# <u>Thursology 82: Will the Church...and the Children...Really VANISH...Leaving</u> <u>Everyone Else Behind??? (Rapture #5)</u>

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--<u>I Thess 4:16-17</u>: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a <u>shout</u>, with the voice of the archangel and with the <u>trumpet</u> of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air..."</u>

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### --Scoring the Post-Trib View:

--Rev 19:16-17: And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Then I saw an <u>angel</u> standing in the sun, and <u>he cried out with a loud voice</u>, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men…"

--<u>Matt 24:30-31</u>: And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with <u>a great trumpet</u> and they will <u>gather together His elect</u> from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

#### --Scoring the Mid-Trib View:

--Rev 11:3, 6-9, 11-12: And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."...These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague...When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city...where also their Lord was crucified. Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb...But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet...And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven...

--<u>Vv. 15-16</u>: Then the seventh angel <u>sounded</u>; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and <u>worshiped God</u>...

#### --Scoring the Pre-Trib View:

--Rev 4:1-2: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first <u>voice</u> which I had heard, like the sound of a <u>trumpet</u> speaking with me, said, "<u>Come up</u> <u>here</u>, 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 <u>heaven</u>, and <u>One</u> sitting on the throne.

--<u>Vv. 4, 10</u>: Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads...and the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will <u>worship</u> Him who lives forever and ever...

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### Thursology 81: If the Rapture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming are the SAME Event...the Pre-Trib View is WRONG!!! (Rapture #4)

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#### --Review:

--<u>Clarification #2</u>: Regardless of <u>WHEN</u> the <u>Rapture</u> happens...the <u>Rapture</u> and the "<u>Second</u> Coming" are <u>not</u> the same EVENT

#### --Christ's return: *One* Event...or *Two*???

- --<u>Key Concept</u>: For the Pre-Trib view to even be <u>VIABLE</u>...its proponents must show that the Rapture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming passages point to different <u>EVENTS</u>...with different <u>PLAYERS</u>...and different <u>PURPOSES</u>
- --A <u>logical corollary</u>: Unless the <u>Rapture</u> and the <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Coming</u> are <u>DIFFERENT</u> events...then the <u>POST</u>-Trib view of Rapture timing is the <u>only</u> possible <u>CORRECT</u> view

#### -- The Old Testament mystery of two comings of Christ

- --<u>A potential historical parallel</u>: If the Rapture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming are <u>SEPARATE</u> events...it <u>wouldn't</u> be the <u>FIRST</u> time that God's people failed to anticipate...<u>TWO</u> comings of Christ
- --<u>Dan 9:25-26</u>: So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks...Then after the sixty-two weeks <u>the Messiah will be cut off</u> and have nothing...
  - --Summary: Messiah would be CUT off
- --7:21-22, 27: I kept looking, and that horn was waging <u>war</u> with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom...Then the sovereignty, <u>the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.</u>
  - --<u>Summary</u>: Messiah would come as a <u>WARRIOR</u>...<u>DELIVER</u> His people...and set up an everlasting <u>KINGDOM</u> for them
- --<u>53:3-5, 8-9</u>: Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried...But He was <u>pierced through for our transgressions</u>, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him...By oppression and judgment He was taken away; and as for His generation, who considered that <u>He was cut off out of the land of the living</u>...? His <u>grave</u> was assigned with wicked men, yet He was with a rich man <u>in His death</u>...
  - --Summary: Messiah would DIE for our SIN
- --<u>Isa 9:6-7</u>: For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and <u>the government will rest</u> <u>on His shoulders</u>; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, <u>on the throne of David and over his kingdom</u>, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and <u>forevermore</u>.
  - --<u>Summary</u>: Messiah would set up His <u>GOVERNMENT</u> and reign from David's throne FOREVER
- -- The obvious resolution of these disparate prophecies being fulfilled: One CHRIST...with two COMINGS!!!
  - --<u>What they missed</u>: What they thought was <u>ONE</u> future coming...was actually <u>TWO</u> separate events

