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# Unleavened Bread Bible Study

## Is There a Rapture? When?

# an end-times revelation...



#### IS THERE A RAPTURE? WHEN?

**OVERVIEW:** Many Christians believe that there will be an "end-times RAPTURE." Meaning that in the "last days" or at the "end of the world," those who died believing in Jesus Christ will be brought back to life. At that time, they and the Christians who are still alive will be supernaturally taken up into Heaven by God. This agrees with a basic principle stated in the Bible: all who faithfully follow Jesus Christ as their Savior are promised eternal life (John 3:16). Many folks believe that we are living in the "last days" right now.

**TRADITION**: Ever since the New Testament was written, there has been an ongoing debate among Christians and their church denominations about the timing of the rapture - not only concerning the calendar year and date, but also the timing of the Rapture in relation to the end of the world.

The popular belief among modern Christians is that they will "fly away" at the beginning of the 7-year Tribulation. Most believe that they will be Raptured before they are harmed or even inconvenienced by the wars, persecutions and world-wide disasters predicted to take place during the Tribulation.

**PROBLEM**: Most Christians agree that the rapture and resurrection happen together. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air" (1Th.4:16).

If it is true that the Rapture happens at the beginning of the Tribulation, it would mean that the faithful Christians who are prophesied in the book of Revelation to be killed by the "beast" during the Tribulation period (not to mention those who are finally converted to Christianity during the Tribulation) cannot be saved because there is only one resurrection of the righteous dead mentioned in the Bible (Revelation 20:4; 1 Corinthians 15:22-24).

**WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?** The Bible says this about the Rapture: "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We all shall not sleep (die), but we (Christians) shall <u>all</u> be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, <u>at the last</u> <u>trump</u>: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall (all) be changed" (1Co.15:51-52).

Note that the dead are raised first and then the living, sanctified Christians join them – but always in the same event, one right after the other. The Bible quote above plainly says that this happens at the *last* trumpet – which is the last heavenly action that takes place before Christ comes to get His saints and the world is destroyed in the final wrath of God (Revelation 11:15-18). Jesus said that everyone who believes on Him will be raised up at the *last* day (John 6:40).

### COULD IT BE THAT THE BIBLE POINTS TO THE RAPTURE HAPPENING AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD?

Are the "one third of the stars that fall away" (from the faith) the disappointed Christians who expected to be Raptured at the beginning of the Tribulation, never to face any persecution or test of their faith (Revelation 2:14)? To receive a Biblical answer to this and many other end-times mysteries, go to: www.unleavenedbreadministries.org/?page=hmpc2; or have someone who has a computer print the "When Do We Go?" chapter of our book, Hidden Manna For the End Times.

The Bible says that each person *"work out* (their) *own salvation with fear and trembling"* (Php.2:12). You owe it to yourself to consider the many scriptures we share. Then make up your own mind. If you don't have access to the Internet, ask someone to help you send for our free book.

#### WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO BE IN THE RAPTURE?

**Repent and Believe.** Life itself is a trial to determine if you will submit to God. You must repent, meaning *change your mind*, and believe the New Testament or Covenant of the Bible. Believe in the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross to erase your sins. You must endure in this faith until the end (Matthew 10:22). The power of that faith will help you obey God's commandments in the Bible and be saved.

**Love God**. "AGAPE" is the Greek word used in the Bible for the type of love that God demands. Agape means: "loving through obedience." God wants obedience to the SPIRIT of the law, which is forgiveness and mercy – not an outward show of religious respectability. In the New Testament, Jesus summed it up like this: "Love God with all your heart, all your mind and all your soul; and love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mat.22:37-39); "If a man love me he will keep my word" (Joh.14:23); "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love" (Joh.15:10).

Many modern churches are no longer teaching Christians to seek God, to know God or how to love God.

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