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Christ The Rock Church

Revelation Chapter 4

Rapture, or,
Harpazo

Revelation 4:1-2

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things.” Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne.

Define Your Terms

Rapture: English

Harpazo: Greek

Rapio: Latin

Where in the world are we?

Judgment is Coming

Romans 2:4-9 -- Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up **wrath** for yourself in **the day of wrath** and **revelation of the righteous judgment** of God, who will render to each person according to his deeds:

Judgment is Coming

Romans 2:4-9 -- to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, **wrath and indignation**. There will be **tribulation** and **distress** for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

Judgment is Coming

Acts 17:30-31-- Therefore having overlooked the **times of ignorance**, God is **now declaring** to men that **all people everywhere** should repent, because He has **fixed a day** in which He will judge **the world** in righteousness through **a Man** whom He has appointed, having **furnished proof** to all men by **raising Him from the dead**”

Where are we headed?

Consummation of all Things

Psalm 2:5-6 – Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying, “But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon **Zion, My holy mountain.**”

Rev. 14:1 – Then I looked, and behold, on **Mount Zion** stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Consummation of all Things

Daniel 4:34-35 “**His dominion** is an **eternal** dominion; **his kingdom** endures from generation to generation. **All the peoples** of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the **powers of heaven** and the **peoples of the earth**. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: ‘What have you done?’”

Consummation of all Things

Jerusalem versus Babylon

Rev. 14:1 – Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Rev. 14:8 – ‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great
(Rev. 17 – **Mother of Harlots**)

**A Loving God
Would Not
Judge The World...**

God's Judgment

Adam/Eve: Genesis 3

Cain: Genesis 4

Worldwide Flood: Genesis 7

Peoples at Babel: Genesis 11

Sodom/Gomorrah: Genesis 19

Egypt/gods of: Exodus 7

Babylonian Captivity: 2 Chronicles 36

Jesus on the Cross:

Tribulation Judgment: Revelation 6-16

Deliverance from Judgment

Flood: Noah - perfect in his generations - The Ark

Delivered from water (God baptized the Earth) 1 Peter 3:21

Israel: Red Sea – delivered from water

(baptized Israel – 1 Cor. 10)

Sodom: Angel snatched Lot from destruction

Delivered from fire

God's Prophetic History

Hebrews 1:1-3 -- God, after He spoke **long ago** to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in **these last days** has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed **heir of all things**, through whom also **He made the world**. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power**. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

God's Prophetic Calendar

Adam/Eve: God's image & likeness, to rule over all

The Nations: to glorify God (Acts 17:27)

The Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob (heirs)

Israel: Be separate (distinct) – point to Messiah

Jesus: revealed the Father/made atonement for sin

(1 Peter 3:18; Heb. 1:1-3; Colo. 1:15)

The church: Go into all the world (Rev. chaps. 2-3)

The “Times of the Gentiles”

Luke 21:24 -- and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

The '**Times of the Gentiles**' is a time in which Israel has no king, they do not control all the promised land and Jerusalem is not the city from which Jesus rules and reigns. (The 'Beast will yet rule for 3-1/2 years).

God's Prophetic Calendar

“Come up here” – removal – from here to where?

“**after these things**” (what things?)

Remember Revelation 1:19 - Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place **after these things**.

Seven “Raptures” but One 'Type' in scripture”

Enoch – Gen 5:42; Heb 11:5; Jude 14 (delivered prior to the judgment of the flood)

Elijah – 2 Kgs 2:1, 11 (caught up only to return one day?)

Jesus – Mk 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; Rev 12:5 (bodily resurrection prior to removal)

Philip – Acts 8:39 (Greek 'harpazo' used here – after his mission was accomplished, he was caught up)

Paul – 2 Cor 12:2-4 (caught up to the throne room, saw and heard just like Isaiah and John – seeing the future promise fulfilled strengthened him)

Church: The Body of Christ – 1 Thess. 4:17 (delivered from “the wrath” to come)

John Rev – 4:1-2 (literally and bodily caught up)

Next Week

Rapture Theories:

Partial Rapture

Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Mid-Tribulation Rapture

Post-Tribulation Rapture

What are the implications of these various beliefs

Purpose and timing of the Rapture & Tribulation

Types of Raptures in Scriptures

The History of Mankind

2 Chronicles 36:15-16 -- The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; 16 but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, until there was no remedy.