

Are You Ready For The Rapture?

Study Guide

Part One

1. In light of upcoming prophetic events, what will be the worst day people will soon be experiencing on planet earth?
2. What does the word “Rapture” mean?
3. Where does the word “Rapture” come from?
4. Where does the “Rapture” appear in the Bible?
5. Is the Rapture a form of “escapism?”

6. How did Jesus and the Apostle Paul agree on the Rapture?

7. What is the importance of the Rapture from the non-Christian's point of view?

8. Describe the characteristics of the 7-year Tribulation.

9. What is the first purpose of the Rapture?

10. What is the second purpose of the Rapture?

11. What is the third purpose of the Rapture?

12. What is the difference between “hell” and “hell on earth?”

13. Do you long for Christ’s appearing? Why or why not?

14. Are you ready for the Rapture and how can you know you really are?

Part Two

1. What were the first three things we saw in the last study to help people get ready for the Rapture?
2. What is the fourth purpose of the Rapture?
3. What is the first reward we get at the Rapture as Christians?
4. Describe the characteristics of heaven.

5. Does this reward excite you about the Rapture and get you more motivated to do what Christ has called you to do as His follower? Why or why not?

6. What rewards are you living for right now?

7. What is the second reward we get at the Rapture as Christians?

8. Describe the characteristics of the Millennium.

9. What pet will you choose in the Millennium?

10. Does this reward excite you about the Rapture and get you more motivated to do what Christ has called you to do as His follower? Why or why not?

11. What is the third reward we get at the Rapture as Christians?

12. Describe the Second Coming of Jesus.

13. Describe what kind of King Jesus is.

Part Three

1. What was the fourth thing we took a look at to help people get ready for the Rapture?
2. What are the different positions on the “timing” of the Rapture?
3. Why is the “timing” of the Rapture a huge important issue?
4. What is the first Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?

5. Define “imminency.”

6. What are the Biblical passages showing us we should be waiting for the Rapture at an unknown hour?

7. Is the Rapture and the Second Coming the same event?

8. Describe the twenty differences between the two.

9. What is the second Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?

10. What is the Biblical outline of the 7-year Tribulation?

11. Where is the word "Church" in the Book of Revelation?

12. Why do you think this is so?

13. Does the Book of Matthew Chapter 24 have anything to do with the Church?

14. Who is Matthew 24 dealing with and what is the Biblical evidence?

15. Describe how Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Revelation are all parallel passages.

16. Is the Church mentioned in any of these passages?

17. Why is Matthew 24 not dealing with the Rapture of the Church?

18. What event is really being described at the end of Matthew 24?

19. When you contrast 1 Thessalonians 4 with Matthew 24 what do you see?

Part Four

1. Have you ever made a decision you really regretted? Describe.
2. In light of upcoming prophetic events, what will be one of the most regrettable things people will soon be experiencing on planet earth?
3. What is the third Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?
4. What does the word “saint” mean?

9. Who are the “saints” mentioned in the Book of Revelation?

10. How do we know this is not the Church?

11. What is the “lesson” for these “tribulation saints?”

12. Where is the location of the Church in the 7-year Tribulation?

13. What is the first evidence that the Church is going up into heaven prior to the 7-year Tribulation?

14. What is the second evidence that the Church is going up into heaven prior to the 7-year Tribulation?

15. What is the first evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

16. What is the second evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

17. What is the third evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

18. What is the fourth evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

19. What is the fifth evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

20. What is the sixth evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

21. What is the seventh evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

22. What is the eighth evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

23. What is the ninth evidence that the 24 Elders are speaking of the Church?

Part Five

1. What is the fourth Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?
2. What is the first promise that the Church will not be around during the 7-year Tribulation?
3. Discuss the importance of the promise from Jesus to the Church in Revelation 3:10.
4. What is the difference between “general” tribulation and the 7-year Tribulation?
5. Which one is the Church promised?

6. Discuss the importance of the Greek phrase “tereo ek.”

7. Discuss the “tereo ek” analogies.

8. What is the second promise that the Church will not be around during the 7-year Tribulation?

9. What is the definition of “thlipsis?”

10. What is the definition of “orge?”

11. Which one is the Church never promised to be a part of?

12. What are the Scripture passages supporting this?

13. Is there anything “comforting” about being in the 7-year Tribulation?

14. Why then do you think the Bible says we are to “comfort” one another with these words?

15. What is the difference between a little “t” and a big “T”?

16. Who are the two groups of people talked about in 1 Thessalonians 5?

17. How is this consistent with the Pre-Trib position of the Rapture?

18. What proof in the Scripture shows us that “all” the 19 judgments mentioned in the Book of Revelation from Chapters 6-18 are “all” God’s wrath, not just some of them?

