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The Rapture Course Overview



- I. What is the Rapture?
- II. When is the Rapture?
- III. Strengthening the Pre-Tribulational case
- IV. The opposing views
- V. One second after the Rapture
- VI. Questions & Answers

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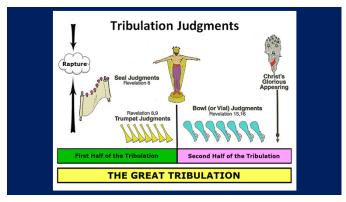


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1st Six Seals (Revelation 6)

- 1. 6:1-2 Advent of antichrist
- 2. 6:3-4 War
- 3. 6:5-6 Famine
- 4. 6:7-8 Death
- 5. 6:9-11 Martyrdoms
- 6. 6:12-17 Cosmic disturbances



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DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES			
REVELATION 2–3			
CHURCH	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION	
Ephesus	2:1-7	Loveless	
Smyrna	2:8-11	Persecuted	
Pergamum	2:12-17	Compromised	
Thyatira	2:18-29	Corrupt	
Sardis	3:1-6	Dead	
Philadelphia	3:7-13	Missionary	
Laodicea	3:14-22	Man-centered	

Twenty-Four Elders (Rev. 4:4; 5:8-10) 1. Crowned (Rev. 2:10; 3:11) 2. Resurrected (Rev. 4:4) 3. Clothed in White (Rev. 3:5) 4. Redeemed (Rev. 5:8-10) 5. Global (Rev. 5:9; Matt. 28:19) 6. Enthroned (Rev. 3:21)

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7. Elders (Rev. 1 Tim. 3:1-7) 8. Kingdom of Priests (Rev. 1:6) 9. Twenty-four (Rev. 1:6)



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Distinctions Between 144,000 & Multitude			
144,000 MULTITUDE			
Revelation 7:1-8	Revelation 7:9-17		
Numbered	Innumerable		
Jews	All nations		
Sealed (First Fruits)	Slain (Martyrs)		
Sealed <u>before</u> the Tribulation Converted <u>out of</u> the Tribulation			
Hitchcock and Ice, The Truth Behind Left Behind, 77			



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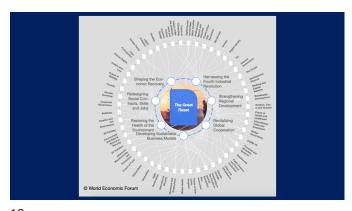
Revelation 13:16-18 16 And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, 17 and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

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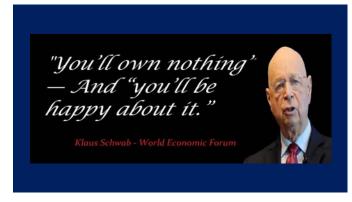
"During the pandemic, national leaders around the world flexed their authority and imposed airtight rules and restrictions, from the mandatory wearing of face masks to body-temperature checks at the entries to communal spaces like train stations and supermarkets. Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their activities stuck and even intensified."

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Canadian Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau

"This pandemic has provided an opportunity for a reset. This is our chance to accelerate our pre-pandemic efforts to reimagine economic systems that actually address global challenges like extreme poverty, inequality and climate change."



https://thenewamerican.com/canadas-justin-trudeau-ties-covid-19-recovery-to-reset-and-un-agenda-2030-19-recovery-to-recovery

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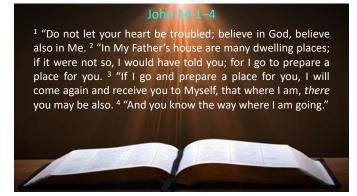






Rapture Distinct from Second Advent		
RAPTURE	SECOND COMING	
(1 Thess 4:13-18; 1 Cor 15:51-58)	(Rev 19:11-16)	
Christ comes in the air	Christ comes to the earth	
(1 Thess 4:16-17)	(Zech 14:4)	
For His saints	With His saints	
(1 Thess 4:15-17)	(Rev 19:14)	
Blessing	Judgment	
(1 Thess 4:18)	(Rev 19:15)	
Effects only believers	Effects both believers & unbelievers	
(1 Thess 4:16)	(Rev 19:15)	





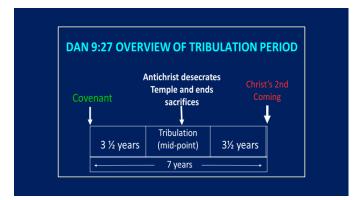
















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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ... have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up [harpazō] together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."

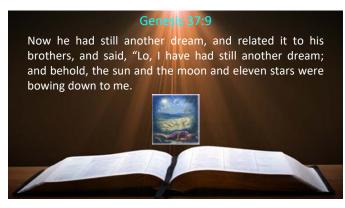
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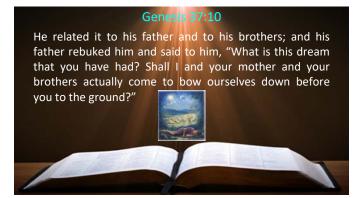
Revelation 12:1-5 ¹And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed in the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; ²and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor pain to give birth. ³And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems ⁴And his tail swept a third part...









