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THE RAPTURE EXPLAINED



The Rapture

- The word “rapture” is not in the Bible
 - It refers to the “gathering of the saints”
 - 2 Thess 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him
- 1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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- Common teaching
 - It will happen before the final seven years begins
 - It will happen in the middle of the final seven years
 - It will happen at the end of the tribulation, at the end of the final seven years

The Abomination of Desolation

- Matt 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The Abomination of Desolation

- Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.
- Dan 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

The Antichrist

- Dan 7:21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.
- Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

The Antichrist

- Rev 13:5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.
- Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

The Abomination of Desolation

- 2 Thess 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

The Rapture

- These scriptures prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Rapture will not happen until after the Antichrist is revealed in the middle of the final seven years...
 - When we see the man of sin
 - He will be given power to rule for 3.5 years
 - Then shall be great tribulation
 - He will make war with the saints during this
 - Our gathering together to the Lord will not come until after this

WHY IT IS *absolutely,*
without a shadow of a doubt *positively,*
IMPOSSIBLE
PRE-TRIBULATION *for there to be a*
RAPTURE.

The Rapture

- Matt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Rapture

- Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

The Rapture – with a trumpet

- Matt 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be
- 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet
- 1 Thess 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The Rapture - at the last trump

1 Corinthians 15:51-53

King James Version (KJV)

⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.



Isaiah 13:9-10

Behold, the day of the Lord cometh,...

For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Joel 2:31

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

Matthew 24:29

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION

of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

	6th Seal -Rev. 6:12-17	7th Trumpet -Rev. 11:15-19	7th Vial -Rev. 16:17-21	Matthew 24:29	Ezekiel 38:18-22
Earthquake	Great earthquake	An earthquake	Great earthquake		An earthquake
Sun Black	Sun becomes black			Sun is darkened	
Moon Blood	Moon became as blood			Moon shall not give her light	
Stars Fall	Stars of heaven fall unto earth			Stars shall fall from heaven	
Mountains & Islands	Mountains and islands were moved		Islands fled away, mountains not found		Mountains thrown down, walls fall
God's Wrath	The great day of His wrath is come	Thy wrath is come	God's wrath		God's wrath
Great Voices		Great voices in heaven	Great voice from temple in heaven		
Lightning, Voices and Thunders		Lightning, voices and thunderings	Voices, thunders, lightnings	Powers of the heavens shall be shaken	
Great Hail		Great hail	Great hail		Great hailstones
			Battle of Armageddon	Immediately after the Tribulation	Battle of Gog and Magog

