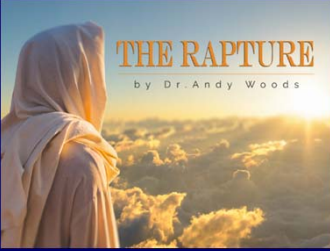


**THE RAPTURE**  
What and When? – Part 12



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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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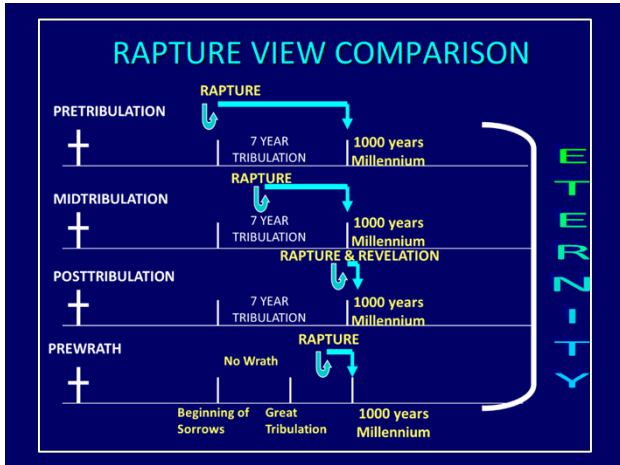
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### When is the Rapture?

7 Arguments Favoring the Pre-Tribulation View

1. Tribulation's purpose concerns Israel (Jer 30:7; Dan 9:24)
2. No biblical reference to the church on earth during the Tribulation period (Rev 4-22)
3. Church is promised an exemption from divine wrath (1 Thess 1:10; 5:9; Rom 5:9; Rev 3:10; 6:17)
4. Rapture is imminent (1 Cor 15:51; 1 Thess 4:15)
5. Rapture is a comfort (1 Thess 4:18)
6. Antichrist cannot come to power until the restrainer is removed (2 Thess 2:6-7)
7. Symbolic parallels (2 Peter 2:5-9)

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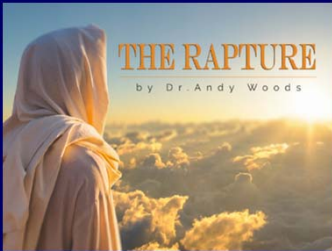
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Jesus and the Rapture  
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"7 SIGNS" in Gospel of John		
	Changing Water into Wine	2:11
	Healing official's son	4:46-54
	Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda	5:1-18
	Feeding the 5,000	6:5-14
	Walking on water	6:16-21
	Healing a blind man	9:1-7
	Raising dead Lazarus	11:1-45

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Christ's Five Trips to Jerusalem	
Feast	Verse
Passover	2:23
Unnamed	5:1
Tabernacles	7:2
Dedication	10:22
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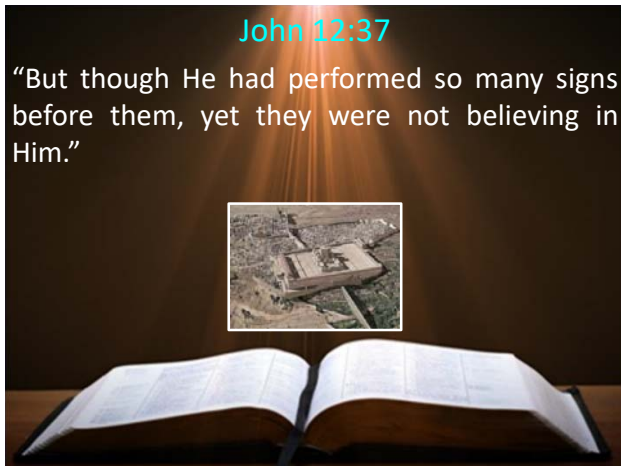
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*Chafer, Systematic Theology, 1:111.*

"The **Upper Room Discourse**, in which the above passage is found, **is the seed-plot of that form of doctrine which is later developed in the Epistles**. It is not strange, therefore, that the Apostle Paul takes up this great theme for further elucidation."

