds the trumpet and not God.
- There are two distinct trumpets in scripture, one of which is the trumpets of angels, and the other is the trumpet call of God.
- The trumpet call of angels is for Israel, and the trumpet call of God is for us. As such, the trumpet in Revelation is for Israel.

Matthew 24:31 - And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 - 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

## UNIFORMITY WITH US

NOAH'S DAY	OUR DAY
Some scholars estimate the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately seven billion to nine billion people. (Gen 6:1)	In our day, the population of the earth has reached approximately eight billion people, and will soon reach nine billion people.
People only cared about themselves and as such were only concerned with eating, drinking, and being merry. (Genesis 6:5)	People today are caught up in the cares and affairs of this life and are lovers only of self. (2 Timothy 3:2)
There was demonic and very sexually abhorrent behavior as the norm of the day. (Genesis 6:2)	Not only is there sexual abhorrence there is also the demonic activity present today.
Man's wickedness had become so vast, and the inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (Genesis 6:5)	Man's wickedness is on a global scale. So vast is the evil of this generation that we will hear about it continually. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
Noah preached while he prepared the Ark, and people were warned, but no one would listen. (2 Peter 2:5)	Jesus is being preached while a place is prepared, and people are being warned, but no one seems to be listening.
They knew nothing about what was going to happen until "on that day" a "flood" destroyed the earth. (Matthew 24:39)	People know nothing about what is going to happen, but there is coming "a day" when a "fire" will destroy the earth. (2 Peter 3:3-13)
Before the destruction of the flood, Enoch, who walked with God; was then no more, because God took him. (Genesis 5:24)	Before the tribulation, this final generation of those who are born again will be caught up. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
Noah and his family enter the Ark and after "7" days, the water of the flood came upon the earth. (Genesis 7:7-10)	The "7" year tribulation comes upon the earth, after we're removed like Enoch, and Israel enters the tribulation. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)
Noah and his family survive and are saved in the flood after the judgment and are in the new earth. (Genesis 8:13-18)	The Jews will survive and be saved in the tribulation and after the judgment will enter into the new heaven and new earth. (Rom 11:26)
LOT'S DAY	OUR DAY
Lot was taken very suddenly by the hand out of Sodom before the destruction came upon them. (Gen 19:16)	We will be taken very suddenly out of this world before the Tribulation comes down upon the world. (1 Thess 5:3)

- This brings us to Joseph, who is one of the most intriguing types of Christ in scripture. I actually have over 100 types with him.
- However, I'll just focus in on how he is a type of the pre-tribulation rapture vis-à-vis the picture prior to the seven-year famine.
- Namely, that of his taking a Gentile bride who is not mentioned nor seen in the narrative once the seven-year famine begins.

Genesis 41:50 -- 50 And to Joseph were born two sons **before the years of famine came**, whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

- Like with Joseph, there's Moses who took a Gentile bride before the plagues came upon Egypt, which is a type of the world.
- So too is this true for Isaac, a picture of Christ taking a Gentile bride by the name of Rebekah who didn't go through the trials.
- The reason being is she left her home to go to Isaac, who again is a picture of Christ, before any tribulation came upon them.

- This brings us to Daniel who is a type of us as the church and, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who are a type of Israel.
- Daniel is taken up and exalted to a high position prior to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego going in the 7-times hotter furnace.
- It's interesting to note according to Daniel 3, they refused to worship the image 60 cubits by 6 cubits as 6 instruments played.

- Another type is Ruth the Gentile bride of Boaz/Kinsman Redeemer, who is clearly a picture of Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer.
- For those who were with us in our study through the Old Testament, the Book of Ruth was one of the most fascinating studies.
- If you're interested in that study, you can find it both on our website at [calvarychapelkaneoe.com](http://calvarychapelkaneoe.com) and our YouTube channel.

NAOMI AND RUTH	JEW AND GENTILE
Ruth 1:19 Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, when they had come to Bethlehem, that all the city was excited because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"	The two of them, Naomi and Ruth are a picture of both the Jew and the Gentile who come together just as they did to Bethlehem.
Ruth 1:22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.	To this day, the Jews when celebrating this "Feast of Harvest" read the book of Ruth about Naomi a Jew and Ruth a Gentile.
Ruth 2:2-3 (2) So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after <i>him</i> in whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter." (3) Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field <i>belonging</i> to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.	Ruth meets Boaz, who as a kinsmen redeemer can fulfill the kinsman law of redemption, buy back the field belonging to Elimelech, and marry the Gentile bride of this mans son, to carry on the family name of his brother according to Deuteronomy 25:5-10.
Ruth 4:13 So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.	The field (world) is bought by the next of kin, (Jesus became a man next to us, Kins-man), because he so loved the bride. Out of this love for the bride a son is born.
Ruth 4:14 NKJV Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed <i>be</i> the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel!	Boaz (Jesus) is the Kinsmen Redeemer who so loved Ruth that He gave her a son so she would not be left without the seed keeping the name throughout life.
Ruth 4:16-17 (16) Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. (17) Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He <i>is</i> the father of Jesse, the father of David.	This child is now embraced in the lap of Naomi (Jews), and Ruth (Gentile Bride) isn't seen again in the scriptures (pre-tribulation rapture). The Son was Obed, David's Grandfather, and the line from which Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

## RESPONSIBILITY ON US

Merriam Webster defines responsibility as reliability and trustworthiness and something for which one is responsible in the sense that they have not neglected their responsibilities. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/responsibility>

Revelation 3:7–13 - 7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens": 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, ***have kept My word, and have not denied My name.*** 9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, ***I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*** 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

## ENCOURAGEMENT FROM US

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.

- Lastly, let me say that the reason I did this teaching on the pre-trib rapture today is because the rapture can happen any day!!!
- This is why we do these weekly prophecy updates and end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the simple ABC's of Salvation.
- The Gospel, or good news is that Jesus was crucified, buried, rose again on the third day, and is coming back for us one day.