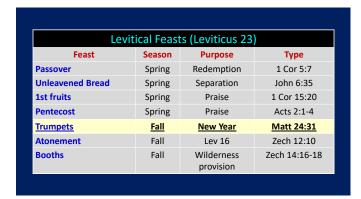




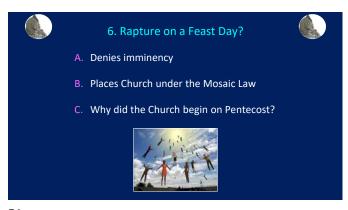




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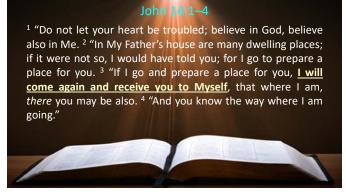




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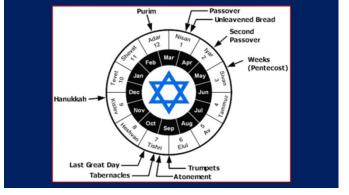


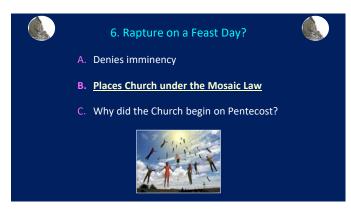


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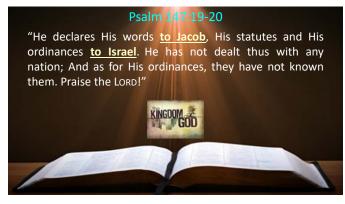
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Ephesians 2:14-16 14 "For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity."

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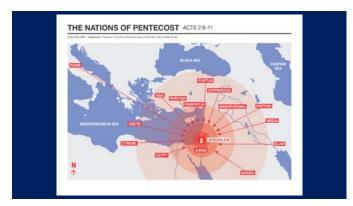
- a. Christ referred to the Church in the future tense (Matt. 16:18)
- b. Paul referred to the Church as a "mystery" (Eph. 3:4-5, 9)
- c. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since Christ became the head of the Church (Eph. 5:23) after His Ascension (Eph. 1:20-22)
- d. The Church did not exist prior to Acts 1 since spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:7; 14:26) only came into existence after His Ascension (Eph. 4:7-11)

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- e. The Church existed before Paul's conversion in Acts 9 (Acts 5:11; 8:1,3; Rom. 16:7)
- f. The Baptizing (joining, uniting, identifying) ministry of the Holy Spirit began in Acts 2
 - 1) 1 Cor. 12:13
 - 2) Acts 1:5
 - 3) Acts 11:15-16
 - 4) Acts 2:1-4, 37-41

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Feast	Season	Fulfillment	Rejected
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"When God fulfilled the first four feasts, He had provided everything necessary for Israel to enter into literal kingdom blessing—redemption, separation, resurrection, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Israel's rejection of these, however, made a necessary national change of heart before the kingdom could be established...The paschal lamb of God pointed out by John the Baptist was rejected as an imposter. The resurrection of Christ, as it answered to the Feast of First Fruits, was suppressed in it's proclamation by the bribe money paid to the sentries...Finally, the coming of the Spirit was rejected at Pentecost as the Jews...

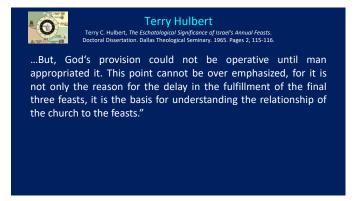
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...taunted the apostles with charges of drunkenness. By the time of the close of Acts chapter 2, God had done all He could do for Israel until they repented as a nation. Thus, the significance of Peter's second sermon in Acts 3 was that it re-emphasized the condition of millennial blessing already laid down in the Old Testament, but as yet unfulfilled...Of the upmost importance here is the fact that the shedding of the blood of Christ to take away sin, and with the coming of the Spirit to empower the life of the redeemed, all of the spiritual requirements for the millennial kingdom had been met as far as God was concerned....





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"Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no rain will fall on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths."



Thomas D. Ice

Thomas D. Ice, "The Feasts of Israel in Prophecy," in Charting the End Times: A Visual Guide to Understanding Bible Prophecy, ed. Time LaHaye and Thomas Ice (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 2001), 103-104.

"The three fall feasts await fulfillment in the events that will take place at the Second Coming of Christ and in the Millennium. The Feast of Trumpets will take place at the Second Coming, as Matthew 24:31 indicates: '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.' The Day of Atonement will be applied to the nation of Israel when the people realize that Jesus was their long-awaited Messiah all along (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 11:25–27). And the Feast of Tabernacle's will be fulfilled by the Millennial kingdom when the Jewish nation will dwell with their God in the land of Israel for 1000 years."

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