

NO RAPTURE --- or is there?

These are some scriptures used by a writer on the internet at www.khouse.org, to support the belief of the Rapture of the saints being separate from the first resurrection. These scriptures are not the ones I have selected except where I identify them as mine with ** before them. I may include a verse before or after the ones given by the writer.

1Cor. 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Col 1:26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: {in: or, among}

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Dan.12:1 ¶ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

My comments: **

This speaks of "the children of God" being rescued in a time of trouble (great tribulation?) but doesn't say how. Could it be by death? Read Rev. 20:4, 6:9-11 No rapture mentioned here.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall , some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. {wise: or, teachers}

**Here we see two types of resurrections: 1)some to everlasting life, 2)some to shame and contempt.

This can't be the same time period. Read Rev.20:5-7

So far I can't see a rapture, but I'll go on down a few lines and see what I may have missed.

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

**I added a little more to see if there is any hint of a rapture.

Zech:12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

9 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; {

**If one reads v. 3 he will see that the time of this event is when “all the people of the earth are gathered together against Jerusalem”. No mention of a rapture, not even a resurrection.

Zec. 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. {trembling: or, slumber, or, poison} {when...: or, and also against Judah shall he be which shall be in siege against Jerusalem}

3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

**Notice what is taking place in v.10. Israel is repenting. But NO rapture.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon..a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. {the mountains: or, my mountains} {for the...: or, when he shall touch the valley of the mountains to the place he separated}

****Here the saints are coming with Jesus, not meeting him in the air, v.5.**

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: {that the...: that is, it shall not be clear in some places, and dark in other places of the world} {clear: Heb. precious} {dark: Heb. thickness}

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

8 ¶ And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. {former: or, eastern}

****Here we see the “living waters going out from Jerusalem” all year long v. 8.**

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin’s gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king’s winepresses.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

****Verse 11 is very important! “Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited”. This can only happen after the attack of Gog and Magog when these Gentile nations are allowed by God to occupy their land and take them into captivity for their sins. Read Eze 20, 38 and 39. One should start at the beginning of Eze. 14 to see that the same event is happening here as in Eze. To see how God will deal with Israel and why read Eze. 20:33-44**

Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

15 ¶ To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

****Jude speaks about the time Christ comes with his saints “to execute judgment upon all”. This is not when Jesus comes to catch away his saints.**

What most do not understand is that there’s to be more than one resurrection as these scriptures show. Rev 20:5 states that no one will be resurrected during the millennium reign. Judgment is now on the church of God, and extends on into the future ages as many peoples are resurrected and given their time of judgment just as the church (Called ones) is given her time before the millennium. After the thousand years reign Satan is released and Jesus goes back to heaven and allows Satan to rule for a short time to test his people.

Ezek. 38 names the many Gentile nations that have developed during the millennium who, after the resurrection of Israel (Ezek. 37) takes place, God allows them to attack Israel and take them into captivity because they have gone back into idolatry. After Satan’s last stand ends, when surviving Israel

repents Jesus comes back and rescues them. He puts his spirit into them and gives them a new heart and will dwell with them in the temple he has them build (Eze.40-48)..

Mat 25:31-34,45-46 relates to when Christ comes to rule and judge the whole world, his third coming, during future resurrections of all the peoples that have never been called and given a chance to be judged. Judgment simply means they will be given a chance to know right from wrong and what choices they will make to determine their rewards or punishment. The events of prophecies can be very mysterious until one understands there's several resurrections, at least seven ages, more than one appearance of Christ to the world, (at least three) and judgment is not necessarily a time of destruction but a time of choices given to mankind to choose right or wrong, just as he gave ancient Israel and is now giving his church. Deut 30:19 and 1 Peter 4:17 ..1 Peter 4:17 says "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

**Satan wants people to believe that God is cruel and that he's going to destroy people that never knew anything about his plan for them. But God is love, he is merciful. He will give everyone a time of choice and then reward them accordingly. How can we know from scripture that this is true?

Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. {and: Gr. or}

Luke 10:14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you.

Luke 11:31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

Luke 11:32 The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

**These scriptures spoken from the mouth of Jesus shows us that many peoples that are dead at this time will yet be resurrected and judged and found more righteous than some who are thought to be saved.. It also shows that "this age (generation) will also be resurrected and judged during the same time period, after the millennium.

In all of this study there could not be found any information concerning a rapture.

To begin with we discover that the word 'rapture' does not appear in all the Bible, neither in the old nor the new testament. This means that we are unable to quote a single verse containing the word rapture, let alone the phrase secret rapture. I repeat, the word rapture does not appear in all the Bible. How, then, has the theory of the secret rapture developed? What Bible verses have these believers used to arrive at such an astonishing conclusion, that thousands (perhaps even millions) of true believers are - at any moment - liable to be secretly caught away to heaven?

**Now I will go to STEWARTON Bible School and get more input

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How has this amazing teaching of a secret rapture developed? In my experience the most popular texts used to support the rapture theory are as follows.

Luke 17:31-36 "Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left."

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Believe it or not, these are the main texts used to support the theory of the secret rapture! There may be others: but these are the main ones. Now take a close look at these texts and ask yourself this question: Do they really support the secret rapture theory? Or has there been a serious misunderstanding somewhere along the line. No Bible student will deny that the above texts prove that a 'catching away' of believers will take place. But will that catching away be silent and secret? And will it occur seven years before the Saviour returns to earth?

A close examination of these texts, and especially the context in which they are found, reveals the very opposite. It reveals the truth, not of a secret, silent catching away, but an event which will be attended by every angel in heaven and be heard and seen by every human being on earth. Let me explain further.

3. The Saviour's Return

To begin with let me repeat: no one is doubting that true believers will be 'caught up' by the angels of God to meet the Saviour on his return to earth. (I prefer the phrase 'caught up' rather than that misused word 'rapture'). The first question we must address is: will this 'catching away' at the Master's return be secret and silent? The next question is: will this 'catching away' occur some seven years before the end of this age - before the Saviour's return? The answers to these two questions become obvious in the scriptures below.

Matthew 24:26-30 "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Revelation 19:11-20 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Matthew 24:31 "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

1 Thessalonians 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first ..."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed ..."

John 5:25 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

Revelation 11:15-18 "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

The Saviour returns at the End of this Age, not seven years before the end.

****I leave the reader to refute these Bible quotes**.**