### The ABC's of Salvation

- The A is for Admit you're a sinner and your need for the Savior, (Romans 3:10, 23 – 6:23).
- The B is for Believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord and God raised Him from the dead, (Romans 10:9-10).
- The C is for Call upon the name of the Lord and confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord, (Romans 10:9-10, 13).





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All right. Good morning and welcome to our weekly Bible Prophecy Update. We're so glad that you're joining us. We know that we have a lot of new people. For the benefit of those who are new, we would like to encourage you to also join us at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time for our 2nd service. So the first service is the Prophecy Update, and then the second service is actually the expositional teaching, the Sunday morning sermon. We're currently in a verse by verse study through 1 Timothy. We certainly encourage you to join us for that as well.

Today I'll be talking about why it is, and it really again is one of those days where the teaching ties into the prophecy update. I'm going to talk about how and why really we can trust in the Lord to get us through this global crisis that we're in and facing today. Very encouraged and really looking forward to what the Lord has for us. So I really encourage you to join us.

Also, I wanted to thank everyone that reached out to me after the explosion in my birthplace in Beirut Lebanon. I do not know if I have any family currently in Beirut, but we certainly need to pray for the people of Beirut. I don't know if you've been following this. Even before I left to come to church this morning, the rioting and protests were growing. You have to understand that particularly in Beirut, but really all over the world, the world is on the brink, which we talked about last week, on the brink of a complete and total collapse governmentally, economically, all of the above.

Certainly, this is the case in Lebanon, and in Israel too. I don't know if you've been following what's happening in Israel as well. As for those asking about the prophetic significance of this, there's still so much that we don't know, but it sure does seem to bring Isaiah 17:1 into focus. This is a prophecy about the destruction of Damascus, bringing this city to a ruinous heap so much so that it's uninhabitable. We've talked in previous updates at length about this prophecy, and the many others like it. So maybe yet future Lord willing, we may revisit those prophecies as well.

But for today, we're going to do something different, as I mentioned last week and talk about the pre-tribulation rapture. Namely proof from Scripture that the rapture of the church absolutely has to happen before the 7-year tribulation.

At the end of this live stream, we're going to have a link for those of you online, and those of you locally, if you're interested, we've got a pdf file. It's a 4-page pdf file that we're going to have on our website. We'll put the link at the conclusion of the live stream that you can go to our website and download it.

It's going to have everything, actually more than what we're going to look at today, but all the notes, references, Scriptures, and so forth. If you're interested in those, you can go to that link, which will be available at the conclusion of the video. All right.

Before we jump into this, I want to address the question of why this and why now. I have two main reasons. The first of which is because of the swiftness with which everything that we're told will happen during the 7-year tribulation is beginning to happen now. Very fast, swiftly, I mean breakneck speed. In Luke's Gospel Chapter 21 verse 18, Jesus said, "When you see these things begin [keyword] to come to pass, then look up and lift up your head because your redemption draws nigh."

In other words, when you start seeing these prophecies beginning to come to pass? Prophecies that we know from Scripture will ultimately find their fulfillment in and during the 7-year tribulation, and they're already starting to happen now. Now I the best illustration I ever heard was that of Christmas and Thanksgiving.



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You know how during that time of the year, you go into the malls? Well, now, you can't. I don't know, can you? I don't know. I don't get out much, but let's just say you can; wear your mask. You go in, and all of the decorations and the signs are up for Christmas. It's earlier and earlier every year. Have you noticed this? So like September, you already have Christmas stuff up. It's only September. Here's the thing. You go in, and you see all of the signs up for Christmas, but Thanksgiving is before Christmas. So if Christmas is that close, how much closer is Thanksgiving?

Do you get the point? When you see the signs of all of these prophecies in the tribulation already up and running, so to speak, and the rapture like Thanksgiving is before Christmas like the 2nd coming? How close are we? That's why we're talking about this now.

The second reason really ties into the first, and it's that if we as Christians are unsettled concerning the sound doctrine of the pre-trib rapture, then we in effect, give Satan a blank check to fill in the amount of doubt and fear in our lives. Because if I'm not sure, I'm uncertain, I'm not really convinced, I don't really believe, then that's a game-changer.

That changes everything. Now I'm not looking for Jesus Christ; I'm looking for the Antichrist. I'm facing a very serious life and death for all eternity decision whether or not I'm going to accept the mark of the beast, which is already in play, and the technology already in play and the Antichrist system already in play. It's already here. It's just a matter of time.

We've talked about this before, and I don't want to spend too much time on it, but I think it's maybe apropos and germane to our understanding. Bible prophecy has what I like to refer to as a shelf-life, an expiration date. When you have things in motion, and you have this momentum, there's no pushing the pause button. It's that proverbial, when the iron is hot, strike; strike when the iron is hot. Or as we've heard it said more times than we care to remember or mention, "Never let a good crisis go to waste."

I would venture to say this is not a good crisis; this is a near-perfect crisis. I mean, if you wanted to come up with the perfect crisis, this would be it. I have to confess that just going back through my archives to prepare for today's teaching has really greatly encouraged me, renewed my hope, and reinforced my faith. Not that I had any doubt. I needed to go back into Scripture, back into the Word of God, back to the God of the Word, and revisit this life-changing truth to reinforce.

Because I have to confess, I'm looking at all that's happening and I'm like, it better be a pre-tribulation rapture, right? And it is. It is my hope and my prayer that you will be greatly encouraged today, and renewed in your hope, and strengthened in your heart.

What follows are seven (# 7) of the many reasons proving a pre-tribulation rapture, and I put it in the form of an acrostic of the word, RAPTURE. The **R**evelation to us, the **E**ffect upon us, the **P**urity of us, the **T**rumpets for us, the **U**niformity with us, the **R**esponsibility on us, and the **E**ncouragement from us. How clever is that? I came up with this 11 years ago, give me a break—I kind of like it. I hope you do too. It's an easy way to remember.

