

## The Rapture Pt1

LW – Outlined Rev in 1:19, Have Seen, Which are, Will Take Place

\* Chapter 1 – Have seen 1:9-20 = Jesus Christ

\* Chapter 2-3 – Which are = The Churches

TW – The things which will take place after this Rev 4:1 – Rapture!

### What is it?

\* Def – Taking away of the church/saints

\* Jesus told of it - John 14:1-3

**John 14:1-3**<sup>1</sup> “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.<sup>2</sup> In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.<sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

\* Paul told of it – I Thes 4:13-18

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**<sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.<sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.<sup>15</sup> For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.<sup>16</sup> For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.<sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.<sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1. Asleep - Matt 27:52-53, John 11:11, Lk 8:52-55, John 11:25-26  
**Matthew 27:52-53**<sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;<sup>53</sup> and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

**Luke 8:52-55**<sup>52</sup> Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.”<sup>53</sup> And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.<sup>54</sup> But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.”<sup>55</sup> Then her spirit

returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat.

**John 11:25-26**<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.<sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

2. God will bring with Him (Jesus) –

**Jude 14-15**<sup>14</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,<sup>15</sup> to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

3. Those who are Alive won’t proceed those asleep

4. He will descend with a shout/archangel, trumpet of God

**Revelation 4:1**<sup>1</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” (Rev 1:10-11a)

5. Dead in Christ will rise first

6. “Caught up” together with them in the air

\* “Rapture not in the Bible”

\* “Caught up” = GK harpazo = seize, take by force (Jn 14:3 “take”)

\* Latin/harpazo = Rapio = to take away by force

\* Vulgate = Latin Translation of the Bible (Jerome 382-405) = Raptus

\* Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary “Rapture” (Latin Raptus)

\* Much like Luke 23:33<sup>33</sup> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

\* “Calvary” = GK Kranion = Skull - Lat Calvario = English Calvary

7. Always be with the Lord – How long? With who?

\* Paul told of it –

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52** <sup>51</sup> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In 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.

### When does it happen?

\* 4 Rapture Positions – Pre-Trib, Pre-Wrath, Mid-Trib, Post Trib

\* Rev 1:19 after this -> Rev 4:1 after this Gk = “meta tauta”

\* Rev 4:2-11 – John is in Heaven & Sees God on His throne

\* Rev 5 – John sees scene surrounding the opening of Seals

\* Sees Jesus as the only one found worthy to open

\* Sees Jesus worshipped

\* Rev 6-> Seals opened – V17

**Revelation 6:16-17** <sup>16</sup> and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! <sup>17</sup> For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

\* Chapters 6-18 – 3 Rounds of Wrath (Seals, Trumpets, Bowls)

\* All of them God’s wrath being poured out!

**Revelation 15:1** <sup>1</sup> Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

**Revelation 16:1** <sup>1</sup> Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

Who is Raptured? (Who is saved from the Wrath of God?)

**John 14:1** <sup>1</sup> “**Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-14** <sup>13</sup> But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

**Romans 5:9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** <sup>9</sup> For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gen 6-7 – The Flood – Who is saved?

**Genesis 7:1** <sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Noah, “Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen *that you are* righteous before Me in this generation.

Gen 18-19 – Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah – Who is Saved?

**Genesis 18:23-26** <sup>23</sup> And Abraham came near and said, “Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” <sup>26</sup> So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.” (45, 40, 30, 20, 10?)

**Genesis 19:15-16** <sup>15</sup> When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, “Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city.” <sup>16</sup> And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife’s hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the LORD being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city.

New Testament – Who is Saved?

**Ephesians 5:6** <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-10** <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

\* Conclusion:

\* **Rom 5:9 = 1 Thes 5:9 = Rev 5:9**

**Revelation 5:9** <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,