

SESSION ONE PART ONE



THE IMPORTANCE OF BIBLE PROPHECY

IT'S
ABOUT
JESUS

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev. 19:10b).¹

**LET'S BEGIN WITH SIX
BASIC THINGS THAT WE
NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
BIBLE PROPHECY**

1) WE NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD KNOWS THE FUTURE

Paul said, “Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world” (Acts 15:18).

-God knows what will happen before it happens.

2) WE NEED TO KNOW THAT GOD REVEALS THE FUTURE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

- **God said, “I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,” (Isaiah 46:9-10).**
 - **God reveals what He plans to do before He does it.**

3) WE NEED TO KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS FULL OF PROPHECY

- **God put 18 books of prophecy in the Bible.**
 - He put 5 books called the Major Prophets in the Bible.
 - He put 12 books called the Minor Prophets in the Bible.
 - He put the Book of Revelation & whole chapters of prophecy in the Bible (Matt. 24-25).
 - Some say **25-40%** of the Bible is prophecy.
 - The Bible is full of prophecy.



4) WE NEED TO KNOW THAT BIBLE PROPHECY IS RELIABLE

- God said, “The prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die” (Deut. 18:20).
 - God’s prophets had to be right 100% of the time.
 - If it’s not from God, it’s from Satan.

5) WE NEED TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE PROOF OF THE ACCURACY OF PROPHECY

- The Old Testament records more than 300 prophecies about the first coming of Jesus.
 - Some prophecies are repeated two or three times.
 - After the repetitions are removed, the Old Testament still records at least 108 specifically different prophecies about the first coming.

THIS AMOUNT OF PROOF IS OVERWHELMING

- **With the odds being so great for one Person to fulfill just 48 prophecies, one must wonder what the odds would be for one Person to fulfill all 108 prophecies.**
- **Fulfilled prophecy is indisputable proof:**
 - **That Jesus is the Messiah.**
 - **That God knows the end from the beginning.**
 - **That God is in control.**
 - **And the Bible is the Word of God.**

6) WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT PETER SAID ABOUT BIBLE PROPHECY

- “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (II Peter 1:19-21).

PETER SAID FOUR THINGS

One---Bible prophecy is sure or accurate.

Two---You would do well [or be wise] to pay attention to Bible prophecy.

Three---Bible prophecy is like a light.

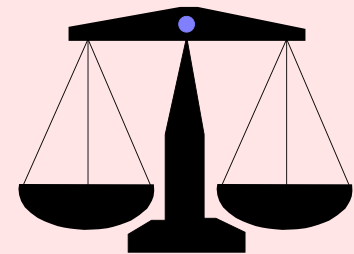
Four---Bible prophecy was given by the Holy Ghost.



**I WANT TO GIVE YOU TEN
REASONS WHY WE WOULD
BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE
PROPHECY**

1) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE IT TEACHES **ACCOUNTABILITY**

- Paul said, “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).
 - Bible prophecy teaches us to prepare for what comes after death.



2) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE IT **CHANGES LIVES**

- John said, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (I Jn. 3:2-3).
 - Bible prophecy causes people to give up their sins (So we should use it).

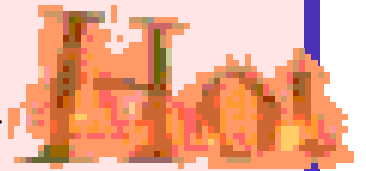
3) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE LOVING THE SECOND COMING WILL BE REWARDED

- Paul said, “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (II Tim. 4:8).
 - This is the only doctrine mentioned in the Bible that will be rewarded with a crown.

4) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE OF **WHAT JESUS SAID IN THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND TARES**

- Jesus said, “As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the **end of this age** [NKJV]. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth**” (Matt. 13:40-42).

– Jesus said the lost will be removed from the earth at the end of this age.



5) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS SAID IN THE PARABLE OF THE DRAGNET

- Jesus said, “So shall it be at the end of the age [NKJV]: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth” (Matt. 13:47-50).
 - We should tell the lost what Jesus said.
 - It’s very important.



6) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THE DISCIPLES WERE INTERESTED IN

- “And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the age [NKJV]” (Matt. 24:3)?
 - There’s nothing wrong with being interested in Bible prophecy.
 - The disciples were interested in it.

7) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE JESUS WANTS US TO BE PATIENT

- **Jesus said, “For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet” (Matt. 24:5-6)**
 - **Jesus was saying many things must happen before the end of the age arrives.**

8) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE JESUS SAID THE END WILL COME

- Jesus said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matt. 24:14).
 - Jesus (not some kook) said then shall the end come.
 - Love and mercy are why He has waited.
 - Jesus doesn’t want to judge the world.
 - But He will eventually do it.

9) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS SAID IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

- **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the age.” Amen” (Matt. 28:19-20 NKJV).**
 - The end of the age will come.
 - In the meantime, we should be active.

10) WE WOULD BE WISE TO STUDY BIBLE PROPHECY BECAUSE IT PLEASES GOD

- **God praised the sons of Issachar because they “had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do” (I Chron. 12:32).**
- **God is pleased with those who understand the signs and tell His people what they need to do.**
- **He reveals these things for the good of all mankind.**

DID YOU KNOW

- **That the Second Coming is mentioned in 23 of the 27 New Testament books.**
- **That it's mentioned in 1 out of every 30 verses in the New Testament.**
- **That if we don't believe in the Second Coming, we don't believe many Scriptures.**
- **Jesus said, "The end of the age will come."**



IS WATER BAPTISM IMPORTANT



- **Yes!**
- **Water baptism is very important.**
 - **But for every verse of Scripture about water baptism there are more than twenty verses of Scripture about the Second Coming?**
 - **What should this tell us?**

**ARE
THESE
EVENTS
IMPORTANT**

THE FLIGHT OF JOSEPH AND MARY INTO EGYPT WITH THE BABY JESUS

IS
THIS
IMPORTANT



JESUS AT NIGHT TELLING NICODEMUS YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

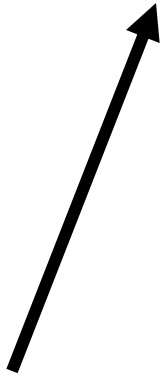
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THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP



**IS
THIS
IMPORTANT**



THE STORY OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS



**IS THIS
IMPORTANT**



THESE EVENTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT

- But these are just a few of many events that are mentioned just once in the New Testament.
- If events that are mentioned just once in the New Testament are very important, what are we to think about something that's mentioned more than three hundred times?

HERE ARE TEN REASONS WHY WE SHOULD WANT THE END OF THE AGE TO ARRIVE

- 1) Jesus will reign, be worshipped, etc.**
- 2) There will finally be peace, justice and righteousness on earth.**
- 3) Satan will be bound and chained.**
- 4) The Creation will be restored.**
- 5) Multitudes will get saved.**

- 6) The Jews will be saved.**
- 7) God's covenants with Israel will finally be fulfilled.**
- 8) Christians will reign with Jesus.**
- 9) Christians will see loved ones.**
- 10) Christians won't get sick or die.**

We should look forward to these things.

ONE FINAL REMARK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING BIBLE PROPHECY

- **If God didn't want us to study these Scriptures, all He had to do was leave them out of the Bible.**
 - **But God put them in the Bible.**
 - **He told us to study them.**
 - **He told us we would be wise to study them.**
 - **And He told us that He would reward us, if we study them.**

SESSION ONE PART TWO

HOPE

**GOOD
NEWS**

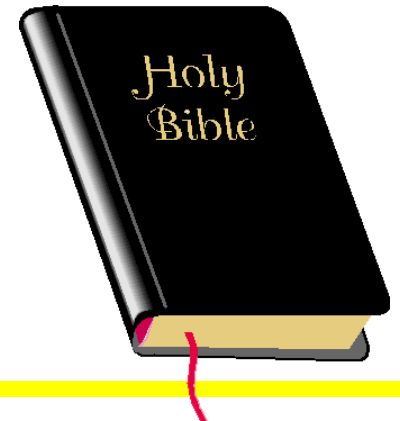


**VICTORY
OVER
DEATH**

THE BODILY RESURRECTION

JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

- Paul said, “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins **ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day **ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**”
(I Cor. 15:3-4).



BUT

- **The only Scriptures that existed when Jesus was raised from the dead are found in the Old Testament.**
- **So we will begin in the Old Testament with the oldest book in the Bible: the Book of Job.**
- **It may be older than the Flood.**

SOME BELIEVE THE BOOK OF JOB MAY BE OLDER THAN THE FLOOD BECAUSE . . .

- **Job doesn't mention several major things such as Moses, the Exodus and the Ten Commandments so some think he probably wrote before those things happened.**
- **Job had 10 children, but they were killed.**
- **Later, Job had 10 more children.**
- **After that, Job lived another 140 years.**
- **He probably lived 300-400 years or more.**
- **People only did that before the Flood.**

JOB BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Job** said, “And though after my skin worms destroy this **body**, **yet in my flesh** shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and **mine eyes** shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me” (Job 19:26-27).
- Job said, “Even though my body is destroyed, I will see God in my **flesh.**”

ABRAHAM BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only begotten son Isaac.
- Abraham took servants, a knife, fire, wood and went to Mt. Moriah to do it.
- He planned to build an altar, kill Isaac, and burn his body.
- There would be nothing left but ashes.



