



## MAJOR BIBLE THEMES

### GOD THE SON: HIS COMING FOR HIS SAINTS

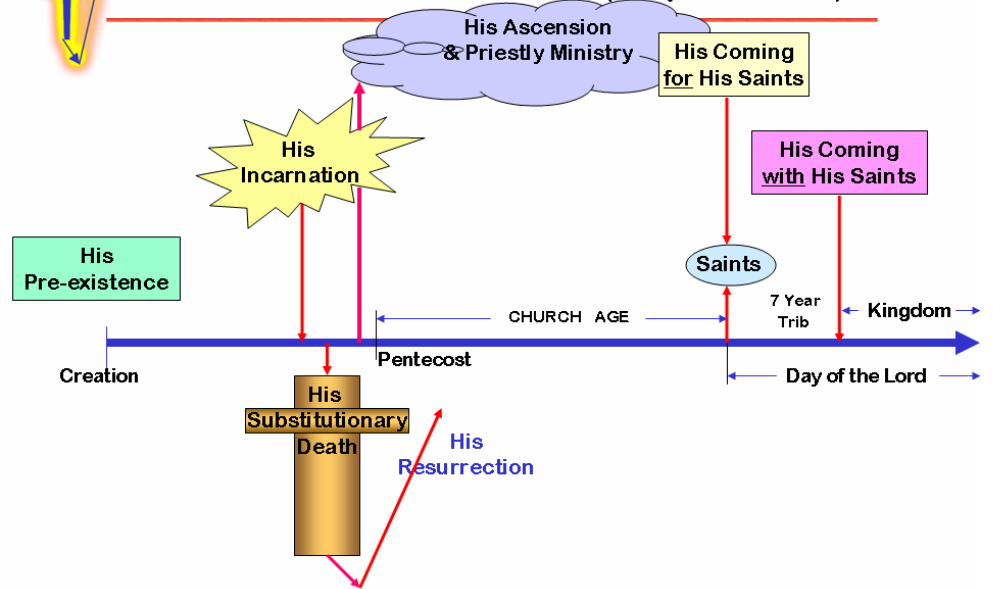
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HOMEWORK: READ CHAP 13  
ANSWER QUESTIONS: 9, 10, 15, 17



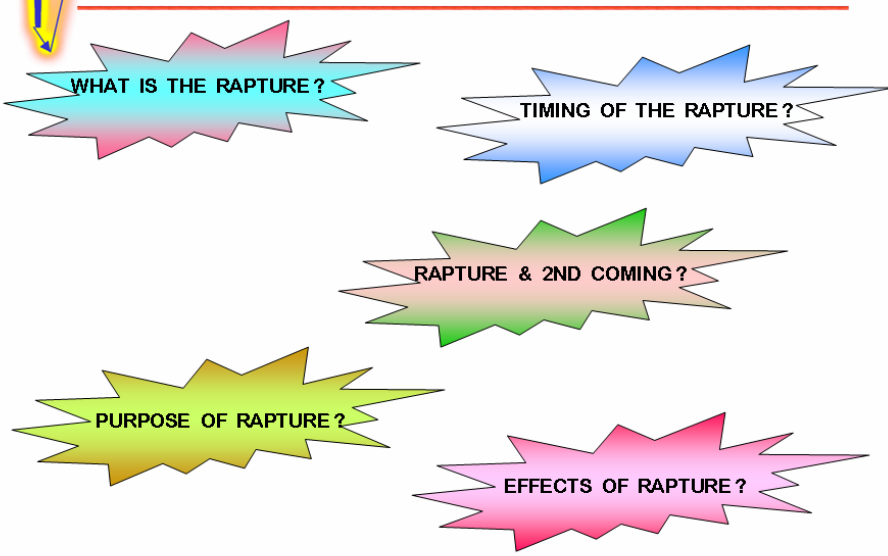
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### God the Son Overview (Chp. 7 to 13)



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#### WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?

