
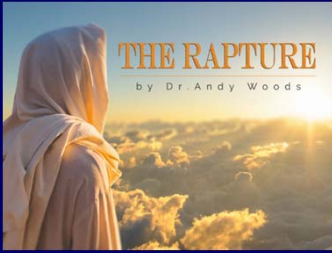



THE RAPTURE
What and When? – Part 11



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What is the Rapture?




1. An important doctrine
2. Distinct from the Second Advent
3. Catching away of all living believers (1 Thess 4:17)
4. Reunion (1 Thess 4:14-16)
5. Resurrection (1 Cor 15:50-54)
6. Exemption from death (1 Cor 15:51, 54-56)
7. Instantaneous (1 Cor 15:52)
8. Mystery (1 Cor 15:51)
9. Imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)
10. Traditional doctrine now being recovered

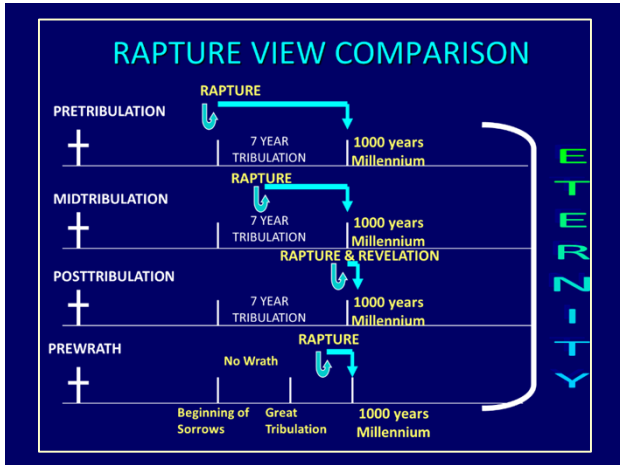
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When Will the Rapture Take Place Relative to the Tribulation Period?

- Pre-tribulation rapture theory
- Mid-tribulation rapture theory
- Post-tribulation rapture theory
- Pre-wrath rapture theory
- Partial rapture theory



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Luke 17:26-30

²⁶ And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸ It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; ²⁹ but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰ **It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.**"

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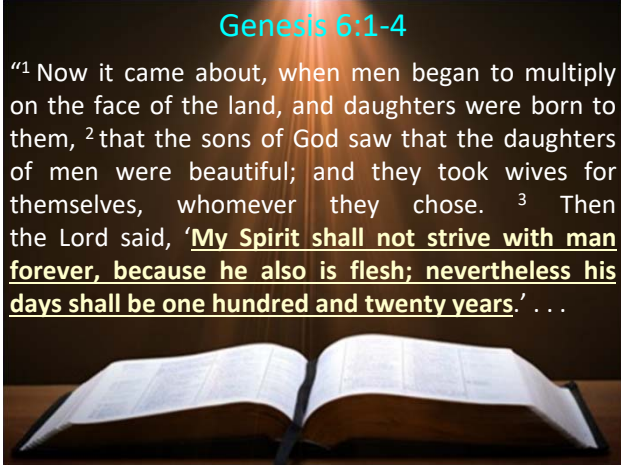
- Judgment of God (6-8) – 3 Historical Examples
 - ◆ Fallen angels (4)
 - ◆ Flood (5)
 - ◆ Sodom & Gomorrah (6-8)
- Conclusion (9)



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Genesis 5:1-4

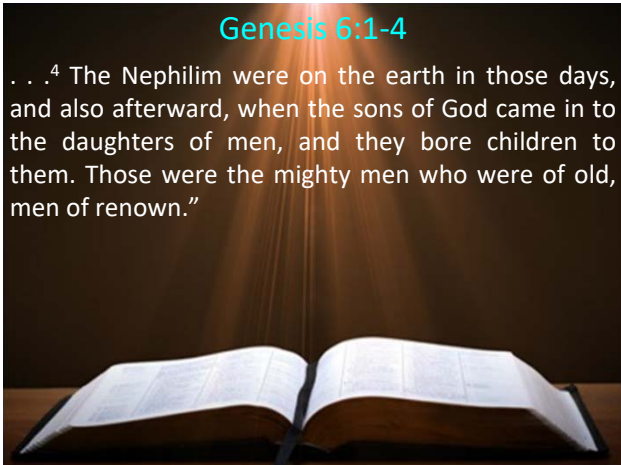
¹ Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, **‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’** . . .