#### -- The Pre-Tribulational Rapture View:

--<u>Definition</u>: Christ will resurrect the dead believers...change the bodies of the living believers, and <u>CATCH</u> the Church up into the <u>AIR</u> to meet Him...<u>BEFORE</u> the 7-year Tribulation begins

#### --Strengths:

--<u>Strength #1</u>: It <u>RESOLVES</u> the dramatic <u>DIFFERENCES</u> between the <u>EVENTS</u> described in the Rapture passages and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming passages

#### --Second Coming Passages:

--Luke 21:10-12, 16-27: Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places *plagues and famines*; and there will *be terrors and great signs from* heaven. "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake...But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; because these are days of vengeance...for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; 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*. There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

--<u>Mark 13:3-27 (Vv. 24-26)</u>: But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then <u>they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory</u>.

--<u>Matt 24:3-31 (Vv. 29-31)</u>: But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

--Zech 12:3-14:9 (Vv. 12:3, 9 & 14:3-5): It will come about in that day that I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples; all who lift it will be severely injured. And all the nations of the earth will be gathered against it...And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem...Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south...you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

--Rev 16 & 19: (Vv. 16:14, 16, 18, 21 & 19:11, 14-16, 19):

--"...they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty...And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called *Har-Magedon*...And there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty...And *huge hailstones*, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe...And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."...And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

#### -- Rapture Passages:

--I Cor 15:51-58: Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed...for this mortal must put on immortality. But when...this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in <u>victory</u>. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but <u>thanks be to God</u>, who gives us the <u>victory</u> through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, <u>be steadfast, immovable, always abounding</u> in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

--<u>John 14:1-3</u>: Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 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.

--<u>I Thess 4:13-18</u>: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 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 not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and <u>the dead in Christ will rise</u> first. Then we who are alive and remain will be <u>caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air</u>, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

--<u>Summary Question</u>: Are the Rapture and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming different **EVENTS**...with different **PLAYERS**...and different **PURPOSES**???

--<u>Key Concept</u>: While the Scripture clearly establish that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and the Rapture are **DIFFERENT** events...this does not **PROVE** that the Pre-Trib Rapture view is right...but it does mean that this view is **PLAUSIBLE** 

## --<u>Application</u>: The <u>CORRECT</u> focus on the Rapture...will make us <u>MORE</u> useful in the world...not <u>LESS</u>!!!

- --A strong concern about the Church focusing on...or even teaching about...the Rapture: It can make believers too <a href="OTHER">OTHER</a>-worldly...and remove the incentive to help Christ bring His <a href="KINGDOM">KINGDOM</a> to <a href="THIS">THIS</a> world
- --<u>A classic comment that's been stated by many theologians</u>: "When the church thinks too much about the **RAPTURE**...it makes them too **HEAVENLY**-minded to be of any **EARTHLY** good.
  - --<u>John 17:15</u>: "I do not ask You to take them <u>out of the world</u>, but to keep them from the evil one."