AFTER THREE DAYS OF TRAVEL

- “Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you” (Gen. 22:5).
 - The question is often asked, “If Abraham intended to kill Isaac and burn his body, why did Abraham tell his servants that Isaac would come back with him?”

PAUL ANSWERED THE QUESTION

- “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son. Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure” (Heb. 11:17-19).

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD'S PROMISES

- **Abraham** believed God would raise up Isaac with a new body because God told Abraham that he would have seed or descendants through Isaac.
 - Since Isaac wasn't married and didn't have any children at this time, Abraham knew that **God would have to raise Isaac from the dead to fulfill His promise.**

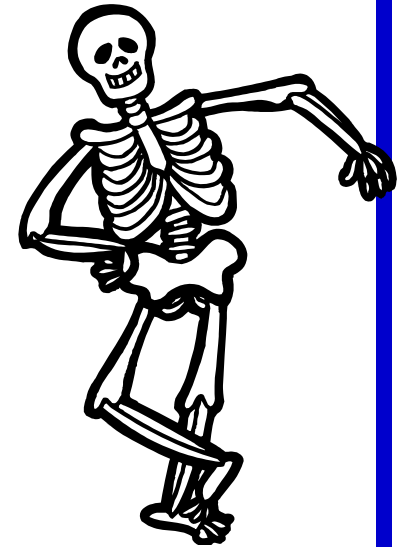
JOSEPH BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- He wanted his bones taken to the land of Israel because he [Joseph] wanted to be raised from the dead in Israel.



HOW DO WE KNOW

- The Bible says, “Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he [Joseph] had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you” (Ex. 13:19).



DAVID BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **David** said, “Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption” (Psa. 16:9-10).
 - There’s hope for the flesh (or the body) as well as the soul.

PETER COMMENTED ON WHAT DAVID SAID

- **Peter** said, “He [David] seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his **flesh** did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses” (Acts 2:31-32).
 - The flesh (or body) of Jesus wasn’t destroyed.
 - His body was raised up.
 - David believed if God could raise Jesus, God could raise him (He had hope).

ISAIAH BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Isaiah** said, “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise” (Isa. 26:19).



- Praise the Lord!
- God can't get much plainer than this.
- The dead will live.
- The dead will be raised.

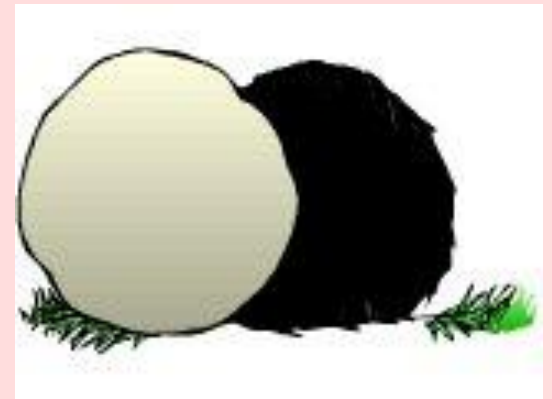
HOSEA BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Hosea** quoted God as saying, “I will ransom them from the **power of the grave**; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes” (Hos. 13:14).
 - It is the body that defeats the power of the grave.
 - The soul and spirit go directly to heaven or hell not the grave.

PAUL SAID ALMOST THE SAME THING

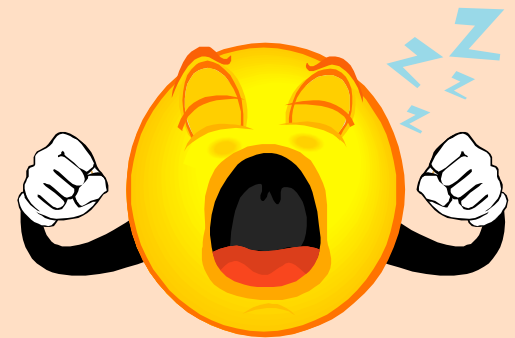
- Paul said, “O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Cor. 15:55-57).

– Jesus gives us victory over the grave.



DANIEL BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Daniel** said, “And many of them that **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:2).
 - It’s the body that sleeps in the dust of the earth and will wake up or be raised.
 - The soul and spirit are conscious in heaven or hell.



JESUS BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Jesus** said, “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the **graves** shall hear his voice, And shall **come forth**; they that have done good, unto the **resurrection** of life; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection** of damnation” (Jn. 5:28-29).
 - The body comes out of the grave.

MATTHEW BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Matthew** said, “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many” (Matt. 27:52-53).