In fact, I used the first letter in an acrostic form to memorize all of the books of the Bible. Just taking the first letter of the name of each book, and I was able to memorize the names of the books of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, doing that. Actually, in the Psalms for those of you that were with us during our study through the Psalms, many of the Psalms were written in acrostic form for the sake of memory. That's how you memorized by way of an acrostic. Anyway, that's my story, and I'm sticking with it, so there you have it.





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Let's start with the first (# 1) reason. The revelation to us from the book of Revelation. The only book in all of the Bible that promises a blessing to those who read it hear it and take it to heart. No other book in the entire Bible has a blessing like that in the Book of Revelation. Yet sadly, it is the one book of the Bible that Christians avoid like the plague. In so doing, they are robbed of the blessing that awaits, and they're afraid of it. It's so apocalyptic, which is actually what the word revelation in the original Greek comes from apocalypsos, where we get our English word apocalypse.

When you hear that word, what do you imagine or picture in your mind's eye? Apocalypse! Oh no! Do you know what actually it really means? It's an unveiling, a revealing. I know this is deeply profound, revelation, reveal-ation. It's an unveiling, a revealing, of future events, and that's what the Book of Revelation is.

In verse 19 of chapter 1, one has referred to this as the divine outline in the book of Revelation. John is told by Jesus to write the things which you have seen and the things which are and the things which will take place after this, meta tauta in the Greek, after these things. In other words, John write that which you were an eyewitness of in the past, write that which is now present, and write that which is yet future (Past, Present, and Future).

The whole book of Revelation can be divided by way of this divine outline: Past; Present; and Future. **Revelation Chapter 4:1** and all the way through to the end of the book is yet future. John writes verse 1, Revelation 4, "After this [this is **future** now] I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'"

John is, if you will, raptured up, caught up taken up to heaven, and then Jesus says, come up here, and I'm going to show you now know what's going to happen. How cool is that? Here's the thing. You have now in this divine outline (past, present, and future) proof of a pre-tribulation rapture, and I'll tell you how I get there.

**Chapter 1 is past;** All chapter 1 is about is Jesus Christ crucified, buried, resurrected, and glorified. Past tense. That which you have seen; John was an eyewitness of it.

**Chapters 2 and 3 are present:** Church history. Seven letters to seven physical churches in modern-day Turkey known then as Asia Minor written by John inspired by Jesus and sent to the seven churches in that region at that time. That's church history.

Here's the thing, the word church is mentioned 19 times in chapters 1, 2, and 3. Do you know how many times it's mentioned after Chapter 4 verse 1? Zero. Chapters 4 - 5 are really about the Rapture; Chapters 6 - 19 are all about the 7-year tribulation; Chapter 20 is about the Millennium; Chapters 21 - 22: The new heavens and the new earth.

That is a beautiful magnificent divine outline in the book of Revelation.

Now, why isn't the church mentioned in chapters 6 through 19 all about the tribulation? Because the church is not in the tribulation. I mean, call me silly; I've been called worse. But doesn't that make sense?

Then one might ask well, yeah, but what about those that are saved in the tribulation? They're not the bride. We're going to talk more about that in a moment. They're affectionately referred to as, tribulation saints. These are those who will reject the mark of the beast and the Antichrist. They will



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accept Jesus Christ, and they will die for their faith. They will be martyred, and even as we've talked about before in prior updates, beheaded.

Those are not the bride; they are saved Christians. When you get into Revelation, they are serving at the throne, but the bride is seated with Christ on the throne. Make that delineation; that distinction between the two. They are not the bride. They are not going to be complaining, believe me. But they are just not the bride, the bride of Christ.

All right, the second (# 2) reason. The rapture has to happen before the 7-year tribulation because of the effect upon us. Let me explain. Knowing that the rapture can happen at any moment should and even will have a profound effect on how we live our lives in this world. This is what's known as the "Doctrine of Imminence." I love that word, imminent because it's kind of one of those words that sound like what it is, any minute, imminent. That's not the literal definition; just indulge me. ...

The Doctrine of Imminence is this sound doctrine that nothing has to happen before the rapture happens; that the rapture can happen at any time. It is imminent. It can happen at any minute. Okay, that's the last time I'll do that. And because of that, it should have such an impact on how we live our lives.

Matthew 24, to me, one of the most powerful and profound parables the Savior ever taught. Beginning in verse 45, Jesus speaking, Jesus teaching says, "Who then is the faithful and wise servant whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time. It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. Truly I tell you he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

"But [verse 48 by way of contrast] suppose that servant is wicked and he says to himself, 'Come on my master is staying away a long time. He delays his coming.'" He's not coming back. They've been saying he's coming back for generations. What's the impact? What's the effect? Verse 49, "He then begins to beat his fellow servants and eat and drink with drunkards."

Then we're told verse 50, "The master of that servant [interesting detail] will come on a day when he does not expect him, and at an hour he is not aware. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Do you want the greatest lie is? The greatest lie from the pit of hell is not there is no God, or even that there is no heaven, not even that there is no hell. Those are all lies, but the greatest lie is not there is no heaven, or there is no hell. The greatest lie is that there is no hurry. There's no urgency. We still got plenty of time. Party on.

Not the righteous servant, not the good and faithful servant. Well done. Why? Because he lived with that expectancy, the anticipation of the imminent return of his master who could come at any time. He lived his life always ready, always watching, which is the exhortation throughout Scripture. It's to be ready, be watching so that when he comes, it will not be for you as a thief in the night.

We just got done studying about this in our study through 1 and 2 Thessalonians and 2 Timothy Chapter 4:8. I love this promise. This is a "go-to," man. Paul's at the end of his life now. And we're going to get there if the rapture doesn't happen first because we're in 1 Timothy, and what comes after 1 Timothy is again, I know deeply profound, 2 Timothy.

