



Doctrine: The Rapture
The Great Removal Is Coming Very Soon!
Part 4
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

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I believe that Jesus saw our generation as the terminal generation. The events that He described in the Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24 & 25) as well as in Luke 17, are all converging in terms of fulfillment in this current time.



We are rapidly approaching the time that would see the time of gentile come to an end. And because of that fact, there are times where, recording the update versus when I present the update to you live will produce a disconnect, as we will see today.

Wars and rumors of wars, especially as it pertains to Israel, has heated back up. First we were seeing a demonstration in real time of Genesis 12:3 with a massive heat wave impacting most severely, those nations, Spain, France and Italy, which were the most vocally at odds with Israel. And we were beginning to experience some of the reality of the curse side of Genesis 12:3 in this nation as well, severe heat, thanks to the MOU which was recently abrogated by President Trump.

The cease fire is now history, so far. There has been credible Israeli intelligence received that Iran was to attempt to kill the President. So, he changed planes.

Iran had earlier in the week, decided to attack ships in the Strait of Hormuz. The net result, over 100 targets hit to include the only rail link Iran had to China and Russia.

Why the silence in this nation? It could be the ongoing trillion-dollar effort we are seeing, and the multiyear year decision of Qatar to impact our education system. The antichrist forces of Satan are already busy and if we really examine it, the hate marches that began in October 2023 were not spontaneous at all.

Meanwhile, China has restarted tests of their long-range ballistic missiles.

And here is the one item I saw this week that I think moves us closer to the Gog-Magog War. Not only is the US preparing to sell "80 F110 jet engines to Turkey for its indigenous KAAN fighter project as a diplomatic gesture from U.S. President Donald Trump to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, according to multiple media reports, Jerusalem is disturbed by these developments.

Trump has also indicated he is open to approving F-35 jet sales to Turkey, though this would require Congressional approval and demands of Turkey to disengage itself from the acquisition of the Russian-made S-400 air defense systems. (Lappin 2026)

Continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem as what we are seeing take place, shows me without a doubt we are living in the terminal generation.

Let's take another look of an event that {Paul wrote about and expected to take part in while still alive but will take part in no matter what. That is the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as indeed the rest of mankind do, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead, so also God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus. For we say this to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who remain, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another with these words. Now as to the periods and times, brothers and sisters, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of



darkness; so then, let's not sleep as others do, but let's be alert and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night. But since we are of the day, let's be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you also are doing." (NASB 2020)

So, how are we doing on the current conditions and how close are we? I am amazed every single day to still be here. His return is that close. David Olander sums it up for us.

The church and church age ends in → the rapture
The entire church (of 2000 years) meets Him in → the rapture
The entire church meets Him all together for the first time in → the rapture
There are no signs, miracles, wonders, or events prior to → the rapture
There is blessed hope in → the rapture
There is promised comfort in → the rapture
The entire church is to be prepared always to meet Him in → the rapture (Olander 2009, 21)

Jesus painted a picture for us in Luke 21 of what some of the other conditions would be connected with His second coming, which is at least 7 years or more after He comes and removes the church. Once we are gone, the Day of the Lord can indeed begin.

Luke 21:25–28

““There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting from fear and the expectation of the things that are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. **But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**”” (NASB 2020)

And they are more than at the beginning phase right now.

Our Current Situation

The nations on earth in distress...check. Ukraine, China, Russia, Israel, etc.

Signs and wonders in the sky...check, about that.

NASA is actively working on developing the capability to redirect asteroids. (NASA 2015)

Sunspot activity has continued to increase. Resulting in some rather magnificent northern and southern light shows recently even visible in Florida.

By the way, we are not only talking about astronomical phenomena, but phenomena associated with the prince of the power of the air...Satan (Ephesians 2:2). If we examine the so-called UFO abduction theories, we see something interesting. “The thousands of contacts with the entities indicate that they are liars and put-on artists. The UFO manifestations seem to be, by and large, merely minor variations of the age-old demonological phenomenon.” (Keel 2013, 326)

This term, the day of the Lord, “became a technical term for a great day on which YHWH would intervene in a unique way to judge either Israel or foreign nations.” (Barton 2011, 59)



And the day of the Lord is not a single day. We get confused over this, so did the church in Thessalonica.

Some of the push back I have heard is that all of us who are looking for the pre-tribulation rapture are doing is wanting the Lord to rescue us from this present wicked world. Yep, that is indeed true.

We must remember that God has a plan for the Church, a plan for Israel, and a plan for the nations. Some of Israel is in the Church, but not all. The Church began at Pentecost and ends with the rapture.

He does indeed rescue His people. The nation of Israel being rescued from slavery in Egypt via the exodus is a serious prima facie argument. But what about other snatchings or examples of people being removed.

Those do indeed exist in the pages of the word.

Our first example of how God protects His own is reflected in what takes place in the antediluvian world of Genesis. Jesus provided a pointer for us as a sign of His second coming with events related to what was happening in the days of Noah and our second example, the days of Lot as well.