IT'S NO WONDER MULTITUDES GOT SAVED 50 DAYS LATER

- **Graves were opened.**
- **Bodies arose [hope].**
- **Bodies came out of the graves [victory].**
- **Bodies went into the holy city [of Jerusalem].**
- **Bodies appeared unto many [It literally happened].**
- **If a few dead bodies knocked on the doors in this town, multitudes would get saved.**

PAUL BELIEVED IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

- **Paul** said, “that he [Jesus] was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time (I Cor. 15:5-8).


THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS AFFECTED JAMES

- **James was the half-brother of Jesus.**
- **He didn't believe Jesus was the Messiah before Jesus was raised (Jn. 7:5).**
- **Seeing is believing.**
 - **James got saved and became a great leader in the Church.**

DON'T BELIEVE THE SKEPTICS

- **Skeptics say we can't believe these eye witness reports because they only come from believers.**
 - **Not so!**
 - **James was an unbeliever who didn't expect Jesus to be raised from the dead.**
 - **Later, James died rather than deny it.**

WHAT IF THE SKEPTICS ARE RIGHT

- **Christ is not risen.**
 - **Preaching is vain.**
 - **Faith is vain.**
 - **The Disciples lied.**
 - **We are still in our sins.**
 - **Deceased believers have perished.**
 - **We have no hope (I Cor. 15:14-19).**
 - **But praise be to God, Jesus was raised.**
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IF THE DEAD AREN'T RAISED

1) Job was wrong.

7) Daniel was wrong.

2) Abraham was wrong.

8) Jesus was wrong.

3) Joseph was wrong.

9) Matthew was wrong.

4) David was wrong.

10) Peter was wrong.

5) Hosea was wrong.

11) Paul was wrong.

6) Isaiah was wrong.

**12) The Bible is
worthless.**

IF THE DEAD AREN'T RAISED THE TYPES ARE WRONG

- **The cleansing of the lepers (Lev. 14).**
- **The sheaf of first fruits (Lev. 23).**
- **Aaron's rod that budded (Num. 17).**
- **The sign of Jonah (Matt. 12:38-40).**
 - **These types foreshadow the resurrection of Jesus.**



IF THE DEAD AREN'T RAISED THE SCRIPTURES ARE WRONG

- Elijah didn't raise the widow's son (I Kings 17).
- Jesus didn't raise Lazarus and the others (John 11).
- Peter didn't raise Dorcas/Tabitha (Acts 9).
- Paul didn't raise that young man who fell out of the window (Acts 20).
- Jesus wasn't raised (Luke 24).

**But the
Scriptures
are not wrong.**

IF THE DEAD AREN'T RAISED PAUL SAID WE NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES

- **STOP USING IMMERSION BAPTISM.**



- Don't raise people up out of the water.
- Hold them down [If you don't believe . . .].
- **STOP SERVING GOD.**
 - Don't attend Church, give, teach, etc.
- **GO EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY.**
 - No judgment, rewards, re-union, etc.

WHAT WILL OUR RESURRECTED BODY BE LIKE

- **David** said, “I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness” (Psa. 78:15).
- **Paul** said, “as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” (I Cor. 15:49).
- **Paul** said, “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body” (Phil. 3:20-21).
- **John** said, “We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him” (I Jn. 3:2).

FINAL REMARKS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

- It's one of the most important doctrines in the Bible.
- There are so many verses in the Bible about the resurrection of the dead that some say the person who doesn't believe in the resurrection of the dead doesn't believe the Bible and may not be saved.

THE BIBLE SAYS

- “That **if** thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath **raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved” (Rom. 10:9).
- “For **if we believe that Jesus died and rose again**, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him” (I Thess. 4:14).

SESSION ONE PART THREE



**MORE
GOOD
NEWS**

**THE
RAPTURE
IS OUR
BLESSED
HOPE**

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

NO FUNERAL BILLS; NO DIRT IN OUR FACE, ETC.

THE MOST FAMOUS PASSAGE READS . .

- But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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: 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words (I Thess. 4:13-18).

HERE'S FOUR THINGS PAUL SAID

- 1) God doesn't want ignorance in the Church [about the Res. & Rapture].
- 2) Paul was giving us the Word of the Lord [Paul was telling us what Jesus said about the Resurrection and Rapture].
- 3) Jesus said the deceased believers will be raised from the dead & the living believers will be caught up together with them, and
- 4) Jesus said comfort one another with these words [tell people about the Res. & Rapture].

SOME SAY THERE IS NO RAPTURE BECAUSE THE WORD “RAPTURE” IS NOT IN THE BIBLE

- **The N. T. was written in Greek.**
 - The earliest Greek texts used the Greek word “harpazo.”
- **The Greek was translated into Latin.**
 - The Greek word “harpazo” became the Latin word “rapere.”
- **The Latin was translated into English.**
 - But “rapere” could not be translated into just one English word so it was translated into several different English phrases.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW THE WORD RAPERERE WAS TRANSLATED

- **“Take it by force”** (Matt. 11:12).
- **“Catcheth away”** (Matt. 13:19).
- **“Pluck them out”** (Jn. 10:28).
- **“Caught up”** (I Thess. 4:17).
- **“Gather together”** (Eph. 1:10).
 - These English phrases are translations of the Latin word “Rapere.”

