

THE RAPTURE: WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN? (Part 2)

(Selected Scripture)

Central Idea: *As believers, we look forward to the imminent return of our Savior for us when He will suddenly come to take us to be with Him.*

I. Rapture: Review

- A. Meaning = the removal of the church from earth to heaven
- B. Not all believers will experience death, but all will be changed
- C. Jesus Himself will return for us, the dead in Christ will be raised and the living in Christ will be raptured

II. Rapture: When Will It Happen?

- A. The church in the book of Revelation

- B. The letters of Paul to the Thessalonians

- C. The role of the Holy Spirit and the church in this present age

D. The Purpose of the Tribulation

- E. The “at-any-moment” return of Jesus

III. Rapture: Does it really matter?

Questions for Group or Personal Study

1. Discuss: Paul Benware writes ... “The writers of the NT always discussed the Rapture in the context of godly living. In all of our theological discussion and analysis of the Rapture, the end result ought to be a movement toward greater godliness in our personal lives.” (see 1 John 3.3 for example)
2. Clearly, God intends for prophecy to change our attitudes and actions so they will be more in line with His Word and character. What are some ways we can encourage ourselves and others to see this practical benefit of prophecy?
3. Since the return of Jesus is a signless event, we should be slow to attach world events of our day as fulfillment of prophecy. How can we be wise in relating the events of our world to what God has revealed in Scripture?
4. How does the at-any-moment coming of our Lord act as an incentive toward living for Christ? (Consider Paul’s example in 2 Cor 5.6-10 and Phil 1.21-26.)

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Two Phases of the Second Coming



Rapture of living believers &
resurrection of deceased
believers

The Timing of the Rapture



The Church (*ekklesia*) in Revelation

Rev 1-3

Rev 4-18

Rev 19-22

19x

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The Day of the Lord

Rapture

Return

Church Age

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Judgment

Blessing

Day of the Lord



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Closing schools not imminent, but OPS, others want to be prepared

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Omaha-area school districts would need to cancel large gatherings and possibly close schools if the coronavirus began to spread in the community, a local infectious disease expert said this week.

Dr. James Lawler of the Global Center for Health Security on the University of Nebraska Medical Center campus addressed a gathering of area school district officials on Thursday at the Oma-

ha Public Schools' headquarters building. He said that as the number of cases increased — but before 1% of the community's population tested positive for the virus — large gatherings would have to be canceled.

Lawler noted that in the deadly Spanish flu outbreak in 1918, Philadelphia failed to ban public gatherings and close schools early on. St. Louis, on the other hand, took such measures and was far less affect-

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2. But it isn't heretical to embrace a viewpoint other than the pre-Trib Rapture.
3. If the pre-Trib understanding of the Rapture is correct, the Lord could return *at any moment!* Are you ready?