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**Seed Truths (John 13–17)**

- believers' oneness in Christ (John 17:20-23; Eph 2:11-22)
- Spirit's permanent residence in the believer (John 14:16; Eph 4:30)
- believer's union with Christ (John 14:20; Gal 2:20; Rom 6:1-14)
- believer's opposition to the world (John 15:18-19; Jas 4:4; 1 John 2:15-17)
- necessity of believer to stay in fellowship with Christ (John 13:10; 15:1-17; 1 John 1:5-7, 9)

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- abiding in Christ as a prerequisite for fruit bearing (John 15:1-7; Philip 4:13)
- believer's election (John 15:16; Eph 1:4)
- Christ as the ultimate model of sacrificial living and service (John 13:1-20; Philip 2:5-11)
- necessity of divine discipline in the believer's life (John 15:2; Heb 12:5-11)
- Satan as the god of this age (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2)

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- defeat of Satan at the cross (John 12:31; 16:11; Col 2:15; Heb 2:14)
- Spirit as the inspirer of all Scripture (John 14:26; 16:13; 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:20-21)
- the Spirit as the illuminator of all Scripture (John 14:26; 16:13; 1 Cor 2:14; 1 John 2:20, 27)
- Christ's provision of peace in the midst of adversity (John 14:27; Philip 4:7)
- necessity of the Spirit's convicting ministry as a prerequisite for salvation (John 16:7-11; 1 Cor 2:14; 2 Cor 4:4)

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- normalcy of tribulations in the present age (John 16:33; Jas 1:2-4)
- believer as the ultimate over comer (John 16:33; 1 John 4:4; 5:4-5)
- Christ's present session at the Father's right hand (John 14:12-14; 17:5; Heb 7:3b, 25)
- power of prayer (John 14:12-14; Eph 6:18-20; Jas 5:16)
- inerrancy of Scripture (John 17:20; 2 Tim 3:16)
- disclosure of Eschatology (John 16:13; 2 Thess 2:1-12)

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A Comparison of the Olivet and Upper Room Discourses		
Discourse	Olivet	Upper Room
Scripture	Matt 24–25	John 13–17
Location	Mount of Olives	Upper Room
Passion week	Third day	Sixth day
General focus	Farewell: Israel	Hello: Church
Specific focus	Israel's future	Divine provisions
Prompting	Temple's destruction	Christ's imminent departure
Explanations	Written OT	Unwritten NT
Apostles	Israel (Matt. 19:28)	Church (Eph. 2:20)

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### John's Eschatological Statements

- two final resurrections (John 5:29; Dan 12:2; Acts 24:15; Rev 20:4-5)
- Israel's future acceptance of the future Antichrist in lieu of the true Christ (John 5:43; Dan 9:27a)
- Christ's promise to preserve and resurrect the believer in the last day (John 6:39-40, 44, 54; 11:25-26)
- coming of the Spirit who will disclose "things to come" (John 16:7, 13)

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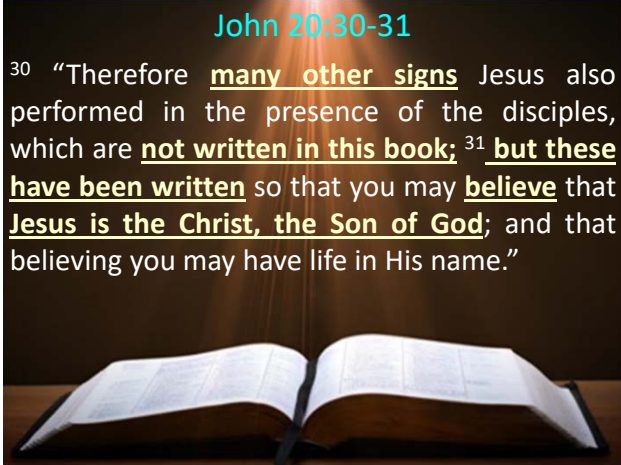
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**John 20:30-31**

<sup>30</sup> “Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”



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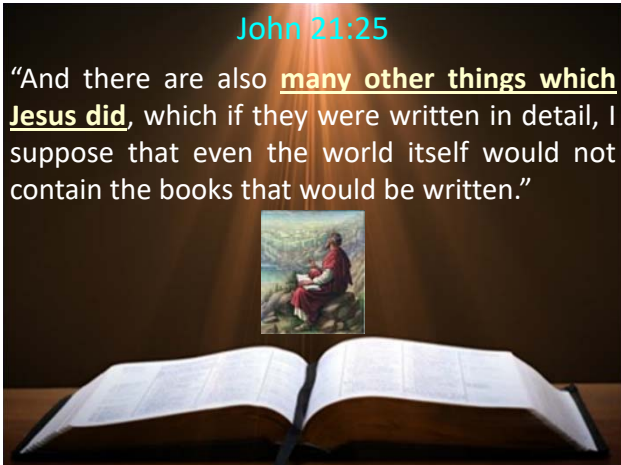
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**John 21:25**

“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.”