So when we get to chapter 4 verse 8, we'll talk about this more. Paul is at the end of his life, and he knows it. He says verse 8, "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. I've run the race.



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I've fought the fight. And now [what awaits me] what's in store for me is this crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day. And not only to me [get this] but also to all who have longed for his appearing." Oh, my goodness.

Do you know what this means? I know guys get weird on this. It's kind of like crowns are for girls. Trust me; you're going to want these crowns. This is one of them, and it's the crown of righteousness that awaits those of us who are watching, longing, aching, begging, waiting, wanting the Lord to return. 1 John Chapter 3 verses 2 and 3, "Dear friends, now we are children of God and what we will be, has not yet been made known, but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is." Then he says this verse 3, listen very carefully, "All who have this hope in him purify themselves just as he is pure."

Let me first say what John is not saying here. He's not saying that we have this propensity or potential in and of ourselves to cleanse ourselves or purify ourselves. No, this is John saying listen, you are the bride of Christ and the bride, we're going to talk about this in a moment, is a pure virgin bride, and you are made pure by way of Christ's imputed righteousness.

What John is saying is, if you're really longing for his appearing? You're going to get your affairs in order. You're going to get serious about the things of God. You are going to get right with God, and you are going to be ready for the Lord's return.

Well, this brings us to our third reason (#3). It really ties into it, and it's the purity of us as the bride of Christ. In 2 Corinthians Chapter 11:2-3, Paul says, "I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy." And here's why. He says, "I promised you [betrothed you] to one husband." You're engaged to Christ. "So that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. But I'm afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

What Paul is describing here and he echoes it in his other letters is that we are the bride of Christ, engaged to Christ, soon to be married at the marriage to Christ. We are going to be his [bride]. Again, I know guys get really weird on this but trust me, you want to be the bride. To me, one of the most convincing and compelling proofs of the pre-tribulation rapture is that of the ancient Jewish wedding customs, which paints this magnificent picture of a pre-tribulation rapture.

It also answers the often-asked question of whether or not Jesus ever taught a pre-tribulation rapture. Thankfully not only did Jesus teach this, but the gospels are also replete with Jesus speaking as a bridegroom to his bride, and they would have known it. They would have understood it.

Many of you know that I was asked to be a part of "Before the Wrath" by Brent Miller Jr., the executive producer of Ingenuity Films. It was such a privilege because the film is all about this typology. It's available on Amazon Prime. I would encourage you to watch it if you haven't already. It's a very well-done film specifically about the typology in the Galilean wedding.

What follows is a brief explanation. Now the notes will have more, but in the interest of time, I want to show you specifically that typology as to why it is that the rapture of the bride of Christ absolutely has to happen before the 7 (the number of completion) year tribulation.

Let's start with the 1st one. **In the Jewish wedding**, there's a marriage covenant, Ketubah, and it's made in writing for the bride as a promise to the bride that it will be fulfilled. It's that promise ring when you're engaged. This is a promise, a covenant. **With our wedding**, a new covenant is made in the written Word of God for us as the bride, and the old covenant promise is fulfilled.



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Now you'll notice that there are Scripture references there on the screen. Again, the notes will have those and even more as well.

**The Jewish wedding**, they would then once this covenant was made, they would break bread and drink from the cup to seal the betrothal, the kiddushin, of this new covenant. **With our wedding**, he breaks bread and drinks from the cup at the Last Supper with the disciples sealing his new covenant in his blood. That was all about the bridegroom with the bride and the promise of this wedding that was coming. That's what the whole last supper was about.

**In the Jewish wedding**, the groom pays the price, mohar, showing the bride his love for her. **With our wedding**, Jesus paid the price on the cross, in full, and this shows us the bride, how there's no greater love than his laying down of his life for us.

**In the Jewish wedding**, the groom prepares a place for his bride. So after the engagement they break bread, they drink from the cup, they seal the betrothal, and the groom says to his bride, soon to be wife, I'm going to go now, and I'm going to prepare a place, a bridal chamber, a room addition to my father's house so that we can consummate and celebrate the marriage and when it's done, I'm going to come back, and I'm going to get you. I'm going to take you, and we're going to get married. That was the custom.

**With our wedding**, this is what Jesus said. He said, "Behold I go to prepare a place for you. In my Father's house are many mansions." Some translations render it dwelling places. "And where I go..." I'm going to come back. "If it were not so, I would not have told you I'm going to come back for you." He's speaking as a groom to his bride. I am going to go build our bridal chamber. I'm going to come back and get you.

**In the Jewish wedding**, the father is the only one who knows the day or hour of the groom's return for his bride. **With our wedding**, Jesus said that no one but the Father knows the day or the hour of his return for us as his bride.

**In the Jewish wedding**, when the bridegroom does come, the groomsmen run ahead and shout, he's coming, and they blow the trumpet. He's coming! He's coming! **With our wedding**, when our bridegroom comes, it will be with a shout of the trumpet of God that Jesus is coming for us as his bride.

This is where it gets really interesting, and I did not know this before I did the "Before the Wrath" documentary. This is part of what they found, the archaeological digs, there in the Galilee region. When Brent told me about this, I was like, oh my goodness, I got to go back and redo all of the teachings over the years on the Jewish wedding because I did not know this. This is amazing. This is chicken skin.

So, the groom comes, takes his bride, the bride is placed in this chair and lifted up off the earth and carried in the air to her groom. What? Just like when Jesus comes, our bridegroom? We're going to be lifted up in the air and taken to him to meet him in the air. Wow!

**Now in the Jewish wedding**, and this is where we see, can I say it like this? Forensic evidence. Proof of a pre-tribulation rapture because the groom takes his bride to the chamber, and they consummate, nissuin, and celebrate for a period of shevuah, seven. Not three and a half! I'm sorry, I told the Lord I wouldn't do that. I just did it. Just bear with me, okay.