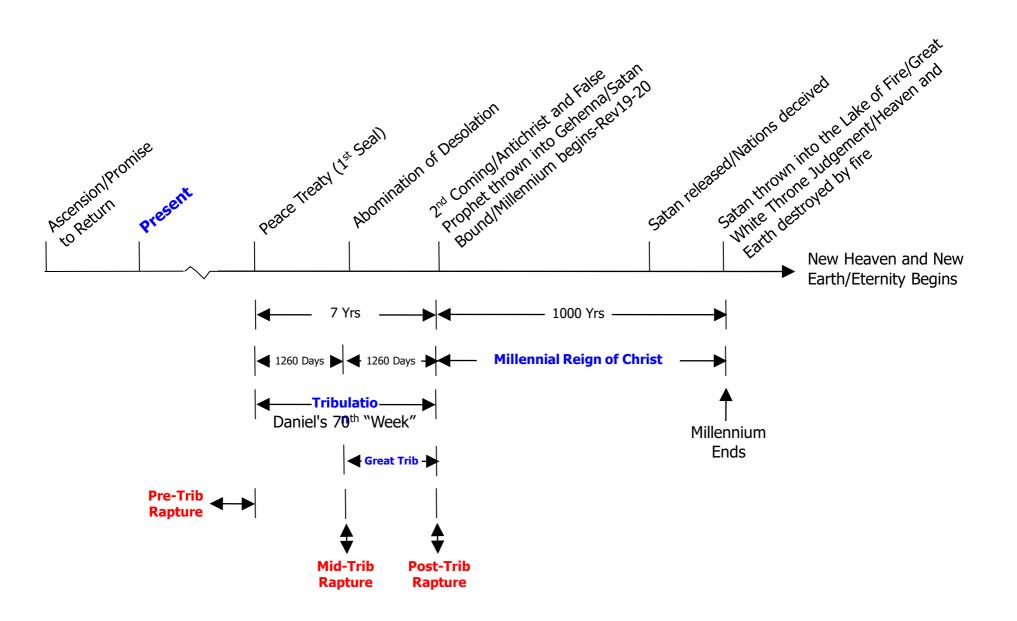
#### -- "Too much Rapture teaching"????

--"To much focus on Christ returning to take Christians home to heaven can be a form of 'escapism'. This 'Beam me up, Scottie!!!' approach to the future may lead believers to abandon their earthly responsibilities. It can lead them to have little concern for the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized because they're so focused on the <u>next</u> world that they don't pay attention to obeying Christ's commands to improve <u>this</u> world. And this means that they are at risk for sitting around anticipating an event that may still be centuries away."

#### -- In the Olivet Discourse... Jesus points out the very opposite concern:

- --<u>Matt 24:45-46, 48-50</u>: Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes...But if that evil slave says in his heart, '<u>My master is not coming for a long time</u>,' and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards; the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know..."
- --<u>Matt 25:34-40</u>: "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."
- --<u>Matt 25:41-46</u>: "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

## **The Revelation Timetable of the Future**



## Comparison of Rapture and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Passages: One Event or Two????

Undisputed Passages	Rap- ture Vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Com.	Catastrophic natural signs: Earthquakes, famine, pestilence	Judgment, tribulation or distress	War Battles	Death	Nations, tribes or armies Vs. Believers	Human response	Destination	Believers changed or caught up with the Lord	Trumpet	Resur- rection Dead raised
<u>Luke 21</u>	2 <sup>nd</sup> C V. 27	Vv. 11, 25	22, 25, 26	10, 20	23, 24	 V. 23					
Mark 13:3- 27	2 <sup>nd</sup> C V. 26						Vv. 23, 26 Vv. 7-23				
Matt 24:3- 31	2 <sup>nd</sup> C V. 30	Vv. 7, 29	9, 15-22	6-7	9, 28	V. 30				V. 31	
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Zech 12 & 14	2 <sup>nd</sup> C 14:5		12:9; 14:2	12:1-3 14:3	14:12	12:9; 14:2	Vv. 12:11; 14:13	Vv. 14:4-5			
Rev 16 & 19	2 <sup>nd</sup> C 19:11- 16	Vv. 16:17-21	Vv. 19:15; 20-21	19:11, 19	19:17-21	19:15, 19		16:16; 19:14			
							16:21; 19:19				
<u>I Cor</u> 15:51-58	Rap Vv. 51-52				Victory death Vv. 53-55	only Vv. 50, 58			Vv. 51-52	V. 52	51-52
John 14:1- 3	Rap V. 3					only V. 1	Vv. 54, 57-58  V. 1	V. 3	 V. 3		
<u>I Thess</u> <u>4:13-18</u>	<b>Rap</b> V. 17				Victory death Vv. 13-14	only V. 13	V. 18	 V. 17	V. 17	Vv. 16- 17	Vv. 16- 17