THE WORD RAPTURE DIDN'T BEGIN WITH DARBY OR McDonald

- **In 1738, Rev. Philip Doddridge wrote a commentary on the New Testament.**
 - **He was the first person to call the Harpazo or the Rapere the “Rapture.”**
- **In 1748, Rev. John Gill did the same thing.**
 - **The word caught on and has been used ever since.**
 - **This was 75-100 years before John Darby, Margaret McDonald and others used it.**

MANY ENGLISH WORDS COME FROM THE GREEK LANGUAGE

Apostesia	Apostasy
Biblion; Biblios	Bible
Hypokrites	Hypocrite
Magos; Magia	Magic; Magi
Mille Annum	Millennium
Paromia	Parable
Sabbaton	Sabbath

MANY ENGLISH WORDS COME FROM THE LATIN LANGUAGE

Discipulus	Disciple
Mansiones	Mansions
Novi Testamenti	New Testament
Rapere	Rapture

EXAMPLES OF WORDS THAT ARE NOT IN THE BIBLE

- **Bible, Trinity, Demon, Millennium, Islam, Iran, Prodigal Son, Catholic, and Pope are not in the Bible.**
- **Chinese and Russian words are not in the English translation of the Bible.**
- **Words that didn't exist in 1611 are not in the 1611 King James Version Bible.**

MULTITUDES ARE MISTAKEN

- **It's a mistake to say the Bible or the Trinity don't exist because the words are not in the Bible.**
- **It's a mistake to say there is nothing in the Bible about the Prodigal Son, or there are no Catholics, or no TV sets, or no computers, or there is no Rapture because these words are not in the Bible.**

NEW WORDS COME OUT EVERY YEAR

- **Examples include: Computer, Sudoku, DVR (Digital Video Recorder), HD-TV.**
- **It's important to understand that the King James Version of the Bible came out in 1611, but the English word "Rapture" came out 127 years after that in 1738.**
- **That's when Philip Doddridge translated the Latin word "rapere" into Rapture.**

ENOCH IS A PICTURE OF THE RAPTURE

- **Moses** said, “Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for **God took him**” (Gen. 5:24).
- **Paul** said, “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and **was not found**, because God had **translated** him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” (Heb. 11:5).
 - Enoch is an example of a **living person** whose body was changed and Raptured almost 1,000 years before the Flood.

ELIJAH IS A PICTURE OF THE RAPTURE

- “And it came to pass, as they [Elisha & Elijah] still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah **went up** by a whirlwind into heaven” (II Kings 2:11).
 - Elijah is a second example of a **living person** whose body was changed before he went up into heaven.

ELIJAH'S BODY DISAPPEARED

- Elisha knew where it happened.
- He sent fifty men to search for Elijah's body.
- They search three days, but couldn't find it (II Kings 2:15-18).
- Elijah was Raptured in Old Testament times.



JESUS IS A PICTURE OF A RESURRECTED PERSON WHO WAS CAUGHT UP

- **Luke** said, “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was **taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9).
 - It was a bodily ascension.
 - The Disciples could see Him.
 - He disappeared out of sight.
 - The angels said stop looking.
 - They said He will come back the same way He went away.



PAUL IS A PICTURE OF A LIVING PERSON WHO WAS CAUGHT UP



- “I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter” (II Cor. 12:2-4).

JOHN IS A PICTURE OF THE RAPTURE

- **John** said, “After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne” (Rev. 4:1-2).



THE TWO WITNESSES WILL BE RESURRECTED & RAPTURED

- John said, “after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them [They will be resurrected], and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them” (Rev. 11:11-12).

WHAT THE WORD “RAPTURE” MEANS

- **“Took him,” “went up,” “taken up,” “caught away,” “caught up,” “come up” and “ascended up” are English translations of the Latin word “Rapere.”**
 - **Rapere means “Rapture.”**
 - **The Rapture is older than the Creation, the Flood, the Pyramids, and the Church.**
 - **God always knew about it.**

IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN, YOU WILL BE RAPTURED

- Paul said, “The dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them” (I Thess. 4:16-17).
 - When it’s time for the Rapture, you will either be dead or alive.
 - The dead will be raised first, the living will be changed next, and every Christian will be Raptured together.

JESUS SAID SOME OF THE LIVING WILL NEVER DIE

- He said, “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live [be resurrected]: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die [be Raptured]” (Jn. 11:25-26).
 - The dead will be raised.
 - The living will be changed & Raptured.