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Seven is the number of completion; it is Daniel's 70th week. The last time I checked, there are seven days in a week. If you put the bride of Jesus Christ anywhere into the tribulation, the 7-year tribulation, you dismantle, even destroy the typology, and God takes that very seriously.

Ask Moses about that. What do you mean? Oh, don't you remember what happened? The Israelites are complaining; we're going to die! Were there not enough graves in Egypt to kill us and bury us there? God had to lead us out here in the wilderness and kill us? We're dying of thirst! Where's the water? God's like hey Moses strike the rock and water is going to come out, and so he did.

Now it happens again and again they complain and murmur. Moses has had it! God says I want you, not strike the rock, speak to the rock. But what does Moses do in his outrage and anger? Actually, it's quite interesting in detail. I didn't mean to go too far into this, but maybe you need to hear this when it comes to the typology of seven. He says, how long are we going to have to put up with you?

I can just picture, I know it's not in the text. I can just picture God going, yo, Mo! Come here. What's this "we" stuff? Oh, you are on the same level with me now? It cost him the Promise Land. You know that, right? Why? Because he destroyed the typology. What typology? That Rock is Christ, and Jesus was only struck once, crucified once, not twice. After the crucifixion, now you can speak to Christ. That's what the typology was; you can now speak to the Rock. But what does he do? He strikes it a second time. Ruins that typology; God takes that very seriously.

Maybe this is as good of a time as any, and I didn't actually plan to say this, but maybe I do need to say this in love. Without exception, whenever I talk about the pre-tribulation rapture, I am how, my goodness, I am just excoriated and some of the vile and foul comments that are made. Man, I get emails from people, and they are basically calling me every name in the book, accusing me of being a false teacher, leading people astray.

I just want to say to you, you might want to think twice before posting a comment or sending an email like that, and I'll tell you why. You'll have to give an account for every letter of every word that you post, and I say that as one who has to guard my own heart. You'd better be very careful because you'll be judged according to every word you write and type and post and send. All right. I'm still going to get it, but that's all right.

**With our wedding,** Jesus is going to come and take us to this place that he's prepared for us, and we're going to celebrate for a period of seven years. I like how one said it. While the world is tribulating, we're going to be celebrating and consummating our marriage to the Lamb.

**In the Jewish wedding,** this is after the seven years, seven days. There's this huge feast. You know what this means, right? This should be of great encouragement, especially for the guys, food in heaven. For the women too, it's no cholesterol, no calories, no fat, no nothing. It's the wedding feast of the Lamb, and it's after the 7-day/year celebration.

**With our wedding,** we too, after the 7-year celebration and consummation, we emerge from the bridal chamber, and there's this huge marriage feast of the Lamb that we celebrate. This is why post-tribulation is always a hard one, because if the rapture hypothetically, just for the purpose of discussion, was post-tribulation? The wedding feast is going to be a drive-thru sack lunch on a bungy cord because you're... And there are no seven years, and there's the typology again. Well, last one.

**In the Jewish wedding,** the new home of the bride was Jerusalem, and it was the bridegroom who came to the bride to dwell with her. **With our wedding,** it's from the new Jerusalem that Jesus, our bridegroom, will dwell with us forever and ever in the new Jerusalem for all eternity.



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This brings us to the fourth **(#4)** reason, which is that of the trumpets for us. Trumpets in Scripture are sounded to bring God's people up to meet him or assemble together. For a wedding, trumpets are also sounded and for another reason, which is that of assembling God's people for a battle in war.

In both the Old and New Testaments, there are two trumpets for two distinct purposes. There's also the first trumpet and the last trumpet. Stay with me on this. This is very important. This is where a lot of Christians get into a lot of trouble when they interpret Scripture specifically, Bible prophecy.

The first trumpet is for Israel; the last trumpet is for the church. The first trumpet in the Old Testament for Israel is in the book of Exodus Chapter 19:16-17, "And it came to pass on the third day in the morning..." Interesting, there's a type. Did you catch that? "... that there were thunderings and lightning and a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of the trumpet was very loud. So that all the people who were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain." This was the trumpet, the first trumpet, to assemble God's people to meet him.

The last trumpet is for us, the church. We see this in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where he describes the rapture of the church. Its Chapter 15, verses 51 and 52 he says, "Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep [speaking of death], but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet. [key] For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

Now before we go any further, I think I'd be grossly remiss were I not to address the trumpet that's in the book of Revelation Chapter 10 verse 7. It says, "But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished just as he announced to his servants, the prophets."

Now many suggest that this is during the tribulation, and this is the last trumpet, and that's why the rapture can't happen until this trumpet in the tribulation. Here's the problem, and here's why that's not true. It's a trumpet that is sounded by an angel. This is not the last trumpet. You have to understand; this is so important. Please don't miss this.

There are two trumpets in Scripture. One of which is the trumpet of angels and the other the trumpet of God. The trumpet of angels is for Israel, and the trumpet of God is for the church. That's why this trumpet in Revelation, during the tribulation, cannot be for the church. It is the trumpet of an angel.

In Matthew 24, verse 31, it says, "And he will send his angels with a loud [angels] with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect Israel from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other."

1 Thessalonians Chapter 4:16-17, we're going to be talking about this in a moment. "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God." Not a trumpet of an angel; it's the trumpet of God. "And the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." And so we will be with the Lord forever." All right, we need to keep moving.

The fifth **(#5)** reason. The uniformity with us. Here again, we see pre-tribulation rapture typology, this time in the Old Testament. It shows us how these types fit in the sense that they form a unity with us, and a prophetic picture for us establishing this uniformity. It's uniform.





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We're going to start with the 1st two that the Savior himself referred to in Luke's Gospel Chapter 17:26-30. He says that "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all."

"Likewise, as it was also in the days of Lot. They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built. But on the day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so, will it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." All right.