Luke 17:26–30

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage—right up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot, people were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building; but on the day Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. It will be the same on the day the Son of Man is revealed.” (NET 2nd ed.)

We know that because of the fall, as Adam and Eve began to have children, those kids came with a built-in sin problem already there. Cain and Able are premier examples of that. Cain killed his brother over a religious issue. Abel sacrificed an animal, but Cain laid out fruits and veggies. God accepted the sacrifice of Abel but rejected Cain's.

Those who wish to approach God on their conditions, continue to this day to persecute and kill those who insist on doing things His way.

What Cain had offered was characteristic of offering the work of his hands in sacrifice, rather than the giving of something precious and irreplaceable, the life of an animal.

Genesis 4:7–8

“If you had done the right thing, you would be smiling; but because you have done evil, sin is crouching at your door. It wants to rule you, but you must overcome it.” Then Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let's go out in the fields.” When they were out in the fields, Cain turned on his brother and killed him.” (GNB)

Things did not improve from there. Some fallen divine beings, watchers, later arrived on earth to defile man further.

What we see in Genesis 6 is the invasion of fallen divine beings, watchers per the book of Enoch, who came to corrupt the planet and became the reason why God destroyed the planet in the flood. We see the reference to hybrid beings known as Nephilim who are giants. The Septuagint version of Genesis 6:1-8 is clear and it also tells us in verse 4, that this will happen again as well.



Genesis 6:4

"Now giants were upon the earth in those days, and after that, whenever the sons of God entered into the daughters of humans, they fathered children for themselves; those were the giants who were from long ago, the people of renown." (LES2)

The Septuagint is clear about the supernatural aspects of this sin of the fallen angels. "That sin, which precipitated the Flood, was sexual in nature; it is placed in the same category as the sin that prompted the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah. The transgression was interpreted by Peter and Jude as evidence of despising authority and the boundaries of "proper dwelling" for the parties concerned." (Heiser 2017, 14)

Fallen angels, fallen divine beings came to earth, assumed human form, cohabited with women in a forbidden cross species relationship and had children, giants. Nephilim.

The fallen ones intended to corrupt and defile mankind, the human genome, and end the war God declared in Genesis 3 by preventing there from being someone fully human being left to have the offspring promised in Genesis 3:15. The book of Enoch refers to them as fallen angels, Watchers.

"The Watchers, then, are clearly celestial (nonhuman) beings whose actions are regarded not only as morally evil, but spiritually destructive. While human rebellion first appeared in Eden, it is the actions of the Watchers that served as a catalyst to spread wickedness among humanity like a spiritual contagion. They are held responsible for teaching humans a variety of things that engender lust, warfare, astrology, occult practices, etc." (Heiser 2017, 32)

Mankind was spiraling downward rapidly because of this. To use an anthropomorphism, God decided to destroy His creation but, in His grace, He saved Noah and his family. There would be a rescue mission. Noah found grace. A few hundred years earlier, as all the craziness was going on, there was another man who had remained faithful to the Lord for over 300 years. His name was Enoch.

Genesis 5:21–24

"When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God for 300 years, and he had other sons and daughters. The entire lifetime of Enoch was 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and then he disappeared because God took him away." (NET 2nd ed.)

Enoch was raptured, removed before God's wrath fell.

Here is an important point to remember. Enoch is the Father of Methuselah, who happens to be Noah's granddad. Methuselah's father, Enoch, was a preacher of righteousness (Jude 14-16). Methuselah died just before the flood.

That completes the picture for us. God delivered them both from the coming wrath, and together they represent those who will be raptured and resurrected when Jesus comes in the sky for His people. (Jeremiah 2023, 181)

Now we have arrived at the days of Noah. Incredible wickedness.

The world's culture laughs at Christians when we talk about a coming judgment coupled with the Second Coming of Christ. And they laugh even louder at the thought of a "rapture" which removes all Christians off the face of the earth prior to seven years of intense judgment by God on those left behind. Noah was a picture of what we can expect in our day as judgment draws closer. (Jeremiah, Heros of the Faith: Study Guide 2001, 48)



For now, the invitation to come is there and the door of the ark is open for all to enter.

Noah was rescued, he and his family were invited by the Lord into the ark and then God was the one who closed the door. They were kept safe above and away, protected from the judgement, as it took place. Or, as it says in Isaiah.

Isaiah 26:20–21

"Come, my people, enter your rooms And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation runs its course. For behold, the LORD is about to come out from His place To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their wrongdoing; And the earth will reveal her bloodshed And will no longer cover her slain." (NASB 2020)

This is a picture of His protection for us in the rapture and for the remnant that Jesus warns to leave Jerusalem when they see the antichrist show up and demand worship, also referred to by Daniel as well taking place at the midpoint of the Tribulation.

Does that mean what we see will get worse? Much worse after we leave.

Our culture is blind to what is going on. We are the terminal generation. Going up? Let's pray.

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