PAUL SAID SOME OF THE LIVING WILL BE CHANGED

- He said, “Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep (we won’t all die), but we shall all be changed, 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 [the living] shall be changed” (I Cor. 15:51-52).

MY VIEW OF DEATH AND SLEEP

- **You don't see the real me.**
 - You see my house, my temple, my tent, etc.
 - If the Lord tarries, this house will wear out.
 - Then, I will move out (die physically).
- **Physical death is not the end of me.**
 - It's the separation of my soul from my body.
 - Because I am saved, my soul will go to heaven.
 - My body will go to the sleeping place (Cem.).
- **Sleep refers to what happens to the body.**
 - When we go to sleep we expect to wake up.

THE ANSWER TO HEB. 9:27

- Paul said, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”
- Dr. J. Vernon McGee writes, “It is appointed unto men once to die, but some are not going to die.”
- Jesus said, “Some will never die.”
- Paul said, “It’s a mystery, but some (the terminal generation of Christians) will be changed.”
- So this verse means death is the natural sequence of events, but there is one exception [the Rapture].

SOME OF THE DEAD HAVE ALREADY BEEN RAISED

- Jesus was dead, buried and raised from the dead on the third day.
- Lazarus was dead, buried and raised from the dead on the fourth day.
- Some of the Old Testament saints were dead, buried and raised from the dead when Jesus was raised.
 - God has already done it.
 - We should believe that He can do it again.

SOME OF THE LIVING HAVE ALREADY BEEN CHANGED

- **Enoch** is an example of a living person who was changed & caught up (an exception to the rule).
- **Elijah** is an example of a living person who was changed and he went up (another exception to the rule).
 - God has already done it.
 - We should believe He can do it again.

SOME WENT TO HEAVEN AND CAME BACK

- Jesus went to heaven and came back.
- Paul went to heaven and came back.
- John went to heaven and came back.
- Christians will go to heaven and come back with Jesus at His Second Coming.
 - We will come back to reign with Him during the Millennium.

RAPTURE TIMELINE

RAPTURE HISTORY

JOB TAUGHT THE RESURRECTION



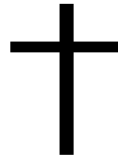
ENOCH WAS RAPTURED



ABRAHAM, ISAIAH, DAVID, HOSEA &
DANIEL TAUGHT THE RESURRECTION



ELIJAH WAS RAPTURED



JESUS RESURRECTED
& RAPTURED

PAUL TAUGHT THE RESURRECTION



PAUL WAS RAPTURED



JOHN TAUGHT THE RESURRECTION



TWO WITNESSES WILL BE RAPTURED



BEFORE THE FLOOD

FLOOD TO CROSS

CHURCH AGE

TRIB. PER.

FOUR REASONS FOR THE RAPTURE

- 1) The Rapture will fulfill prophecy.**
- 2) All Christians, dead or alive, will be given an incorruptible, immortal body like Jesus at the Rapture.**
- 3) The Church will be protected from the day of wrath by the Rapture.**
- 4) Christians will be taken to heaven for rewards by the Rapture.**

THREE MORE REASONS FOR THE RAPTURE

- 5) The Rapture will present the Church to Jesus for the marriage of the Lamb.**
- 6) The Rapture will permit the rise and reign of the Antichrist.**
- 7) The Rapture will answer the Church's prayer to be accounted worthy to escape the Tribulation Period.**

THE RAPTURE IS IMMINENT

- Jesus said, “Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”
- He said, “Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”
- He said, “Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning.”

IMMINENT MEANS ANYTIME

- **“Watch,” “Be Ready,” “Be Girded [Dressed]” and “Keep your lights burning” indicates that the Rapture could happen at any moment.**
- **“Ye Know Not” and “Ye Think Not” means we won’t have a warning before the Rapture.**
- **The Rapture could have happened 100 or 1,000 years ago, tonight, or anytime.**

WILL CHRISTIAN KNOW THEIR LOVED ONES IN HEAVEN

- When Samuel returned from the dead Saul knew him (I Sam. 28).
- When the rich man saw Lazarus in Paradise he knew him (Luke 16:9-31).
- When Peter, James and John saw Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration they knew them (Matt. 17:1-13).
- When Thomas saw Jesus he knew Him (Jn. 20:24-29).
- We shall know as we are known (I Cor. 13:12).

SIX THINGS WE WILL DO AFTER THE RAPTURE

- 1) Worship (Revelation 4:9-10).**
- 2) Learn (I Corinthians 13:11-12).**
- 3) Fellowship (Revelation 19:9)**
- 4) Serve Jesus (Revelation 22:3)**
- 5) Judge angels (I Corinthians 6:3)**
- 6) Reign over cities (Luke 19:11-27).**

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF THE RAPTURE

- **RIGHT VIEW**

- Pre-Trib Rapture.