The Mystery of God is finished

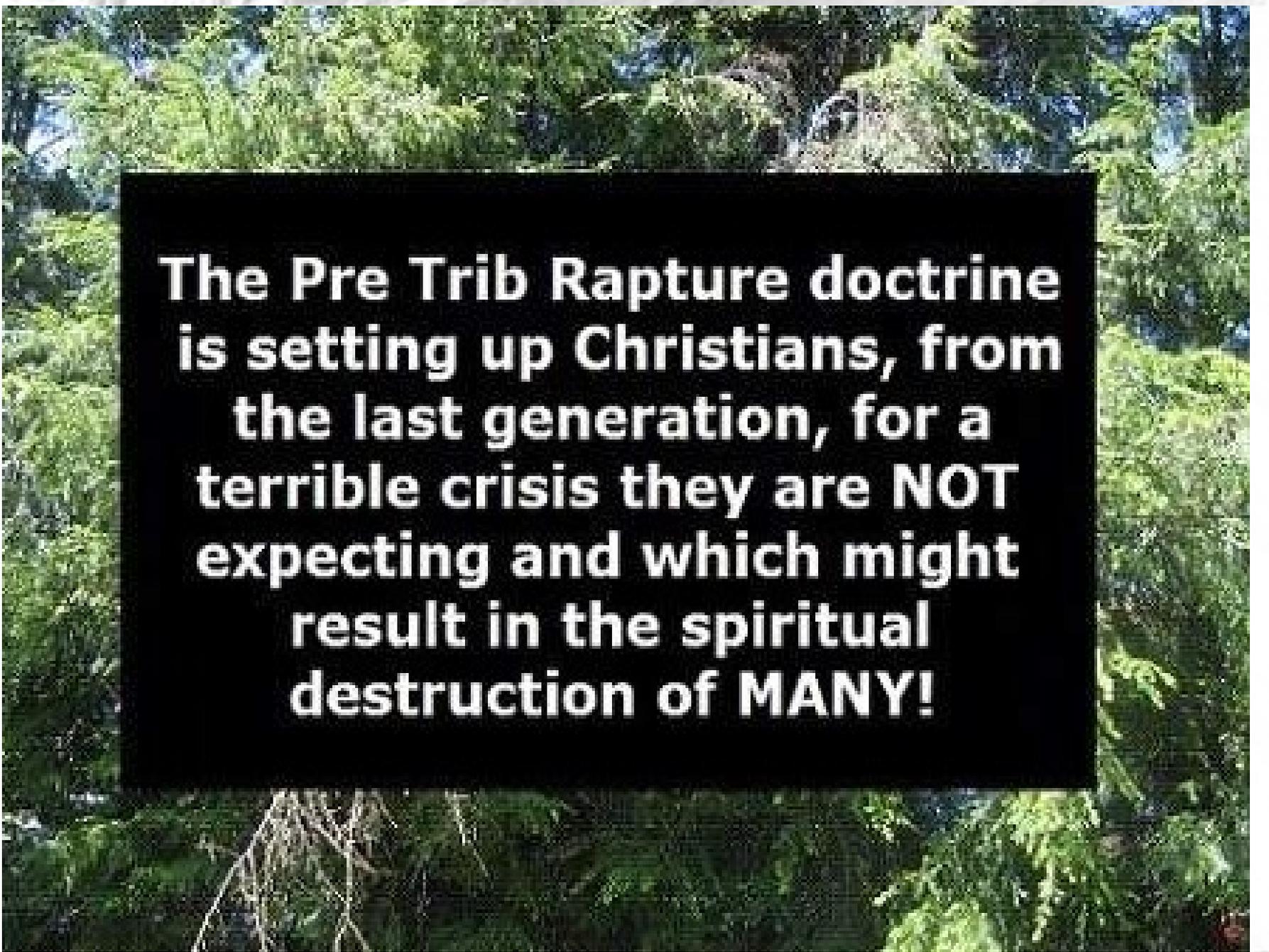
- Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.
- Tim 3:16 Tells us that the mystery is that God was manifest in the flesh! It's the identity of Jesus that is the mystery of God. So, when Jesus is revealed as He appears in the sky to gather His saints, the mystery is finished.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him



A photograph of a dense, green forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. A black rectangular box is centered over the image, containing white text.

**The Pre Trib Rapture doctrine
is setting up Christians, from
the last generation, for a
terrible crisis they are NOT
expecting and which might
result in the spiritual
destruction of MANY!**

God's wrath?

- Wait a minute! Does that mean we will suffer the wrath of God!?
- No.
- The great tribulation is the wrath of Satan, not the wrath of God. The wrath of God is the Vials (Rev 15:1 and Rev 16:1)
- And, God specifically tells us that we will not suffer the wrath (of God) to come.
- 1 Thess 1:10 ...Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come

- Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- 1 Thess 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ
- The devil will be cast to earth having great wrath for 3.5 years, the last half of the final week of years. This 3.5 years will be the great tribulation. It will be Satan's wrath as he knows his time is very short. (Revelation 12)

Who will suffer Great Tribulation?

- Luke 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

Who will suffer Great Tribulation?

- 1 Thess 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Who will suffer Great Tribulation?

- Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Those that come out of great tribulation in this passage are the Saints of God.

1. When the Lord returns it will be as the lighting flashes across the sky. It will be with a shout, with the sound of the trumpet, with power and glory. Every eye shall see Him.
2. It will be a surprise to the world as the Antichrist is ruling a one world government and proclaiming peace and safety, then the Lord will come.
3. When He comes, the saints will be gathered to Him in the air, in the clouds.
4. Then we will see the wrath of God poured out on the world.
5. Then He will descend on the nations gathered against Israel and will wipe them out and destroy the Antichrist.
6. When He touches down on the Mount of Olives, there will be an earthquake bigger than the world has ever seen.
7. He will set up His kingdom and put down the leading nations and destroy Islam, the fourth beast of Daniel 7, the last ruling one world government that the Antichrist is using to rule the world (the iron mingled with clay of Daniel 2).

The Timeline

- See chapters 8 through 10
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- The Timeline of Events is explained for us in scripture!