Part Six

1. What is the fifth Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?
2. What is the first evidence we see the removal of the Church prior to the 7-year Tribulation?
3. What must happen before the Antichrist can make his appearance at the beginning of the 7-year Tribulation?
4. Discuss the different positions over the years people have claimed was the identity of the “restrainer.”

11. What is the second evidence we see the removal of the Church prior to the 7-year Tribulation?

12. What is the first time we see God sparing people from His judgment?

13. How is this like the Rapture of the Church?

14. What is the second time we see God sparing people from His judgment?

15. How is this like the Rapture of the Church?

16. What other Biblical evidence do we see of people being suddenly transferred to one place from another?

17. How are these like the Rapture of the Church?

Part Seven

1. How did you respond to the news of the Demodex being on your face?
2. How will the response of people left behind after the Rapture be even worse?
3. What is the sixth Biblical evidence that the Rapture takes place prior to the 7-year Tribulation?
4. What are the events of Daniel 9:20-27 dealing with?
5. What is the purpose of the 7-year Tribulation?

6. What is the first reason why Daniel's 70th week prophecy has nothing to do with the Church?

7. Describe the verbiage of Daniel's 70th week prophecy?

8. Who is this dealing with and why?

9. What is the second reason why Daniel's 70th week prophecy has nothing to do with the Church?

10. When was the Book of Daniel written?

11. When was the Church born?

12. What did the Apostle Paul mean and refer to as the “mystery” of the Church?

13. What Biblical passages reveal this “mystery?”

14. What is the third reason why Daniel’s 70th week prophecy has nothing to do with the Church?

15. What is the first audience of the 7-year Tribulation?

16. Who does the “time of Jacob” refer to?

17. What passage in the Bible refers to the “fullness of the Gentiles” and what does that refer to?

18. How does the “fullness of the Gentiles” play into the Rapture of the Church?

19. What is the second audience of the 7-year Tribulation?

20. What Biblical passages refer to “the inhabitants of the earth?”

21. Who are “the inhabitants of the earth” referring to?

22. What is the meaning of “katoikeo” and how does this prove “the inhabitants of the earth” are not referring to the Church?

23. What is a “tribulation wannabe?”

Part Eight

1. What was the sixth thing we took a look at to help people get ready for the Rapture?
2. What was the first false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?
3. Where does the Rapture appear in the Bible?
4. Where does the English word “Rapture” come from?
5. What is the definition of the Greek word “harpazo?”
6. How are these two words synonymous?

11.How is the Rapture “not” a “secret event?”

12.Are those who hold to the Pre-Trib position trying to keep the Rapture a “secret?”

13.Who is really doing so?

14.How do these “secret event” people try to justify their position?

15.Again, what are the differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming and how does this demonstrate the falsehood of those who claim that those who hold to the Pre-Trib position are teaching a “secret event?”

Part Nine

1. Have you ever done something really embarrassing? Describe.
2. What is going to be one of the most embarrassing things for those who are left behind at the Rapture?
3. What was the third false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?
4. What were the five evidences mentioned that the Bible really does teach a Pre-Trib scenario?

5. Is it wrong to deduce Biblical teachings from the Bible even if you can't point to a single verse?

6. What single verses in the Bible do support a Pre-Trib Rapture scenario?

7. Who are the people experiencing God's wrath in the 7-year Tribulation?

8. What was the fourth false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?

9. How does the Doctrine of Imminency prove there is no laziness produced in those who are waiting for a Pre-Trib scenario?

10. What verses show us that the Pre-Trib Rapture produces motivation and obedience?

11. What Church awaiting the Rapture was an example of motivation and obedience?

12. Describe the characteristics of how they did this.

13. What Rapture positions are actually the ones that produce laziness?

14.How is this so?

15.Why is the Rapture a glad day and not a sad day?

16.What was the fifth false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?

17.Which position on the Rapture is actually the most recent?

18.How did the Pre-Wrath position spread?