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Ante-Nicene Fathers: "Heavenly and Eschatological" Interpretation of John 14:1-4

- Papias (AD 110)
- Irenaeus (AD 130-202)
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- Origen (AD 182-251)
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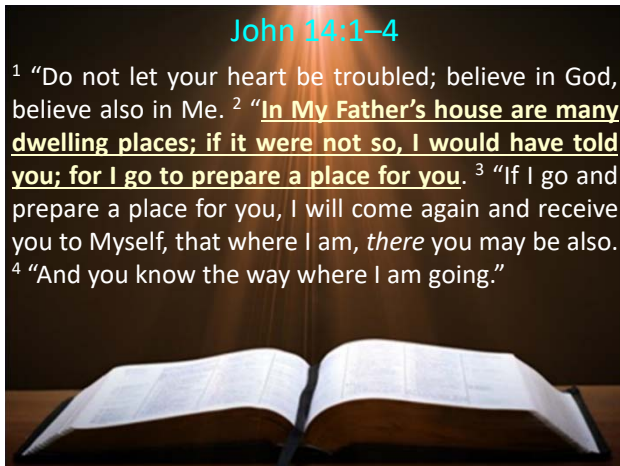
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Scripture's Four Judgments				
Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	Bema Seat	Great White Throne
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	1 Cor 3:10-15	Rev 20:11-15
<b>Place</b>	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	Heaven	Earth
<b>Audience</b>	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	Church Age believers	All unsaved
<b>When</b>	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	After rapture	After Millennium
<b>Purpose</b>	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	Reward believers	Degree of punishment in hell
<b>Evaluation</b>	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	Works taken through fire	Not in the book; judged by books

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Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10; 3:11; 2 John 8)		
SCRIPTURE	CROWN	PURPOSE
1 Cor. 9:24-27	<b>Incorruptible</b>	Gaining mastery over the flesh
1 Thess. 2:19-20	<b>Rejoicing</b>	Soul winning
Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10	<b>Life</b>	Enduring trials
1 Pet. 5:2-4	<b>Glory</b>	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim. 4:8	<b>Righteousness</b>	Longing for His appearing

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### John 14:1–4

<sup>1</sup> "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> "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. <sup>3</sup> "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. <sup>4</sup> "And you know the way where I am going."



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Parallels	
JOHN 14:1-4	1 THESS 4:13-18
trouble (1)	sorrow (13)
Believe (1)	believe (14)
God, me (1)	Jesus, God (14)
told you (2)	say to you (15)
come again (3)	coming of the Lord (15)
receive, you (3)	caught up (17)
to myself (3)	to meet the Lord (17)
be where I am (3)	ever be with the Lord (17)
J. B. Smith, <i>A Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary on the Book of Revelation</i> , 311-13	

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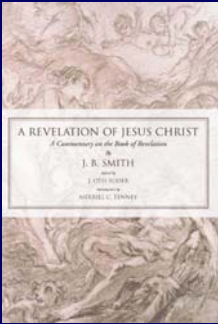
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*A Revelation of Jesus Christ: A Commentary on the Book of Revelation*  
 (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1961), pp. 312-13.

“The words or phrases are almost an exact parallel. They follow one another in both passages in exactly the same order. Only the righteous are dealt with in each case. There is not a single irregularity in the progression of words from first to last. Either column takes the believer from the troubles of earth to the glories of heaven.”



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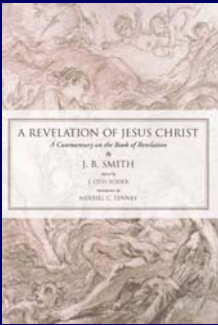
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“Hence it is impossible that one sentence or even one phrase can be alike in the two lists...And finally not one word in the two lists is used in the same relation or connection...It would be difficult if not impossible to find elsewhere any two important passages of Scripture that are so diverse in the words employed and so opposite in their implications. . . . We believe the comparison of the words of these two passages . . . describe different events.”



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**Chafer**  
*Chafer, Systematic Theology, 1:111.*

"The **Upper Room Discourse**, in which the above passage is found, **is the seed-plot of that form of doctrine which is later developed in the Epistles**. It is not strange, therefore, that the Apostle Paul takes up this great theme for further elucidation."

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**I. Preliminary Reasons**



- A. Significance of the Upper Room Discourse (John 13–17)
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- C. Early church fathers
- D. Jewish marriage analogy
- E. Parallels with other rapture texts

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