- I have “Thirty-Six Pre-Trib Rapture Texts posted on raptureready.com”

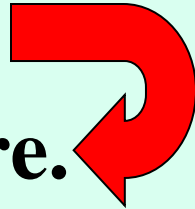
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- **WRONG VIEWS**

- Mid-Trib Rapture.

- Post-Trib Rapture.

- Pre Wrath Rapture, etc.



**GOOD
NEWS**

GRACE

**UNDERSTAND THE
DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN
THE RAPTURE
AND
THE SECOND COMING**

**THE RAPTURE
WILL BE
BEFORE THE
TRIBULATION
PERIOD**

**THE SECOND
COMING WILL
BE AFTER THE
TRIBULATION
PERIOD**

RAPTURE

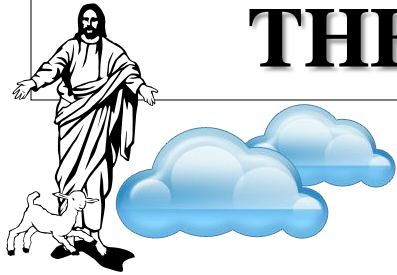


**SECOND
COMING**



TRIBULATION PERIOD

**AT THE RAPTURE
JESUS WILL STAY
IN
THE AIR**



**AT THE SECOND
COMING JESUS
WILL
COME DOWN
TO THE EARTH**

RAPTURE

**SECOND
COMING**



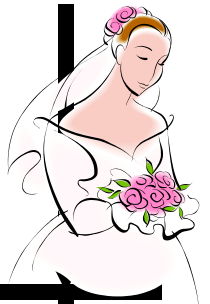
**AT THE
RAPTURE
THE CHURCH
WILL GO UP
TO HEAVEN**

**AT THE SECOND
COMING
THE CHURCH
WILL COME DOWN
TO THE EARTH**

RAPTURE



**SECOND
COMING**



TRIBULATION PERIOD

**AFTER THE
RAPTURE
SATAN WILL
GO ON A
RAMPAGE**

**AFTER THE
SECOND
COMING
SATAN WILL
BE BOUND
AND CHAINED**

RAPTURE

**SECOND
COMING**



**AT THE RAPTURE
JESUS WILL
REMOVE PEACE
FROM THE EARTH**

**AT THE SECOND
COMING
JESUS WILL
ESTABLISH PEACE
ON THE EARTH**

RAPTURE

**SECOND
COMING**



**THE RAPTURE IS
A SECRET EVENT
(LIKE A THIEF IN
THE NIGHT)**



RAPTURE

**THE SECOND
COMING
IS A PUBLIC EVENT
(EVERY EYE
SEE HIM)**



**SECOND
COMING**

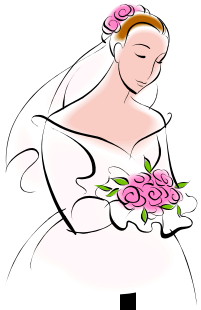


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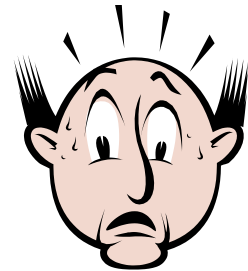
**AT THE RAPTURE
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REMOVED FROM
THE EARTH**

**AT THE SECOND
COMING
THE LOST WILL
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FROM THE EARTH**

RAPTURE



**SECOND
COMING**



TRIBULATION PERIOD



THE RAPTURE IS
BEFORE THE
MARRIAGE OF
THE LAMB

THE SECOND
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SECOND
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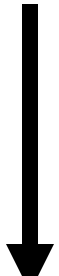
**AT THE RAPTURE
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FOR THE CHURCH**

**AT THE SECOND
COMING
JESUS WILL COME
WITH THE CHURCH,
THE ANGELS, ETC.**

RAPTURE



**SECOND
COMING**



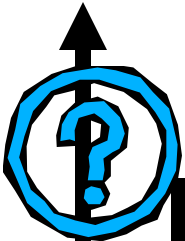
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**THERE ARE
NO SIGNS OF
THE RAPTURE**

**THERE ARE
MANY SIGNS
OF THE
SECOND COMING**

RAPTURE

**SECOND
COMING**



**MARK
TEMPLE
ARMAGEDDON**



TRIBULATION PERIOD

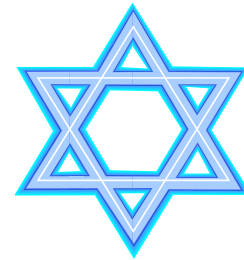
**AT THE
RAPTURE
JESUS WILL
RESCUE HIS
CHURCH**