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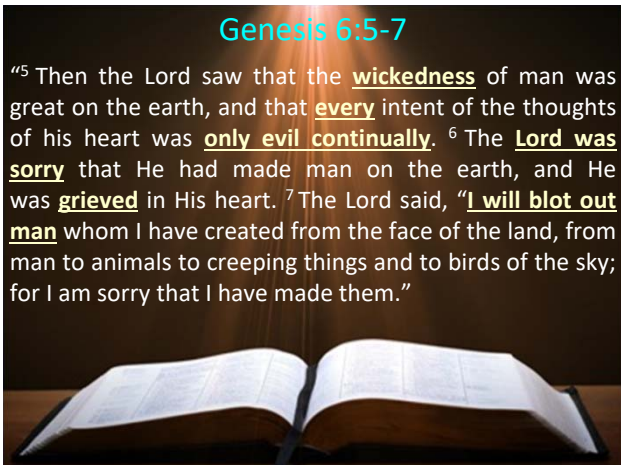
. . . ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”



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Genesis 6:5-7


⁵ Then the Lord saw that the **wickedness** of man was great on the earth, and that **every** intent of the thoughts of his heart was **only evil continually**. ⁶ The **Lord was sorry** that He had made man on the earth, and He was **grieved** in His heart. ⁷ The Lord said, **‘I will blot out man** whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them.”



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Genesis 6:11-13


¹¹Now the earth was **corrupt** in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with **violence**. ¹²God looked on the earth, and behold, it was **corrupt**; for **all flesh had corrupted** their way upon the earth. ¹³Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with **violence** because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.”



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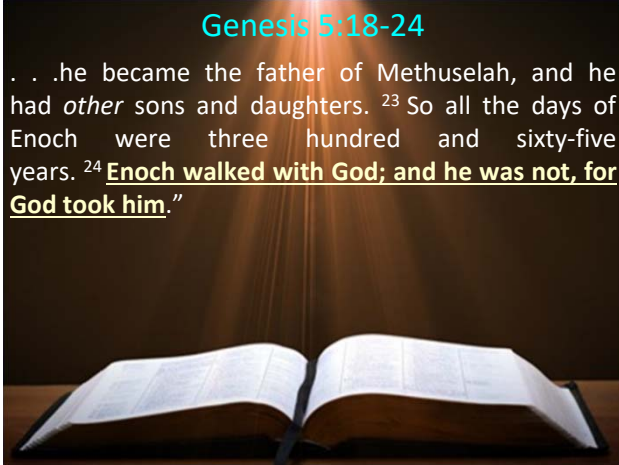
¹⁸Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. ¹⁹Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters. ²⁰So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died. ²¹Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. ²²Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after ...



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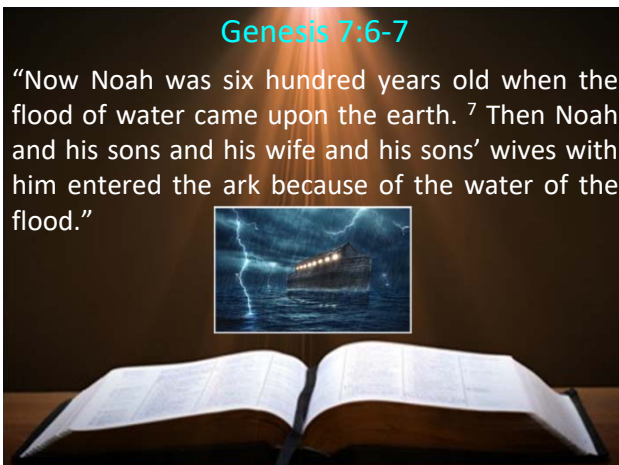

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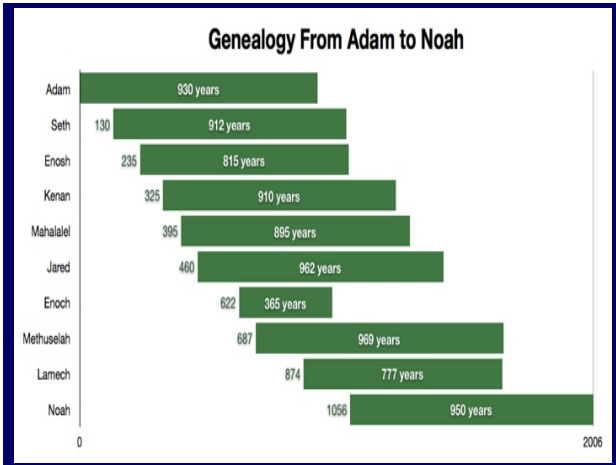
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Genesis 7:6-7

“Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of water came upon the earth. ⁷ Then Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him entered the ark because of the water of the flood.”