Here are just a few of the similarities in this typology in Noah's Day as compared with our day, and the same with Lot's day as compared with our day. Again, the notes are going to have more of these but just in the interest of time, I will cover a few of them.

First, some scholars estimate that the population of the earth in Noah's day was approximately 7 to 9 billion with a "b" people. It's estimated today that the population of the earth has reached approximately 8 billion and very soon will reach 9 billion people.

There was very demonic and very sexually abhorrent behavior as the norm of the day. You've heard this referenced as it is in Genesis 6 to the Nephilim. These were demons. By the way, I probably should parenthetically say that there's a renewed interest... In fact, you've probably been hearing on the news a lot about these UFOs and aliens, which some believe will be the explanation that they give for the disappearance of millions of people when the rapture happens. I want to be very clear when I say this and go on record and say that these UFOs, these aliens, they are demons.

In Noah's day that it was all about perverting the bloodline, which is why they tried to have these sexual relations with the Israeli women, the Israelite women, to mar and pervert and ruin the bloodline from where the Savior would come. I know it's kind of intense. I don't want to get into it, nor does time permit me to but what is happening today? It's unspeakable what's happening today. It's unspeakable, the sexual abhorrence, the demonic activity.

In Noah's day, man's wickedness had become so vast and the inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Today, man's wickedness is so vast and so evil, and it continues to wax more and more evil seemingly by the day. Again, scriptural references there also in the notes.

Noah preached while he prepared the ark, and people were warned, but no one would listen. Today Jesus is preached, and people are being warned, but sadly no one seems to be listening.

In Noah's day, they knew nothing about what was going to happen until on that day; a flood destroyed the earth. Today people know nothing about what's going to happen, but there is coming a day when fire will destroy the earth. However, people as Peter tells us in his second epistle, only continue to mock and ridicule.

Before the destruction of the flood in Noah's day, "Enoch who walked with God was no more because God took him." I love that verse. I mean, he's out just like any other day and then poof! He's gone. Where did he go? Well, God took him. How did God take him? God raptured him. Just caught him up in the air. Boom! He's gone You're looking at me like, okay?

Enoch is a picture of the church; Pre flood. Noah is a picture of Israel; Israel goes into the 7-year tribulation. But we are not a type of Noah. We are a type of Enoch, and it's pre-flood. Just like we are going to be raptured, it's just going to be a day like... How about right now? You are just going about



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your daily business and then poof! That's it. You're gone! Got raptured, taken up, before the 7-year tribulation the way Enoch was taken out before the flood.

"Noah and his family... ", this is an interesting detail in Genesis 7, "... entered the ark, and after seven days, the water of the flood came upon the whole earth." So too will the tribulation come upon the whole earth after we're removed like Enoch. Israel will enter into the 7-year tribulation, and they will be saved in the midst of the 7-year tribulation as Noah and his family, a type of Israel, were saved in the midst of the flood. Then after the judgment, they entered the new earth just like the Jews will be saved in the tribulation and after the judgment will enter into the new heaven and the new earth.

Let's talk about Lot really quick. This is interesting. Stay with me. Lot was taken very suddenly out of Sodom before the destruction came. In fact, if you read the text, there's some interesting detail there. You get the impression that Lot didn't want to leave. We know his wife didn't want to, and we know about what happened with that. But so much so that they had to grab him by the hand almost by force against his will and get him out before any fire or brimstone could come down and destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Lot is a picture of the church.

Now this answers a question regarding a false teaching known as the Partial Rapture Theory. Let me explain just really quick. Stay with me. The Partial Rapture Theory is only those who are really on fire for the Lord, those who are really watching for the Lord, those who are really walking close to the Lord; only they will be raptured.

I think you'd be hard-pressed to describe Lot like that. Lot would be, I think, the poster child for a very worldly Christian if you will, and he was still taken out before the destruction came down. So, to all our brothers and sisters who hate my guts because of this teaching on the pre-trib rapture, I just want you to know if I was God, you wouldn't. I'm just going to be very honest with you. I would just say, hey, you want it to be mid? Aloha. I did not say, Allah, by the way, aloha. Goodness, gracious.

Whether you like it or not, can I say it like that? Whether you like it or not, you're going to go up in the rapture. Whether you believe it's pre-trib or not because you're saved by grace, not works. If you have to be walking close with Lord in order to go up in the rapture? Well, then all of a sudden, you take salvation out of the arena of grace, and you put it right smack in the middle of the arena of works. And that doesn't work. No pun intended; it was a play on words.

This brings us to Joseph. Joseph is one of the most intriguing types of Christ in Scripture. I actually have over 100 Scripture references showing Joseph as a type of Christ. I think it's on our website as well if you wanted to download that pdf file.

I want to just focus in on the typology pointing to Israel's salvation in the tribulation, and a delivering of Israel in the midst of the tribulation. Just as Joseph saved Israel in the midst of the 7-year famine, so too does Jesus, the greater than Joseph, save Israel in the midst of this 7-year tribulation.

Now, this not only points to the 7-year tribulation being for the salvation of the Jewish nation; it also points to a pre-tribulation rapture of the bride of Christ, and I'll explain how I get there just as Joseph took a Gentile bride after being exalted. So too did Jesus take a Gentile bride after being resurrected.

After Joseph took his Gentile bride, his brethren entered into the 7-year famine. So too, after Jesus takes us as his bride, his Jewish brethren will enter into the 7-year tribulation. Genesis 41:50, here is your Scripture reference, "And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came whom Asenath the daughter of Potipherah, priest of On, bore to him." Why is that detail there? Because she is a type of the church, pre-famine.



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Enoch, pre-flood. The bride of Joseph, pre-famine (7-year famine) a picture of the rapture of the church. After Israel's salvation in a 7-year famine, vis a vis Joseph, Israel is then delivered out of Egypt, a type of the world vis a vis Moses, also a type of Christ, a deliverer.