PRIMARY PASSAGES : 1 THES 4:13-18; 1 COR 15:51-53

- DEFINITION :  
THE RAPTURE IS THE CATCHING AWAY OF THE CHURCH ( THOSE LIVING ) FROM THE EARTH TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR WHEN HE COMES FOR THE CHURCH ( THOSE ASLEEP & ALIVE )
- PRIOR TO THE RAPTURE : THERE ARE 2 GROUPS OF BELIEVERS
  1. THOSE ASLEEP
    - THEY DIED PHYSICALLY
    - THEY ARE ABSENT FROM THE BODY & PRESENT WITH THE LORD - 2COR 5:8
  2. THOSE ALIVE
- AT THE TIME OF THE RAPTURE - GOD DOES THE FOLLOWING :
  1. TO THOSE ASLEEP
    - HE RESURRECTS THEM WITH A GLORIFIED BODY - 1 COR 15: 35-44
    - THEY RISE UP TO HIM IN THE CLOUDS
  2. TO THOSE ALIVE
    - THEY DO NOT EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL DEATH
    - THEY ARE CHANGED INTO THEIR GLORIFIED BODIES - 1 COR 15: 51-53
    - THEY ARE THEN CAUGHT UP ( RAPTURED ) TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR
- PARTIAL RAPTURE POSITION :
  - THIS INCORRECT VIEW SAYS NOT ALL BELIEVERS WILL BE RAPTURED
  - ONLY THOSE WHO ARE "WATCHING & WAITING" FOR THE RAPTURE - HEB 9: 28; PHIL 3: 20
  - THEY MUST REACH AN UNDEFINED DEGREE OF SPIRITUAL WORTHINESS



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**TIMING OF THE RAPTURE ?**

• THIS QUESTION HAS THE MOST DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN BIBLE SCHOLARS

• THEY HAVE 4 VIEWS OF THE TIMING:

1. PRETRIBULATION
2. MIDTRIBULATION
3. PREWRATH ( MARV ROSENTHAL )
4. POSTTRIBULATION

• **WE BELIEVE THE PRETRIBULATION VIEW IS THE BIBLICAL VIEW ! - BECAUSE :**

- NO PROPHETIC EVENTS NEED TO BE FULFILLED PRIOR TO THE RAPTURE - JN 14: 2-3
- PAUL EXPECTED THE IMMINENT RETURN OF THE LORD - 1 THES 4: 17; 2 THES 2:1-3; 3:3-4
- THE RAPTURE WILL INITIATE THE " DAY OF THE LORD " - 2 THES 5: 1-3
- THE RAPTURE COMES FIRST THEN THE "DAY OF THE LORD" - 2 THES 2: 3
  - "FALLING AWAY" FIRST ( APOSTASIA = FALLING AWAY OR "DEPARTURE" )
  - NOT A DEPARTURE FROM THE FAITH - BECAUSE CHRIST'S RETURN IS IMMINENT
  - SO "DEPARTURE" MUST MEAN DEPARTURE FROM THE EARTH = THE RAPTURE
- DEFINITION : OF "DAY OF THE LORD"
  - IT INCLUDES THE TRIBULATION & THE MILLENIUM ( O.T REVEALS JUDGMENT & BLESSING )
  - IT COMES UNEXPECTEDLY ( AS A "THIEF IN THE NIGHT" ) - 1 THES 5: 2
  - IT'S A TIME OF WRATH ( GOD'S ) - 1 THES 5: 9
- BUT BELIEVERS ARE NOT APPOINTED TO GOD'S WRATH - 1 THES 5: 9; ROM 5:9; EPH 2:3; 1 THES 1:10

• **THEREFORE BELIEVERS WILL NOT GO THROUGH THE TRIBULATION**



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**RAPTURE & 2ND COMING ?**

**CONTRASTS :**

**RAPTURE**

- CHRIST COMES FOR HIS SAINTS
- SAINTS GO FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN
- START OF TRIBULATION ( GOD'S WRATH )
- ASLEEP CHURCH SAINTS RESURRECTED
- ALIVE CHURCH SAINTS RAPTURED
- UNRIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH
- IMMINENT
- WAS A MYSTERY ( NOT REVEALED ) IN O.T
- INITIATES REWARDS TO THE CHURCH
- SATAN REMAINS ACTIVE