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Genealogy of Jesus according to Luke

1. God	14. Cainan	27. Hezron	40. Eliakim	53. Addi	66. Heeli
2. Adam	15. Shelah	28. Ram	41. Jonam	54. Melchi	67. Nahum
3. Seth	16. Eber	29. Amminadab	42. Joseph	55. Neri	68. Amos
4. Enosh	17. Peleg	30. Nahshon	43. Judah	56. Shealtiel	69. Mattathias
5. Kenan	18. Reu	31. Salmon	44. Simeon	57. Zerubbabel	70. Joseph
6. Mahalalel	19. Serug	32. Boaz	45. Levi	58. Phesa	71. Jannai
7. Jared	20. Nahor	33. Obed	46. Matthat	59. Joanan	72. Melchi
8. Enoch	21. Terah	34. Jesse	47. Jorim	60. Joda	73. Levi
9. Methuselah	22. Abraham	35. David	48. Eliezer	61. Josech	74. Matthat
10. Lamech	23. Isaac	36. Nathan	49. Joshua	62. Semein	75. Heli
11. Noah	24. Jacob	37. Mattatha	50. Er	63. Mattathias	76. Joseph
12. Shem	25. Judah	38. Menna	51. Elmadam	64. Mahath	77. Jesus
13. Arphaxad	26. Pharez	39. Melea	52. Cosam	65. Naggai	

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Similarities Between Enoch and Noah


- Both ministered to the same era
- Both stood out as lights to a corrupt generation
- Both serve as positive examples for us
- Both are removed / protected prior to divine judgment

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2 Peter 2:7-9


“⁷ and if He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men ⁸ (for by what he saw and heard that **righteous man**, while living among them, felt his **righteous soul** tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), ⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the **godly** from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment.”



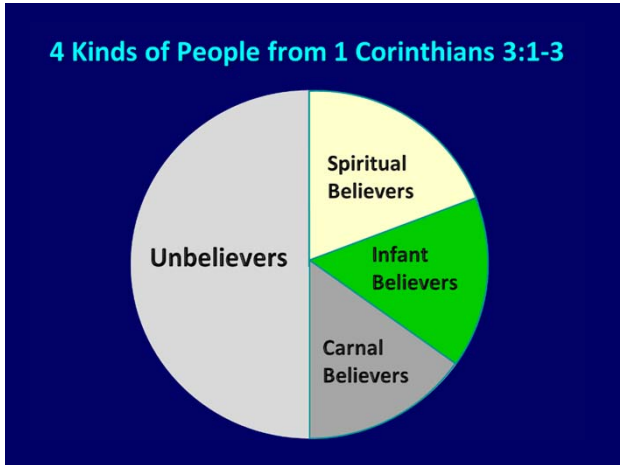
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1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NKJV)

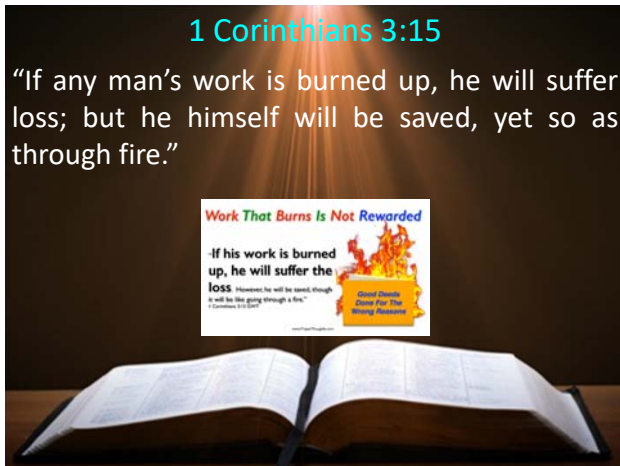
¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual people** but as to **carnal**, as to **babes** in Christ. ² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*?



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YIELDING TO THE OLD (SIN) NATURE	
BELIEVER'S CONSEQUENCES	PASSAGE(S)
Lack of power	(Gal 5:16; 1 Thess. 5:19)
Grieving the Holy Spirit	(Eph 4:30-32)
Loss of joy	(Ps. 51:4, 12; Gal. 5:22-23)
Loss of spiritual sight	(2 Pet. 1:8-10; Luke 15:18-19)
Lack of growth	(1 Pet. 2:1-2)
Carnality	(1 Cor 3:1-3)
Unfruitfulness	(John 15:5, 8)
Lack of purpose	(Eccles. 1:2-3, 8; Mark 8:35)
Lack of stability	(Gal. 3:3; 2 Tim. 2:18; 2 Pet. 3:17)

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BELIEVER'S CONSEQUENCES	PASSAGE(S)
Conviction	(2 Pet 2:7-8; Ps 32:1-5)
Divine discipline	(Heb. 12:5-11; Rev. 3:19)
Premature death	(Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 John 5:16; Rev 2:22-23)
Loss of reward	(1 Cor. 3:15; 9:27; 2 John 8; Rev 3:11)
Loss of fellowship	(1 John 1:9)
Excommunication	(1 Cor 5:4-5; Matt 18:15-17)
Temporal consequences	(Gal 6:7-8)
Unanswered prayer	(Ps 66:18; 1 Pet 3:7)
Loss of testimony	(Gen 19:14)
Loss of leadership privileges	(1 Tim 3:1-13; 2 Sam. 12)

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Genesis 19:22

“Hurry, escape there, for **I cannot do anything** until you arrive there.” Therefore the name of the town was called Zoar.”

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1 Corinthians 15:50-51

“⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not **all** sleep, but we will **all** be changed.”

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