Incidentally, Moses too had a Gentile bride after his rejection by his brethren, and before they entered into great tribulation under Pharaoh and all of the plagues. So too, Jesus, our greater than Moses, took us his Gentile bride after his rejection by his brethren. Just as he too will take us as his bride before his brethren enter into the 7-year tribulation.

Isaac also a type of Christ who also took a Gentile bride by the name of Rebecca, who didn't go through the coming tribulation that was to come upon them. The reason we know that is that she was taken from her home to go to Isaac before any tribulation came upon them. She's not heard of again after that.

Daniel, we've talked about this before a type of the church, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, a type of Israel thrown into the... There's that number again! What a coincidence - 7. Seven times hotter furnace; the picture of Israel. They're saved in the midst of the furnace the way that Israel will be saved in the midst of the tribulation, at the midpoint quite literally, actually, right smack in the middle. They're a type of Israel.

Where's Daniel? He's not there. Why not? Oh, so glad you asked because prior, pre-furnace, pre-famine, pre-flood... They all start with an "F," I just mention that. Pre-furnace: Daniel is exalted, taken up to a high position, pre-furnace, and is not there. He's a picture of the church. He's taken up pre-furnace.

Isn't it interesting; it doesn't say the furnace was turned up 3.5 times hotter. I'm not trying to be cute; I couldn't even if I tried. Right? No, seven. The famine in Egypt; not three and a half years - 7! Okay, I feel better now.

One interesting side note.

Daniel 3, they refused to worship the... This is why they ended up in the furnace, seven times hotter fiery furnace. They refused to worship the image that was 60 cubits by six cubits as six instruments played, (666) the image, and that's why they were thrown into the furnace.

We're almost done. Some of you are going, hey, did you see what time it is? Don't look at your watches, I did.

Ruth, the Gentile bride of Boaz, the kinsman redeemer who clearly is a picture of Jesus Christ as our kinsman Redeemer. We studied through the book of Ruth. It's actually available on our YouTube channel and website. What a fascinating study; one of my favorite books. I know I say that about all the books but what a fascinating book. I took my daughter through the book of Ruth, and it was amazing.

Anyway, woven into the fabric of this typology is another picture of the pre-tribulation rapture, and it's even more specific as it relates to the bride of Christ and the restoration of Israel as the elect of God. I'm going to go fast. I need to stay with me, buckle your seat belts.

Ruth 1:19, we're told that the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. Naomi and Ruth are a type of both the Jew and the Gentile coming together because of Bethlehem. In Ruth 4:13, we're told that Boaz takes his bride, and she bore a son. So too does Jesus, our greater than Boaz takes his bride as the Son. It gets really interesting here.



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In chapter 4:16-17, we're told that Naomi takes the son from Ruth who, by the way, is named Obed, who is the father of Jesse, who is the father of David from whom the Savior of the world would come. This child born in Bethlehem is now embraced in the bosom of Naomi, a type of Israel, after taking him from Ruth a type of the bride of Christ and she isn't seen again in the Scriptures. So too will Israel embrace the Son of David born in Bethlehem after taking him from the Gentile bride of Christ.

Don't you get it? When the church is raptured and taken out of the way? Now God shifts all of his attention to his final prophetic plan for his people, Israel. That's what the tribulation is all about because they rejected their true messiah, and that's what the purpose of the tribulation is for.

The responsibility on us, Number 6 (**#6**): Miriam Webster defines responsibility as reliability and trustworthiness and something for which one is responsible in the sense that they have not abdicated or neglected their responsibilities.

This is Revelation Chapter 3:7-13, the letter that is written by John from Jesus to the church in Philadelphia. I want to read it, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says he who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David.'"

This is interesting. "He who opens, and no one shuts. And shuts and no one opens." I'm not going to read too much into that. But that's interesting, isn't it? If God shuts the door, no man's going to open it. But if God opens a door to a church, no man should shut it. "I know your works [verse 8]. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it." Go ahead, try it. I'm sorry.

"For you have little strength. You have kept my Word and have not denied my name." In other words, you've not neglected your responsibility. "Indeed, I will make those of the Synagogue of Satan who says they are Jews and are not but lie. Indeed, I will make them come and worship before your feet and to know that I have loved you." That's a whole other topic for another time.

But verse 10, notice, "Because you have kept my command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial." Same word in the original, tribulation. "... which shall come upon the whole world [that's the 7-year tribulation] to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and I will write on him my new name."

I can't wait; I never liked my name. I can't wait for my new name. I'm so curious to see what it's going to be. Anything but frog.

Verse 13, "He who has an ear [this is how every letter ends] let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Number 7, (**#7**) lastly certainly not least; the best for last, really. The rapture has to happen before the 7-year tribulation, because of the encouragement from us and really for us and to us. 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4 verses 13 through 18, "Brothers, we don't want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. We believe..."

By the way for those of you who were with us for our study through 1 Thessalonians, this is the first letter the Apostle Paul wrote early in his ministry. Right here you have the first mention from the Apostle Paul of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and isn't it interesting that it's in the context of the rapture of the church? That's the full gospel if you will.



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He says, 'We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep' [speaking of death] in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive who are left till the coming of the Lord will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord, himself [verse 16] will come down from heaven with a loud command, [here it is] with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. After that we who are still alive and are left will be caught up...

Harpazo in the Greek, rapturos in the Latin, which is where we get the word rapture. "We will be raptured [caught up] together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." In the second coming, he comes to earth. In the rapture, we meet him in the air. It's been said that at the rapture he comes for us, at the second coming, he comes with us, 10 thousand by his side. "And so, we will be with Lord forever."

I want to draw your attention to verse 18, "Therefore encourage each other with these words." Oh, okay, just again bear with me. But how is it possible that Paul could say therefore encourage one another with these words if: You're going to go through the tribulation, you're probably going to be beheaded, a third of the population is going to die.

