

### **Purposes for the Rapture (cont.)**

- Gives time to make preparations
  - In Heaven
    - ❖ Christians at Judgement seat of Christ
    - ❖ Marriage Supper of the Lamb
  - On Earth
    - ❖ To gather a believing people to populate the Kingdom on Earth at beginning of Millennium

### **What Happens at the Rapture?**

1. Life is normal
2. Millions vanish suddenly
3. Chaos around the World
4. First responders world-wide overwhelmed

There will be no warning!

### **What World After the Rapture**

1. There will be no Christians on Earth at beginning of Trib.
2. Accusations & charges leveled against Israel
3. EVERYTHING impacted. Will take weeks to settle down.
4. One person will rise above
5. He offers solutions @ World Leader @ Antichrist

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### **Are You Ready?**

**John 11:25** *Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believes in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.*

**1 John 5:12** *He that has the Son has life; and he that has not the Son of God hath not life.*

**John 3:3** *...Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

**Eph. 2:8** *For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is a gift of God. 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*



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The rapture of Christians to meet the Lord is the next event on the prophetic timeline of the Bible. There are no additional markers for the people of Earth to take note in preparing for its arrival.

The English word “rapture” comes from the Latin word which means “caught up”. At the appointed time described in 1 Thes. 4:13-17, Christians from all the ages since Christ’s resurrection will be caught up to meet their Savior in the air.

This study looks at the biblical basis for the Rapture and how the stage has already been set for the unfolding of God’s plan after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### **Preview: Daniel’s “70 Weeks”**

In order to have a more complete understanding of the Rapture of Christians, we will start approximately 600 years before Christ. We will look at the purpose and nature of the prophecy of Daniel’s 70 weeks.

## PREVIEW: Daniel's 70 Weeks

### Daniel Chapter 9

Daniel is a political captive in the country of Babylon. He has been in this country for nearly 70 years. Daniel has led a very public life in that he had held some of the highest positions in this government. Through all of his life, Daniel has always been an unwavering follower of Jehovah God and has maintained a love for his homeland and its attachments in relationship with God.

Chapter 9 opens with Daniel reading some of the prophecies of Jeremiah. Jeremiah never left Israel, but copies of his book had reached Babylon. In his reading, Daniel begins to understand more fully the purposes of God and how his national captivity is about to end.

- Daniel understands Jeremiah
- Daniel prays for his country
- Daniel's prayer is answered

### Daniel 9:24

This verse lists 6 goals of the whole period of the 70 week prophecy. The Hebrew word here used for "weeks" means "\_\_\_\_\_". Therefore, the prophecy is for "*70 sevens*" of time.

1. Finish transgression
  - Israel's transgressions conclude in the 70 "weeks"
2. Make an end of sins
  - Bring to an end, national judgement, forgiveness
3. Make reconciliation for iniquity
  - Initially, Christ on cross; Israel at Millennium
4. Bring in everlasting righteousness
  - At 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming & beginning of Millennium
5. Seal up the vision & prophecy
  - No more to be added to the prophecy or the plan
6. Anoint the most Holy
  - Of a Temple . . . most likely millennial

## Daniel 9

### The Nature of Daniel's 70 Weeks

- Events & Fulfillment all Jewish
- \_\_\_\_\_ not in existence
- Church started at Pentecost and ends at Rapture.  
Therefore, the Church not included in the 70 weeks!

### Pre-Millennial -- Pre-Tribulational

- Pre-Mill = Christ returns before Millennium
- Pre-Trib = Christ returns before Tribulation

### Conclusion of the Preview of Daniel's "70 Weeks"

The proper interpretation of the 70 Weeks is that it is all Jewish and futuristic to Daniel. 69 weeks have been done for Israel...and the final week is still waiting for fulfillment.

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### Differentiating Between . . .

#### Rapture

- > Sudden
- > In the Air
- > \_\_\_\_\_
- > No horse
- > Discreetly
- > Peaceful
- > Christians go to meet
- > Christians will be changed

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

- > Sudden
- > To the Earth
- > With Multitudes
- > White Horse
- > In Full Glory
- > Ready for \_\_\_\_\_
- > Christians come with
- > Christians already glorified

### Purposes for the Rapture

- To fulfill Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week
- To bring judgment on Earth
- Gives time to make preparations (cont. on back)