

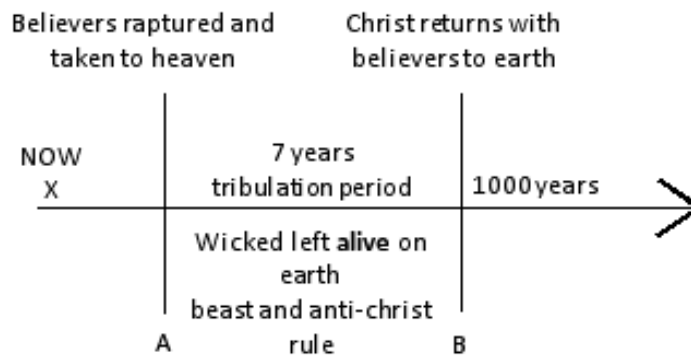
The Rapture

Lesson 11

- A. **Jesus' promise to return:** Jn. 14:1-3 (1575); Acts 1:9-11 (1590); Rev. 1:7 (1800)
- B. **Jesus warning:** Don't be deceived. **Matthew 24:3-4** (1439)
- C. **Two different views of the return of Jesus**

1. The Rapture

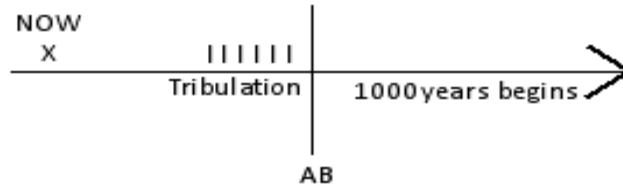
- a. Believers are “raptured” or “snatched away” silently, secretly, and suddenly disappear, as Christ takes them to heaven to be with Him.
- b. After the believers are “raptured away” the remaining people (the wicked) are left on earth for seven years to face the period of tribulation and the rule of the anti-christ and the beast.
- c. After the wicked have been on the earth for seven years, then Jesus returns to the earth with the believers and rules on the earth for 1000 years.



2. The Second Coming View

- a. Jesus will come literally, and all will see Him come.
- b. The wicked are destroyed and the believers are taken to Heaven. The earth is left empty.
- c. There is no seven-year period of time where the wicked are left on earth. Lines A and B in the above chart are one and the same event.
- d. The tribulation happens *before* the second coming of Jesus.

Christ's Second Coming,
Visible to all and not silent
Believers taken to heaven
wicked are slain



D. The two pillars of the Rapture View

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| <p>1. <u>"Thief in the Night"</u></p> <p>a. Mt. 24:43 (1440)</p> <p>b. Luke 12:39-41 (1518)</p> <p>c. 1 Thess. 5:2 (1736)</p> <p>d. 2 Pt. 3:10 (1789)</p> <p>e. Rev. 3:3 (1803)</p> <p>f. Rev. 16:16 (1817)</p> | <p>2. <u>"One taken and the other left"</u></p> <p>a. Mt. 24:40-41 (1440)</p> <p>b. Luke 17:34-36 (1528)</p> |
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E. The mid-tribulation view and conversion during the tribulation

F. The trumpet sounding and the resurrection of the righteous: **1 Cor. 15:52** (1688); **1 Thess. 4:16-17** (1736); **Mt. 24:30-31** (1440)

G. The Lord returning with his saints: **Jude 14** (1799)

H. The righteous passing through the tribulation

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| 1. Rev. 7:13-14 (1808) | 5. Isa. 43:2-3 (1076) |
| 2. 1 Pet. 1:6-7 (1780) | 6. Prov. 12:13 (980) |
| 3. 1 Pet. 4:12 (1784) | 7. Psm. 91 (926) |
| 4. 1 Cor. 3:13 (1672) | 8. Dan. 3 (1299) |

Review

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| 1. The disciples were told that Jesus would return, "just as they saw him leave". | T | F |
| 2. The world is "burned up" when the Lord returns as a "thief in the night". | T | F |
| 3. The vultures gather when "one is taken and the other is left". | T | F |
| 4. In Mt. 13:30 Jesus said that the righteous are gathered first, then the wicked. | T | F |
| 5. People are converted during the tribulation. | T | F |