19. What Biblical teachings were “rediscovered” in the 1500’s?

20. Should we reject them because they were recently rediscovered?

21. How is this similar to the teaching of the Pre-Trib position on the Rapture?

Part Ten

1. Do you know somebody today who mocks and scoffs at the Bible?
2. What does the Bible say about these people?
3. How are they a sign that we are living in the Last Days?
4. Do you know of somebody today who mocks and scoffs at the Rapture?
5. What are they in danger of?
6. What was the sixth false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?

7. Who was John Darby?

8. Who was Margaret MacDonald?

9. Describe the false accusation that says John Darby got the Pre-Trib Rapture teaching from Margaret MacDonald.

10. Where did this false accusation come from?

11. Describe the character of Dave MacPherson?

12. Does he seem like a trustworthy person?

13. Describe his ulterior motives for wanting to destroy the teaching of the Pre-Trib Rapture?

14. Is what he did how we are to deduce Biblical teachings?

15. What were the lying tactics Hitler used to promote his lies?

16. How is this similar to the tactics of those who say John Darby got his teaching on the Pre-Trib Rapture from Margaret MacDonald?

17. What position of the Rapture is the so-called vision of Margaret MacDonald actually supporting?

18. What are the evidences that John Darby did “not” get his teaching on the Pre-Trib Rapture from Margaret MacDonald?

19. What was the seventh false accusation people bring up against the Pre-Trib position?

20. Where do we actually get the position of the Pre-Trib Rapture from?

21. Is it true that there is no proof that the Church never taught a Pre-Trib position on the Rapture prior to John Darby?

22. Discuss the proof we have that this false accusation is not true.

23. Who were the ones covering up the truth about a Pre-Trib Rapture?

Part Eleven

1. What was the seventh thing we took a look at to help people get ready for the Rapture?
2. What was the first problematic position on the Rapture?
3. Describe the Post-Trib position.
4. Discuss the obvious differences between the Post-Trib position and the Pre-Trib position.

10. Who are the “saints” mentioned in the Book of Revelation?

11. How do we know these “saints” are “not” the Church Age saints?

12. What Biblical proof shows that the tribulation saints are “not” being protected during the 7-year Tribulation as the Post-Trib position would have you and I believe?

13. What was the third problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

14. Who is Matthew Chapter 24 dealing with?

15. What Biblical evidence do we see that Matthew 24 is not speaking to the Church?

16. Who is the word “elect” referring to in Matthew 24?

17. Define “Replacement Theology.”

18. Why is this false teaching unbiblical and dangerous?

19. How is the Post-Trib position on the Rapture like Replacement Theology?

20. What was the fourth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

21. Why do we call the Rapture the “blessed hope?”

22. Why do we call the Rapture an “encouraging truth?”

23. How does the Post-Trib position disagree with these Biblical descriptions of the Rapture?

Part Twelve

1. What was the fifth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?
2. How does the Post-Trib position misapply the word “saint?”
3. How does the Post-Trib position misapply the word “elect?”
4. How does the Post-Trib position misapply the “Angel Harvest?”

5. What are the differences of “timing” with the Rapture and the Angel Harvest?

6. What are the differences of the “gathering” with the Rapture and the Angel Harvest?

7. What three main passages describe the Angel Harvest at the end of the 7-year Tribulation?

8. Who are these passages referring to and what event and why is it not the Rapture of the Church?

9. What was the sixth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

10. Define the Day of the Lord and when does it start?

11. Since the Day of the Lord involves God's wrath can the Church ever be a part of it?

12. What Biblical evidence shows us the Church is spared from God's wrath?

13. What was the seventh problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

14. Describe the twenty differences between the Rapture and the Second Coming.

15. Is the Rapture ever described in the Biblical passages that do deal with the Second Coming?

16. Why do you think this is so?

17. What was the eighth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

18. Who is left to populate the Millennial Kingdom in the Post-Trib position?

19. Who is left to populate the Millennial Kingdom in the Pre-Trib position?

20. Which one agrees with Scripture?

21. What was the ninth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

22. Who is left to be separated prior to the Millennial Kingdom in the Post-Trib position?

23. Who is left to be separated prior to the Millennial Kingdom in the Pre-Trib position?

24. Which one agrees with Scripture?

Part Thirteen

1. Have you ever listened to some really bad singing? Describe.
2. What horrible tune will those who are left behind after the Rapture be singing?
3. What was the tenth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?
4. What was the first problem created by the Post-Trib position concerning the Wedding of Jesus?
5. What was the second problem created by the Post-Trib position concerning the Wedding of Jesus?