**2ND COMING**

- CHRIST COMES WITH HIS SAINTS
- SAINTS GO FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH
- END OF TRIBULATION ( GOD'S WRATH )
- O.T SAINTS RESURRECTED
- NO RAPTURE OCCURS
- RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH
- MANY SIGNS & EVENTS PRECEED
- REVEALED IN O.T
- INITIATES JUDGMENT TO THE WORLD
- SATAN IS BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS



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**CONTRASTS :**

**RAPTURE**

- CHRIST COMES FOR HIS SAINTS  
1 THES 4:13-18; 3:13
- SAINTS GO FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN  
1 THES 4:16,17; 2 THES 2:1
- START OF TRIBULATION ( GOD'S WRATH )  
1 THES 5:1-9; 2 THES 2:1-3
- ASLEEP CHURCH SAINTS RESURRECTED  
1 COR 15:20 -23; 15:52,53; 1 THES 4:13-16
- ALIVE CHURCH SAINTS RAPTURED  
1 COR 15:51,52a; 1 THES 4:17
- UNRIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH  
2 THES 2:1-12; REV 6-19
- IMMINENT  
1 THES 4:15; 2 THES 2:1-3
- WAS A MYSTERY ( NOT REVEALED ) IN O.T  
1 COR 15:51,52a
- INITIATES REWARDS TO THE CHURCH  
2 COR 5:10; 1 COR 3:5-17
- SATAN REMAINS ACTIVE  
2 THES 2:1-12

**2ND COMING**

- CHRIST COMES WITH HIS SAINTS  
REV 19:11-16
- SAINTS GO FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH  
REV 19:14,15
- END OF TRIBULATION ( GOD'S WRATH )  
MT 24:29-31; REV 19:11 - 20:3
- O.T SAINTS RESURRECTED  
DAN 12:1,2; REV 20:4-6
- NO RAPTURE OCCURS  
MT 24:29-31; REV 19:11 - 20:3
- RIGHTEOUSNESS ON EARTH  
ZEPH 1:1-3;20; ZECH 14:1-21; REV 20:1-4
- MANY SIGNS & EVENTS PRECEED  
MT 24:1-28; REV 6-19
- REVEALED IN O.T  
ISA 61:1-3; ZECH 12:9-14; 13:6
- INITIATES JUDGMENT TO THE WORLD  
MT 25:31-46; REV 19:11-21
- SATAN IS BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS  
REV 20:1-3



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**PURPOSE OF RAPTURE ?**

**TO FULFILL GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE & PLAN :**

- TO SHARE CHRIST'S GLORY ( OUR CONDITION BECOMES OUR POSITION ) - 1 JN 3: 2; JN 17: 22
- TO SEE CHRIST & BE WITH HIM FOREVER - 1 JN 3: 2; JN 14: 2; 1 THES 4: 17; 1 COR 13:12
- TO GIVE US OUR NEW BODIES - PHIL 3: 21; 1 COR 15: 35-44
- FOR CHRIST TO TAKE US HOME - JN 14: 1-3; PHIL 3: 20-21; 1 COR 15: 48-49
- TO COMPLETE OUR SALVATION ( SAVED FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN ) - PHIL 3: 20
- TO FULFILL OUR PRESENT FAITH & HOPE - THEN DO AWAY WITH THEM - 1 COR 13: 10



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**EFFECTS OF RAPTURE ?**

**THE PRESENT EFFECTS :**

- IT'S A COMFORTING HOPE TO OUR HEARTS - 1 THES 4:18; JN 14: 1-3
- IT PROVIDES STABILITY TO OUR MINDS IN STRESS & TRIALS - 2 THES 2: 1-2
- WE ARE VICTORIOUS OVER DEATH THROUGH CHRIST - DEATH HAS NO STING  
- 1 COR 15: 55-57
- OUR HOPE OF THE RAPTURE PURIFIES US (CONSECRATES US AS BELIEVER PRIESTS)  
- 1 JN 3:2,3
- IT'S A MOST HAPPY HOPE ( AN EXPECTATION THAT IS CERTAIN ) - TITUS 2: 13