

THE GET READY SERIES

A BIBLICAL OUTLOOK ON CURRENT EVENTS

JOHN 14:1-3 / 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**“WHO WILL BE LEFT BEHIND
WHEN JESUS COMES AGAIN?”**

*DISCOVERING THE ANTICIPATION OF EVERY BELIEVER,
THE CATCHING AWAY OF THE CHURCH TO CHRIST.*

Part 3

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Rapture, Last Days, Prophecy, Blessed Hope

Introduction to the Text; John 14:1-3 / 1-Thess. 4:13-18

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

**WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING
AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

**WHAT'S A CHRISTIAN TO BE DOING?
AT A TIME LIKE THESE?**

It's kind of always near the front of your thoughts, it's something you've thought about and wondered about. The history channel has programs on it; the national geographic has dedicated documentaries on it. It's one of the most debated and argued over events of the Bible, what is it?

It's called "The Harpado" in the Greek New Testament
In Latin it's called "The Rapturouse"

This We Know – the meaning of the word in any language is truly awesome – the word means to be suddenly, instantly and violently pulled away or caught up and away.”

1Cor. 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed** - :52 in a moment, in the **twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **changed**. (AJLLA¿SSW **allasso**, *al-las'-so*; to take something and make something different out of it. To change what was into what is).

Many Will Be Left Behind, But Will It Be You?

For Over 21 Century's now the Church has been waiting, expecting, longing for Christ's Appearing in the Heaven's

**On The Eve of Jesus' Return Back to Heaven –
He Left These Words Burning in Their Heart**

John 14:1-3

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.: 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. : 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1Th. 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. : 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. : 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. : 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. : 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be **caught up** (*harpazo*) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. : 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

So Lets Learn About...

THE RAPTURE AND WHO WILL BE LEFT BEHIND

Who Will Be Those Left Behind?

All Those Who Failed to Wait for Him

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THE RAPTURE AND YOUR FUTURE

THE BLESSED HOPE OF EVERY BELIEVER!

1.) It's a **Biblical Certainty that you can bank on**

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IT'S **A CERTAINTY THAT YOU CAN BANK ON**

1a.) Because of what the **Bible teaches about the rapture**

The Bible Makes a Great Distinction Between The Rapture
And the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

The Bible teaches that "The Rapture" is an **imminent** event...

Matt. 24:42

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Mark 13:33

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Rom. 13:11

Do this, **knowing** the time, that now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep;

for now our salvation is **nearer** than when we first believed.

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IT'S **A CERTAINTY** THAT YOU CAN BANK ON

1b.) Because of what **Jesus** says about the rapture

**Before Peter, Paul or Mary Ever Spoke of the Rapture,
- - Jesus Christ Himself Spoke of It...**

Luke 21:34-36

“Be careful, because **your hearts could be weighed** down with dissipation, drunkenness and **the anxieties of this life**, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. :35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. :36 ***Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.***”

John 14:3

And if I go (***he did***) and prepare a place for you, (***he is***) I will come again (***he will***) and receive you to Myself; (***o.k.***) that where I am, (***a'right now***) there you may be also. (***lets go***)

Rev. 3:10

Because you have **kept My command to persevere**, I also will keep you from the hour of trial, which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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1c.) Because of what the Believers have looked for

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The Apostle Paul Said - 1Th. 1:10

Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who **delivers us from the wrath to come.**

The Apostle Paul Said - 1Th. 2:19

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

The Apostle Paul Said - 1Th. 3:13

So that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

The Apostle Paul Said - 1Th. 4:17

Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

The Apostle Paul Said - 1Th. 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Apostle Paul Said - Titus 2:11-13

For the grace of God that brings salvation **has appeared** to all men, :12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live** soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, :13 **looking for** *(the Christian is to be expecting, with pregnant hope)* the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

The Church, The Christian is to be Looking, Waiting, Longing For.

Who Will Be Those Left Behind?
All Those Refused to Believe God's Word

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THE RAPTURE AND YOUR FUTURE

THE BLESSED HOPE OF EVERY BELIEVER!

2.) It's an **Event** that the Christian will participate in

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IT'S AN **EVENT** THAT THE CHRISTIAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN

2a.) **Because all Scripture will be fulfilled**

The Rapture of the Believers is a Biblical Event

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Is. 46:9-10

For I *am* God, and *there is* no other; I *am* God, and *there is* none like Me, :10
Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times
things that are not yet done...

1Th. 4:16-17

For the Lord **Himself** will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with **The Trumpet of God**. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be (**raptured**) caught up together **with them** in the clouds to **meet the Lord in the air**.

