

"When Will the Rapture Take Place?"

For those who study the End Times and believe in the authority of Scripture, the most hotly debated topic is the timing of the Rapture of the Church. Will Christians be spared the horrors of the Tribulation, or does God have a plan for Christians to go through it?

When studying End Times things, remember:

1. It's OK to see things _____.
2. Don't just swallow _____ teachings without examination.
3. _____ the Scriptures for yourself. God commends it. **Acts 17:11**
4. We all have _____ in our belief systems, including the very Best Bible teachers. **2 Peter 3:18** *"but grow"*

REVIEW Definitions:

1. The _____ – Christ's coming to take His Bride to be with Him.
2. The _____ – Christ's coming to exterminate evil and set up His permanent rule on earth.
3. The _____ – the last 7 years of earth history/Antichrist's reign.
4. Pre-Tribulation Rapture – the belief that Christians will be caught up to Heaven at the _____ of the Tribulation.
5. Mid-Tribulation – Christians caught up _____.
6. Post-Tribulation – Christians caught up at the _____ of the Tribulation.

Indications the Church will go through the Tribulation:

1. God will use the 7 year Tribulation to:
 - A. _____ His Church. **Eph. 5:27**
 - B. bring in the Great _____ of souls.
Rev. 14:14-15, 7:9,14
 - C. reveal to Israel their _____. **Rom. 11:25-27**
 - D. expose false _____ in the Church. **Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43**
 - E. _____ the reign of Satan, the Antichrist, and all evil.
 - F. usher in the new ages of the reign of the _____
_____ – The Lord Jesus Christ. **Rev. 19-22**
2. Paul states in **1 Corinthians 15:50-52** that believers will be changed/raptured at the sound of the _____.
Rev. 11:15 - 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Bowls
3. **Matthew 24:29-31** declares:
 - A. Immediately after the _____ of those days.
 - B. _____ signs appear in the sky. **Joel 2:30-31**
 - C. The _____ will appear in the sky.
Rev. 1:7, 2 Thess. 1:7-8, 2:8
 - D. The peoples of the earth will _____.
 - E. The angels will be sent to the four corners to _____ His Own.

4. During the Tribulation many will be _____. **(Mt. 24:3-5)**
There will a great _____ from the faith.
Mt. 24:10,12, 1 Tim. 4:1-2, Rev.13:4, 13:16-7 "forced everyone"

** Sadly most Americans _____
_____ about what the Scriptures declare is coming!*

5. Do not take the _____ of the beast (Antichrist)! **Rev. 14:9-12**
6. During the Tribulation wrath comes from two places.
A. The Antichrist's persecution of _____ and _____.
Rev. 6:1-2, 13:7
B. God's righteous wrath on a _____ world. **Rev.8 - "7th Seal"**
7. Christians should be willing and prepared to _____ for their
_____. **Mt. 24:9 "you will be" Rev. 6:9-11, 12:11-12, 13:15**
8. God will _____ His Children from the judgments and
the Antichrist. **Rev.9:4, Ezek. 9:4-6, Ps. 91:3-8**
A. Some refer to this as the _____, where God
did not allow the plagues of Egypt to touch the land of Goshen, where His
People lived. **Exodus 8:22-23, 9:4-6, 10:21-23, 11:7**
B. Paul states we are not destined for (God's) _____.
1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9
9. **Summary:** The Church's most _____ could
be during this seven year period called the Tribulation.
- We should not be caught _____.
- We should prepare ourselves to go _____ the Tribulation,
face the Antichrist, and _____! **Revelation 12:11**