6. What was the third problem created by the Post-Trib position concerning the Wedding of Jesus?

7. What was the eleventh problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

8. What is the “bema seat judgment?”

9. What are the five different “crowns” mentioned in the Bible?

10. What does the Church do with these “crowns?”

11. Is this a form of “Christian competition?”

12. How does the Post-Trib position mess up the “rewarding” of the Church?

13. What was the twelfth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

14. How many different resurrections are mentioned in the Bible?

15. Are all these resurrections referring to the same event?

16. Which resurrection is Revelation 20 referring to?

17. What was the thirteenth problem with the Post-Trib position on the Rapture?

18. According to the Bible, who has to “disappear” before the Antichrist can “appear?”

19. How does this Biblical order of events agree with the Pre-Trib position on the Rapture?

20. How does the Post-Trib position mess up the “appearance” of the Antichrist?

Part Fourteen

1. Have you ever tried to fix a big mistake? Describe.
2. What is one mistake people left behind will never be able to fix?
3. What was the second problematic position on the Rapture?
4. Describe the Pre-Wrath position.

5. Discuss the obvious differences between the Pre-Wrath position and the Pre-Trib position.

6. What was the first problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?

7. What is the Biblical proof the “all” of the 7-year Tribulation is a time where God pours out His wrath?

8. Is the Church ever going to be a part of God’s wrath?

9. How does the Pre-Wrath position try to “dance around” this contradiction?

10. Is it true that only three-fourths of the 7-year Tribulation is only Satan or man's wrath?

11. What was the inventor of the Pre-Wrath, Robert Van Campen's motive for coming up with his faulty position on the Rapture?

12. Give some examples of how he “twisted” the Scripture to “fit” his preconceived idea on the Rapture.

13. Is this how we are to rightly interpret the Bible and discern Biblical truth?

14. How is even the name “Pre-Wrath” confusing?

15. What was the second problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?

16. Define again the Biblical event called the “Day of the Lord.”

17. When does the Day of the Lord start?

18. What does the Day of the Lord include?

19. Can the Church ever be a part of this event?

20. What is the Biblical proof that the Church cannot be a part of the Day of the Lord?

21. How does the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture mess up the Day of the Lord?

22. What was the third problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?

23. How does the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture mess of the Judgments of the Lord?

24. How does the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture mess of the Second Coming of the Lord?

Part Fifteen

1. What was the fourth problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?
2. What is the “purpose” and “reason” for the 7-year Tribulation?
3. What passage of Scripture do we derive the answer from?
4. Who is the “verbiage” of Daniel’s 70th week prophecy dealing with?
5. Who is the “timing” of Daniel’s 70th week prophecy dealing with?

11. How do we know the “elect” in Matthew 24 is “not” referring to the Church?

12. How do we know the “Angel Harvest” in Matthew 24 is “not” referring to the Church?

13. What was the fifth problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?

14. How do we know the Church can never be under the dealings of the Antichrist?

15. What passage in the Bible proves this truth?

16. What was the sixth problem with the Pre-Wrath position on the Rapture?

17. What is the promise Jesus made to the Church in Revelation 3:10?

18. How does the Pre-Wrath position disagree with this Biblical truth?

19. How does the Pre-Wrath position disagree with Imminency?

20. If you asked a person holding to the Pre-Wrath position if Jesus Christ could come back today, what would they have to say?

Part Sixteen

1. What was the third problematic position on the Rapture?
2. Describe the Mid-Trib position.
3. Discuss the obvious differences between the Mid-Trib position and the Pre-Trib position.
4. What was the first problem with the Mid-Trib position on the Rapture?

5. What is the Biblical proof that the Church will “never” be a part of God’s wrath?

6. How then can others say that we will?

7. What was the second problem with the Mid-Trib position on the Rapture?

8. How does the Mid-Trib position try to “dance around” this contradiction they created with having the Church be a part of God’s wrath in the first half of the 7-year Tribulation?

9. Is it true that the first half of the 7-year Tribulation is “not” God’s wrath?

10. What is the Biblical proof the “all” of the 7-year Tribulation is a time where God pours out His wrath?

11. What was the third problem with the Mid-Trib position on the Rapture?

12. How does the Mid-Trib position “twist” the Scripture in Revelation Chapter 11 to try to get it to say the Church is Raptured at the midway point of the 7-year Tribulation?