And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

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IT'S AN **EVENT** THAT THE CHRISTIAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN

2b.) Because living Christian's will I have to be changed

The Bible Makes This **Promise**,
That "some believers will never see death"

we know that **Enoch** escaped death.

Heb. 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that *he pleased God*.

How was His faith **Pleasing** to the Lord?

Jude 14

Now Enoch, prophesied saying, "**Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints**, - Maranatha !!! – The Lord Cometh!

We know that **Elijah** escaped death.

2Kings 2:11

Then it happened, as Elijah and Elisha continued on and talked, that **suddenly** a chariot of fire *appeared* with horses of fire, and **separated** the two of them; and *Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven*.

There's another group of people

who will escape death as well.

1Th. 4:15,17

:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that **we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord** :17 Then **we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together...**

APPARENTLY – PEOPLE ARE SUCKERS FOR THE WORD “CHANGE”

Jesus Christ, (*The Only Promise Keeper You'll Ever Meet*) Promises “**Change**” and people **mock** It and Him, **attack** It and Him and **reject** it and Him !

You want “Change” you can believe in?

Come to faith and **trust in the Lord** Jesus Christ and **He'll change you!**

1Cor. 15:50-53

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. :51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be **changed**— :52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. :53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

2Pet. 3:3-4

Knowing this first: that **scoffers** will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, :4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?”

Jude 1:17-18

But you, beloved, remember the words, which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: **18** how they told you **that there would be mockers in the last time - -**
don't let anyone steal the hope of the rapture out of your heart!

There Will Be Lair's & Scoffers & Mockers O' My

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2c.) Because **dead Christian's** need to be resurrected

The Christian's Future is Either

Rapture, **Rupture** or **Resurrection**, Either Way - - It's Gooooood

2Cor. 5:8

We are **confident**, (*I wonder how many Christians are?*) yes, well **pleased** rather to be absent from the body (*but cant I bring my body?*) and to be present with the Lord.

Remember Stephan and his Stoning

1Thessalonians 4:13-14,16,18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have **fallen asleep**, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who **sleep in Jesus**. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ** will rise first. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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3.) It's an **Experience** that will be unlike any other

IT'S AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

3a.) Because it **triggers** the End of Days

Scholars Disagree as to exactly what happens – when, after the rapture to those who have been left behind. One thing is terrifying in the extreme...

That **Procrastinators** Will Have Lost and Lost Big.

2Th. 2:8

Then the lawless one (the antichrist) will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His (2nd.) coming. :9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all **power, signs**, and lying **wonders**, :10 and with all **unrighteous deception** among those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved**. :11 And for **this reason** God will send them strong delusion, that they should **believe the lie**, :12 that they **all may be condemned who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

There Seems To Be “**An Expiration Date**” on “**Opportunity**”.
That There is a Moment When a Man or Woman Reaches Their
Personal “**Point-Of-No-Return**” – **They Will Say No to Jesus
Just One to Many Times...**

2Cor. 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

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IT'S AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

3b.) Because it **comes** suddenly and without warning

**The Rapture Will Come Upon the Believer - Instantly !
And upon the non-believer. the after effects...**

1Th. 4:16-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, (are you?).....

:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the **voice of an archangel**, and with the **trumpet of God**.....

!!! TRUMPET BLASTS HERE !!!

And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1Cor. 15:52

:52 **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye**, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead** will be **resurrected** incorruptible, and **we** shall be **changed**.

John 14:3b

...I will **come again** and **receive you to Myself that where I am, there you may be also...**

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IT'S AN EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

3c.) Because it **cannot** be avoided by anyone

Ready or Not - - Jesus Christ is Coming Again !

Matt. 24:44 - - Jesus Said...

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour **you do not expect.**

The Rapture **is** Going to Happen.

And The Rapture is Going to Happen **Before** The Great Tribulation to Come.

**For those of you will be left behind or who
have been left behind:**

**You will be called upon to die for being a Christian
during the next years ahead of you...**

Jesus said that a time of persecution would come to His people Israel
And all those who have come believe in Him that the world has yet to see.

Rev. 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them.
Then / saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for their witness to
Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image,
and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they
lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

We're At Unique Moment in Human History

We are seeing some pretty significant, global issues talking place - globally.
The nations of the world at this hour are all experience the same economic
issues and pressures – the world has gotten very small.

If You've Been Left Behind...

WORSHIP TEAM COME UP

“THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW”

Come Forward – Stand for Jesus Christ

Meet Me Outside

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End of Study