**AT THE SECOND
COMING
JESUS WILL
RESCUE
ISRAEL**

RAPTURE



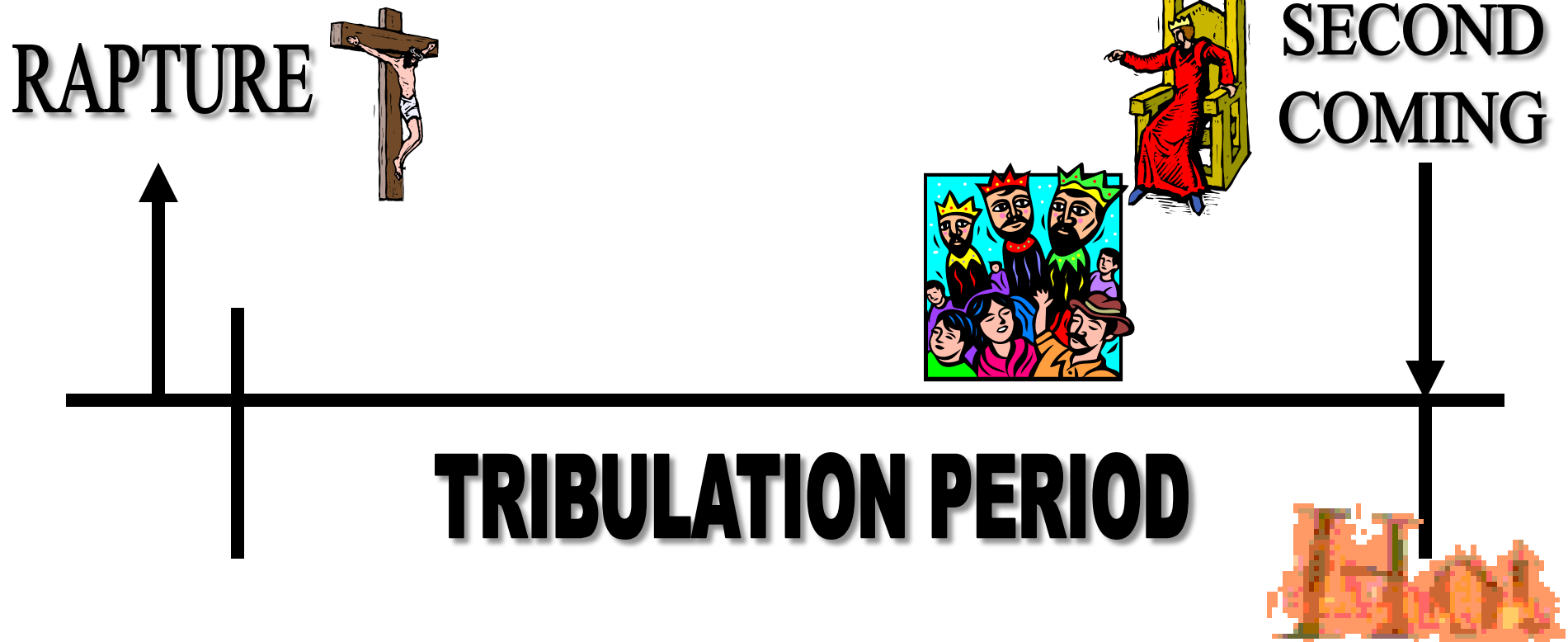
**SECOND
COMING**



TRIBULATION PERIOD

**THE RAPTURE
EXIBITS THE
GRACE OF GOD
FOR THE CHURCH**

**THE SECOND COMING
EXIBITS THE WRATH
FOR GOD TO
THE LOST**



FINAL REMARKS ABOUT THE RAPTURE

- **The Rapture is a very important event that's clearly taught in the Bible.**
- **Those who say the Rapture isn't taught in the Bible are uninformed or deceivers.**
 - **The Bible is true.**
 - **The Rapture will happen.**
 - **We need to be ready.**

EVENTS ON EARTH AFTER THE RAPTURE

- “For when they shall say, ‘Peace and safety’; then **sudden destruction** cometh upon them [unbelievers], as travail upon a woman with child; and they [unbelievers] shall not escape” (I Thess. 5:3).
- “For then shall be **great tribulation** such as was not since the beginning of the world” (Matt. 24:21).
 - If you haven’t accepted Jesus as your Saviour, please do that before you leave this place.

PERHAPS NO SECOND CHANCE

- Some believe the Bible teaches that those who have heard the Word, but aren't saved when the Rapture takes place **WILL NEVER BE SAVED** (II Thess. 2:8-12).
- The Rapture may be one of several points of no return (death, the Mark, & the Second Coming).
- This is too serious to take a chance.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

- **This is part one of an eight session teaching on Bible prophecy.**
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