

THE RAPTURE

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What does the Bible say about The Rapture?

I. KEY _____ ON THE RAPTURE.

A. 1 THESSALONIANS 4 - _____ UP!

1 Thess. 4:13-18 NIV84 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.

B. MATTHEW 24 - _____ TIMES.

Matthew 24:36-42 NIV84

C. JOHN 11 - _____ RESURRECTED.

John 11: 21-26 NIV84

D. JOHN 14 - _____ GATHERED.

John 14:1-3 NIV84

E. 1 CORINTHIANS 15 - RESURRECTION OF _____.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57 NIV84

F. _____ SUMMARY: Second coming of Jesus...

1. Belief that Jesus will come back & take us with him is biblical.
2. Some will be taken and some will be left.
3. Just as He left, he will return to get his kids.
4. Those who are alive will be changed in an instant.
5. Christians who are alive will get glorified bodies.
6. We will meet Christ in the air & be with him forever.
7. We will meet Christ in the air & be with him forever.
8. This should encourage you!

II. _____ WILL RAPTURE HAPPEN?

A. _____ RAPTURE.

The rapture will happen prior to the tribulation.

Matthew 24:44 NIV84 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Revelation 3:10 NIV84 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.

B. _____ RAPTURE.

The rapture will happen within the tribulation.

Daniel 7:25 NIV84 He will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. The saints will be handed over to him for a time, times and half a time.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 NIV84 They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

C. _____ RAPTURE.

The rapture will happen at the end of tribulation.

Matthew 24:29 NIV84 & Acts 3:21 NIV84

D. Fourth option: _____ TRIB. ;-)

III. WHAT SHOULD I _____ THEN?

A. DON'T _____!

2 Timothy 2:14-17 NIV84

B. BE _____!

Matthew 24:44 NIV84 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. You must be ready.

Matthew 24:45-51 NIV84

C. WORK _____!

B. BE _____!

1 Thessalonians 4:18 Therefore encourage each other with these words.