13. Why do we know that the “Two Witnesses” in Revelation 11 are “not” referring to the Church?

14. Why do we know that the “trumpet” in Revelation 11 is “not” referring to the Church?

15. Why do we know that the “timing” of Revelation 11 is “not” referring to the Church?

16. What was the fourth problem with the Mid-Trib position on the Rapture?

17. How does the Mid-Trib position destroy Imminency?

18. What Scriptures support the Doctrine of Imminency?

19. Which position on the Rapture agrees with the Biblical Doctrine of Imminency?
Pre-Trib or Mid-Trib?

Part Seventeen

1. What was the fourth problematic position on the Rapture?
2. Describe the Partial Rapture position.
3. Discuss the obvious differences between the Partial Rapture position and the Pre-Trib position.
4. Is it true that only the “super duper saints” get to go in the Rapture?
5. Who actually gets to go in the Rapture according to the Bible?

6. What was the first problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

7. Who cleanses us from our sins according to the Bible?

8. Who purifies us from our sins according to the Bible?

9. How does the Partial Rapture position deny the Atonement of Christ?

10. How is this blasphemous?

11. Is it true that some Christians will experience God's wrath in the 7-year Tribulation while others won't as the Partial Rapture position would have you and I believe?

12. How is this unbiblical and what Scriptures refute this false teaching?

13. What was the second problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

14. What is "purgatory" and where did it come from?

15.How is “purgatory” unbiblical?

16.How is the Partial Rapture position like the false teaching of “purgatory?”

17.What was the third problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

18.What is a works-based false gospel?

19. What Scriptures refute a works-based false gospel?

20. What is the danger of believing in a works-based false gospel?

21. Do we get to heaven by our works?

22. When then would we go in the Rapture to heaven by our works as the Partial Rapture position would have you and I believe?

23. What was the fourth problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

24. Describe the characteristics of the 7-year Tribulation.

25. How does the Partial Rapture position destroy the “comforting” “hope” of the Rapture?

26. What was the fifth problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

27. How does the Partial Rapture position destroy the “peace” given to the Church?

28. How is the Partial Rapture position just like the pseudo-Christian cults?

29. What was the sixth problem with the Partial Rapture position on the Rapture?

30. Who is Matthew Chapter 25 really dealing with?

31. Who are the “Ten Virgins?”

32. How do we know Biblically that Matthew 25 is “not” dealing with the Church any more than Matthew 24 is likewise “not” dealing with the Church?

33. Who are the “overcomers?”

Part Eighteen

1. What was the eighth thing we took a look at to help people get ready for the Rapture?
2. How have you seen other people deal with the different positions on the Rapture?
3. How have you personally dealt with the different position on the Rapture?
4. What was sad but true about the story of the two Christians meeting on the bridge?

10.If it “troubles” you, what could this be a sign of?

11.Define “a Mark of Christian maturity.”

12.Does this define your Christian walk? Why or why not?

13.If not, what could this be a sign of?

14.Which scenario describes your walk with Jesus right now? The toddlers hugging or the Churches fighting?

15. Which scenario describes your Church you're attending right now? The toddlers hugging or the Churches fighting?

16. If you said Churches fighting to either question, does this bother you? Why or why not?

17. If not, what could this be a sign of?

18. What is the second thing the Bible says we're supposed to do while we await the Rapture?

19. What passages of Scriptures tells us how we are to "evangelize" the lost as we await the Rapture?

20. Are you living in this way right now? Why or why not?

21. If not, what could this be a sign of?

22. Discuss the Biblical descriptions of hell.

23. How should this Biblical truth about hell help motivate us in sharing the Gospel to as many as we can as we await the Rapture?

24. Is this the motivation you're living with right now? Why or why not?

25. If not, what could this be a sign of?

26. Which scenario describes your walk with Jesus right now? The bad firefighter or John Harper?

27. Which scenario describes your Church you're attending right now? The bad firefighter or John Harper?

28.If you said bad firefighter to either question, does this bother you? Why or why not?

29.If not, what could this be a sign of?

30.Are you acting like a “wolf” or a “Rapture Ready” Christian?

31.If you're in a Church that refuses to teach on Bible prophecy, what should you do?

32.Do you long for Christ's appearing? Why or why not?

33. Are you ready for the Rapture and how can you know you really are?