

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

- I. The Meaning of the Word
 - A. Its derivation. rapio, to seize, to snatch. (1) An ecstasy of spirit or (2) removal from one place to another
 - B. The Use of harpazo. 13x in N.T. e.g., Acts 8:39; 2 Cor. 12:2-4. Removal.
- II. The Event Itself, 1 Thess. 4:13-18
 - A. The Background, 13; cf. Acts 17:2. How many had died? Pagan view of death. "Sleep" to pagan was a euphemism. To bel. an assurance of awaking in res.
 - B. The Assurance concerning the dead in Christ, 14. 1st class cond. "bring with him" bec. they are in heaven.
 - C. The Details, 15-17.
 1. A command, 15
 2. Voice of an archangel. Michael (?), Dan. 12:1, OT saints raised here?
 3. Trumpet of God = 1 Cor. 15:52. ≠ Rev. 8; 11:15 (as midtribs say).
≠ Matt. 24:31 (as posttribs say).
 4. Resurrection.
 5. Catching up.
 6. Reunion with the Lord.
 - D. The Ramification, 18.
- III. Those Included, 1 Cor. 15:51-58
 - A. Amil. All people (wicked not mentioned bec not the question) at end of time.
 - B. Premill (except partial rapture). All bel (this age or all time).
Corruptible refers to the dead and mortal to the living. Who will populate M?

THE DAY OF THE LORD

- I. A definition: a time of God's special intervention.
- II. Its Facets
 - A. Historical
 1. Intervention in the affairs of heathen nations (e.g. Egypt, Jer. 46:10)
 2. Intervention in the affairs of Israel (Zeph. 1:14-18--invasion of Scythians after death of Josiah).
 - B. Illustrative: an historical intervention which is a harbinger of the eschatological day of the Lord. Joel 2:1-11; Isa. 13:6-13
 - C. Eschatological
 1. Begins in midst of apparent peace, 1 Thess. 5:2.
Includes manifestation of man of sin, 2 Thess. 2:3-10.
 2. Includes trib. Jer. 30:7; Isa. 2:12-22; Rev. 6:12-17
 3. Includes coming of Christ, Joel 2:28-32
 4. Includes millennial blessing, Jer. 30:9; Isa. 19:23-25.
- III. Its Importance to the Rapture Question

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

- I. Who? Rom. 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:11-12; 2 Cor. 5:10
- II. When? Post rapture. Gundry says postmillennial and = Gt. Wh. Th.
- III. Bases. 1 Cor. 3:13, 2 Cor. 5:10.
- IV. Results. Crowns in 1 Thess. 2:19; 2 Tim. 4:8; Jas. 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4; Rev. 2:10.

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I. Views. Pre, mid, post, partial (pre+Rev 7:9,14;11:2;12:5;16:15;end) Seiss, Lang, Lee. Pasttrib (Payne, lookback on events and know. Now Pre-wrath (1½ before end).

II. Origin of pretrib. E. Irving, 1792-1834. Tongues, sinfulness of X's humanity. Eschat. 70th week not bet rap and 2nd. Unclear esch. M. Macdonald (1815-1840). Visions, tongues, Recd rapture at age 15 and to JND then. Elements of partial post mid. Confused. JND rap before 2nd 1830, 70wk bet by 1830.

III. Mid

Pro. Many sign events at middle and 2 parts often distghed. Rapture must be one of them. Trump 1 Cor 15:52=Rev 11:15
Con. Trump of 1 Cor of res and del. Rev of judgmt. Wrath of men in 1st half; of God 2nd. Requires putting seals in 1st half bec 6:16-17.

IV. Post

Pro. 2 Thes 1:5-10. Release of Xns from persec at same time as X's coming to judge unbel=posttrib. Can only include Xns alive at rap. ? not release but vindication of suff bel. Some released by death, others by pretrib rap; others at end of trib. Numbers of times God will vindicate His people. End of trib an impt one bec rebellion, AntiX. OK to ask about vind, Rev 6:9 Similar voc, Saints in Rev not strong. Cataloging vs characterizing voc. Parenting problem
Con. Parents of M. Pre-sheep and Jewish survivors of Ex 20 All saved removed at 2nd. Pop of M Jew and Gent, Isal9 Jewish from 144000 not saved till after post rap. Bur Rev 7:2,3. Gentile from Matt 24:40-41. Pre: taken into judg; left for blessing of kgdom. Post: taken in posttrib rap; left for judg (only part judges so some left in unress bodies for parenting) Ans: Luke 17:24-27. Where taken. Where vultures are. Must move Matt 25:31 to end of M to have sheep on earth and in this judg. Otherwise already raptured at 2nd. Passage must describe millennial conditions. Pretrib. Pro. Rev 3:10. Local only? Selective? (bec many will die during trib even by Marv's view). From mean preservation while in? See Acts 15:29; Jas 5:20. From hour. Peri de: 1 Co 7:1,25; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1,12; 1 Th 4:9; 5:1

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II. Scheme

4 seals 1st half. Middle bet 4-5th. 5th, 6th in Great Trib 6th announces Day of Lord which is 7th about half thru last 3½ yrs. Before 7th Cosmic disturb; Elijah, Wrath of God; Rev 7; Last trump, Man Sin. R says convergy. I say Crowd.

III. ? of Day of Lord beginning.

R's view. 6th seal announces. 7th begins. Midd of 2nd half. Only refers to events of judgmt surrounding 2nd coming. Not at beg of 70th. Not incl M. In that day not exact. 2 Pet 3:10 not at end of M unless another day of Lord. Wrath of God. 1st 5 seals wrath of man. Trumpet from rapt to 30 days before 2nd. Bowls in those 30 days. Peace and safety is Is's cry during shortened Gt Trib (bet midd and prewrath rap) thinking God is about to intervene but He won't till 2nd. 70th week not shortened but Gt Trib is so can drop 1 3/4 yrs of day of Lord into 70 week.

Aor Rev. 6:17=about to begin. Always "virtually perfect sense of aor elthen here can hardly be questioned" "Alluding to whole series of events past" expressed by perfect in Eng Day includ M. Isa 2:2,11,12. Isa 4:1,2 both use in that da. However, not crucial to position.

Peace, cf Rev 6:4. Day comes 1 Th 5:2.

2 Pet 3:10. Heavens, elements with which universe is made by fire, (earth burned or laid bare, (some texts). More extensive than Armageddon.

Day historical, Joel 1; illustrative; Joel 2; prophetic, Is 2

IV. Rev 3:10

Only to ch at Phila; otherwise non lit int. Letters ref to 1st C and Gt Trib. Phil 4:13,19; 1 Cor 10:13 only to 1c? 1 Th 4 only to Thess ch.(?) Temptatn is tempt to defect during Gt Trib under AntiX.

V. Some ? about R's teaching.

1. Bible teaches only 1 second coming. Beging with prewrath rap followed by Day and return. At least 1½ to 3/4 yrs.

~~Yehoshua's eighth seal~~

2. Ch will remain on earth till end of age (Mt 28:20) = end of inside 70 th wk. ie when 7th seal opened.

3. Apostasy and rev of man sin has to be inside 70wk.

R makes rev of man sin to Is. But Thess doesn't say that and written to Gentile ch. Apōs is abandonment by Jews of their cov rel during 1st half.

Concl. Little better than post trib except a little more time to get all crowded in before 2nd. Many int doubtful and forced, then builds on them.