

The Rapture of the Bride of Christ by themiddlecross

Regarding the rapture, and how it is interpreted, we live in a society where more Christians would rather adhere to someone's YouTube video that has a lot of "views", rather than adhering to the Word of God. It validates what they want to believe as long as others hold the same position, misguided or not. "Well so-and-so said this, and due to the fact that he has a ton of subscribers and a flashy presentation, I think I'll believe that." Most of whom also got their information from another equally misguided video, instead of studying the Bible IN THE CORRECT CONTEXT! It is a perpetual never ending cycle of disinformation. A prophetic merry-go-round that never stops.

"Rapture" isn't in the Bible....."rapture" isn't in the Bible. You hear this everywhere,....even among fellow Christians & usually by people who couldn't pour water out of a boot even if the instructions were written on the sole. Guys, it is CRUCIAL to understand that the Bible was not written in English. The English language did not exist when the Bible was written in the 6th century. The Bible was written in Hebrew/Aramaic then translated to Greek, then to Latin, then to English in 1526 in the Tyndale Bible. In 1 Thessalonians 4:17 you will see the English phrase "caught up". That same phrase in Greek is "harpazo". That same phrase in Latin is "raptus". That phrase in all of those languages means,.. a catching away, "to seize", a rescue of things to come. So yes, "rapture" is in the Bible in the words "caught up". 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 is the rapture (harpazo) and it takes place in the fraction of a second (in the twinkling of an eye - 1 Corinthians 15:52)..... (as lightning flashes to the east, and shines to the west - Matthew 24:27). To put it in literal terms,.....in less than a second. Here, and then gone. Millions & millions of people will vanish from the face of the earth.

The following 7 years is the time of Jacob's Trouble, also known as The Tribulation. Christians are not mentioned anywhere in Revelation chapters 6 -18 because we are no longer on earth,..we have been caught up (raptured) prior to this event. Those chapters discuss the Tribulation, and Christians are mentioned nowhere within them.

“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.” - Revelation 3:10.

Revelation 19:11-16 is The Second Coming of Christ...it takes 20 - 30 minutes,...a drawn out event where "every eye will see Him" (Revelation 1:7),...where His feet will touch down on the Mt. of Olives (Zechariah 14:4). Where we come back WITH Christ (Revelation 19) the "armies of heaven" dressed in fine white linen (resurrected bodies) from every tribe, tongue and nation. Meaning every person that ever lived who accepted Jesus Christ. Make no mistake, The Rapture of the Bride of Christ & The Second Coming of Christ are 2 totally different events. Do you see? Two occurrences that have differing lengths cannot be the same event. But here is the most blatant fact that separates these two events,.....at the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:16) He will not physically return to earth, we meet Him in the air. At the Second Coming, He does,....His feet will literally touch down on the Mount of Olives. (Revelation 19: 11 and Zechariah 14:4)

To understand the rapture, you MUST understand the context in which it was meant to be conveyed,..and you must understand the chronological order in which it was intended. You will see many people these days cherry pick verses and weave them together to fit their own narrative, or their understanding of the Bible (or lack thereof). You will even hear some say Christians go through the Tribulation (post-trib), essentially saying that those who have accepted Christ will share in the same horror and torment as those who rejected Him,..making His work on the cross completely meaningless. In modern day terms you would be calling Jesus a wife-beater. Saying that he is going to torture His bride for 7 years, THEN bring her home to marry her. This is patently false, entirely ludicrous,..and quite possibly the dumbest thing ever said by mankind. No....I take that back,..it IS the dumbest thing ever said by mankind. These people do not know sound Biblical doctrine and are only casual friends with discernment. Christians do NOT participate in the Tribulation.

Folks, here is the most misunderstood verse in the Bible....."I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have tribulation. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33
Guys, in this verse....the word "tribulation" is meaning troubles you will have in this life. Cancer, your house burns down, you break your leg, your house gets robbed, not getting a promotion, a car accident.....these are the tribulations (troubles in our lives). THE Tribulation, is a precise 7 year event that will occur directly after the rapture to "test the inhabitants of the earth".
Rev 3:10

The rapture is reserved strictly for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Conversely, the Tribulation is reserved strictly for those who rejected Christ's free gift of salvation. Revelation 3:10 is as clear as it gets. The Tribulation is the separation of the wheat from the chaff.
"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" - 1Thessalonians 5:9

"When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am." John 14:3