It's going to be unspeakable horror as the wrath of God is poured out, and which, by the way, if you're a Christian, he already poured out his wrath on Christ. So why is he pouring wrath out on you? Does that mean that what Jesus did is not finished? That's blasphemy. It just doesn't work.

I mean you cannot say hey you're going to go through unspeakable horror, therefore encourage one another with these words. But that's cruel. That is horrible. You can't say that. You can only say that if hey, you're not going to be here for that. Be encouraged. I'm not? Yeah. Well, that's very encouraging. I know.

And now encourage one another as you are already doing because it's all about the rapture. It's in the context of the rapture. Be encouraged! You're going to be taken out before all this comes down! Does that encourage you? I know it encourages me, especially with what's coming! Are you kidding me? I mean with the great reset; the financial collapse. It's just a matter of time when that happens. That's very terrifying.

But I'm not terrified; I'm encouraged. Why? Because I "ain't going to be here, I know that is not proper English. What's really sad is a lot of Christians are just so fearful, unnecessarily scared, depressed, in despair unnecessarily. What are we going to do? What about what if? No! It's irrelevant. It's immaterial; it's inconsequential. You're not going to be here. God's going to take you out of here. Be encouraged and encourage one another. Because we're going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air before this all goes down.

Thank you for your patience for those of you online if you're still watching. We're going to bring it in for a landing. I'm sorry, I shouldn't use airport analogies as an Arab, but we're going to find a runway. We're going to bring it in for a landing here.

As I mentioned in the beginning, I really sensed from the Lord that I was to do this teaching at this time because of how fast everything is moving. It is my belief, and I believe this with all of my heart, and the Lord knows my heart, that the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ can happen at any time. We are so close, and I think it is sooner than any of us could possibly even begin to imagine.



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I didn't want to wait. I was actually planning, as I mentioned last week, to do this probably later on, maybe September, October. I just had this strong sense; no, you need to do it now. You need to do it now; don't put it off.

There's a lot of Christians that need to hear this. There's a lot of Christians that are just fearful, full of anxiety. You need to settle this, and you need to teach the truth in love. I hope I've been gracious and loving. I know sometimes I can get snarky. It's a gift; I don't mean to do that. I just am so passionate when it comes to the truth of the pre-tribulation rapture.

One last thing. The argument is made, and there is merit to it. The rapture is not a salvation matter. Okay, that's fine. I'll give you that. But please consider this. If this is true and it is, then wouldn't it stand to reason that it would have far-reaching ramifications for those who don't know Christ?

In other words, you're privy to information that can change somebody's life for all eternity. We're not just talking about life and death. We're talking about eternal life and eternal death, right? That, to me, would seem to be a salvation issue. Because if what you're saying is true, and it is, I just don't know what else I can do from Scripture to prove a pre-tribulation rapture. My goodness.

Now, what about you? If you don't know the Lord, and this is true, what are you waiting for? That's salvation. You need to come to Christ now, today, or you are going to be left behind. You've heard it said hey I know I'll have a chance after the rapture, and if I'm left behind, and this really happens like you say it's going to happen, then I'll just give my life to Christ in the tribulation. Really? What makes you so sure? If you're not willing to live for Christ prior to the tribulation, what makes you think you're going to die for Christ in the tribulation?

Choose you this day whom you're going to serve. [Joshua 24:15] Today is the day of salvation; Seek him while he may be found. The Spirit of God is not going to strive with man forever. If you've been blowing him off and "shining him on," and maybe you're watching online, and the Lord's been speaking to you trying to get your attention. There's going to come a time when you're not going to hear that knock on the door anymore, and it's going to be too late. I think that time is very soon.

This is why we've been doing these prophecy updates for 14 years now every week. It's why we end with the Gospel, the good news of Salvation in Jesus Christ, and a childlike explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of Salvation.

This is not meant in any way to insult anyone's intelligence. It's just a childlike, simple explanation Jesus said, "Unless you become like a child, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." What he is saying is children are so trusting, which is why we have to talk to them about stranger danger. What Jesus is saying is you need to have that childlike trust in me.

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner and that you need the Savior. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." Romans 3: 23 tells us why. It's because "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We've all been born as sinners, which is why we must be born again to enter the kingdom of heaven. Romans 6:23 is interesting because it pronounces, by way of the bad news, the death penalty basically for sin. The wage of sin is death. You're guilty, and when you enter a plea, your plea is "guilty as charged." Now, what's the sentence? Oh, it's the death sentence. That's the bad news; But here's the good news.





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The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Like we just talked about in the bridal typology, the wedding typology with the groom and the bride? A gift is something that is given that you didn't pay for. If you pay for it, it's not a gift. It's a purchase. Somebody else purchased it. Jesus purchased it; He purchased you with his blood, and he paid the price, mohar, in full for you, for me. He offers this gift that he paid for, the gift of eternal life.

The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. Romans 10:9 and 10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." Not you might, not you could, not you should. No, you will be saved.

Then the C is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or confess with your mouth as Romans 10:9-10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." And here's why "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Then lastly, Romans 10:13. I love this. This was 38 years ago for me on a January night, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." That's all? Yeah. All? Yeah. I'm an all. I know. All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

If you're watching this online and you've never called upon the name of the Lord, believing your heart, confessing with your mouth, acknowledging your sin, putting your trust in him, I implore you! I plead with you. That is the most important decision of your life for eternal life; you need to make that decision today.

Please stand? We'll pray. Father in heaven, thank you. First of all, thank you for the patience of these your people.

Lord, thank you for the simplicity of the gospel. Thank you for prophecy in the Bible. Thank you for the truth of the pre-tribulation rapture because that changes everything.

Lord, I pray for anyone who might be even here in this service today that has never called upon you. I pray that today they would make that decision, and for anyone watching online, it's not by accident that they are watching this video. I pray that today would be the day of their salvation.

Then lastly, Lord, Maranatha, come quickly. In Jesus name. Amen.