



“THE RAPTURE”

According to Jesus
MARK 13:23-27

- *Prophecy can be Complicated*
- *Defining Terms*
- *Options regarding the Millennium*
- *Options regarding the Rapture* 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17

The Golden Rule of Interpretation

*“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense,
seek no other sense.”* DR. DAVID L. COOPER

- *What did Jesus say?* vss. 23, 24, (19)

After the Great Tribulation...

1. COSMIC/CELESTIAL _____ vs. 24b, 25

- *OT Prophecy in Joel and Isaiah* JOEL 2:31, 32; ISAIAH 13:9-11
- *Describes the Sixth Seal* REVELATION 6:12, 13

After the Great Tribulation...

2. JESUS _____ via the _____ vs. 26

- *OT Prophecy in Daniel* DANIEL 7:13
- *Described in the Dual Harvest* REVELATION 14:14
- *“Great Power” - Assisted by Angels* vs. 27
- *“Glory” - Includes a Trumpet Call* MATTHEW 24:31

After the Great Tribulation...

3. THE _____ are _____ vs. 27

- *Distinct from Ethnic* _____ ROMANS 11:7
 - *Described as Jesus’* _____ COLOSSIANS 3:12
- *Back to the “Rapture”* 1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17
➤ *Paul Clarifies the Timing* 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-4

LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES
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GETTING STARTED *“In your opinion...”*

1. What do you remember about this week’s message? Was comparing Jesus’ event with Paul’s fair and accurate?
2. What makes it so hard to move from a pre-tribulation rapture to a post-tribulation rapture?
3. What do you think it means **“to be ready”** for a post-tribulation rapture?

GOING DEEPER *“According to the Bible...”*

Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading

The Rapture/Gathering is taught throughout of Scripture. Notice WHEN these events happen in relation to the Tribulation and time of Wrath.

- **Compare Revelation 6:12-17 (6th Seal) with Matthew 24:29-31. What happens in the Matthew account that is not stated in the Revelation account?**
- **Read Revelation 10:5-7. What might be the “Mystery of God” that will be “accomplished” (vs. 7)? When does it say will be accomplished? To whom was this mystery announced? Compare these verses to further identify this “mystery”:**
 - Colossians 2:2
 - Ephesians 1:9, 10; 3:2-6
 - 1 Corinthians 15:51, 52
- **Read Revelation 14:14-20. Who comes on the clouds and who assists him? What happens to those “harvested” first? What happens to those “harvested” second? What does this indicate about where those first harvested did not go and did go?**
- **Read Revelation 16:15. What does Jesus say between the sixth and seventh Bowl Judgments? Who is “blessed?” Why would they be blessed? How might this compare with 1 Thess. 5:1, 2?**
- **Read Revelation 18:4. Where does the voice originate? To whom do the “my people” belong? In the midst of Babylon’s judgment, what event could the phrase “come out” describe? Why does the voice want them to come out?**
- **Read Daniel 12:1, 2 Who arises or stands? During what “time” does this happen? Who are Daniel’s people? What happens to Daniel’s people?**