

The Rapture

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The rapture is a very controversial subject. Some believe we will be raptured before the tribulation. Some believe we will be raptured in the middle of the tribulation. Some believe we won't be raptured at all.

Before I go into my article on the rapture, I want to make an important point. Regardless of what you believe about the rapture, do NOT let your faith in Yeshua depend on that. Many Jews missed the Messiah because He didn't come like they expected. Don't make the same mistake. **Expect the unexpected.** (read Matthew 25:1-13)

Now, we can begin. I will let you know up front that I do not believe in a pre-trib rapture. However, that is just my opinion. Let's look at a few arguments sometimes used in support of the rapture.

(1) Matthew 24:40-41 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. This scripture has been interpreted to be referring to the rapture.

One will be raptured and one will be left behind right? Look at verses 38-39. [Matthew 24:38-39 KJV](#) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Jesus is comparing this to the days of Noah when the **wicked** were **taken**. Could this scripture mean taken in God's judgment?

(2) "The last seven years is the time of Israel and the church must be taken out."

Why must the 'Church' be removed? The remnant of Israel was not raptured when they were in Egypt. The remnant was not raptured when they were persecuted by the Assyrians or the Babylonians or the Persians or the Greeks or the Romans or the Germans. Why should God deal differently with the 'church.'

Take a moment to read the parable in Matthew 13:24-30;36-43. Who is harvested first, the righteous or the wicked? The wicked.

That is my belief on the rapture. Don't simply accept someone's conclusions (whether they be mine, your pastor's, or whoever's), **but study it for yourself.**

I have a section for discussing this subject on my website (in the forum) and look forward to reading your comments.

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