

## Notes on The Rapture

The **Appearing** [parousia] of our Lord (I John 3:2) refers to the **Rapture**. Whenever the name of our Lord is used such as the **Day of the Lord Jesus**, the **Day of Christ**, the **Day of the Lord Jesus Christ**, etc. it is always a reference to the **Rapture** and is a time of joy for God's children who are meeting Him in the air. We believe that only God's children will actually see Him at the Rapture.

The **Second Coming** of our Lord refers to Armageddon when our Lord returns with us to reign upon this present earth for 1000 years at the end of Israel's last seven years. Whenever the day is referred to as the **Day of the Lord**, or the **Day of God**, (and does not include Jesus' name) it always refers to the day of Armageddon and is a time of darkness and destruction of ungodly men. At the Second Coming – every eye shall see Him.

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| <p>(1) <b>Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>In my Father's house are many mansions: if <i>it were</i> not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.</b></p> <p>(3) <b>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, <i>there</i> ye may be also.</b><br/>(John 14:1-3)</p> | <p>(1) <b>Do not let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me.</b></p> <p>(2) <b>In My Father's house are many rooms<sup>a</sup>: if <i>it were</i> not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.</b></p> <p>(3) <b>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, <i>there</i> you may be also.</b><br/>({43} John 14:1-3)</p> |

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| <p>(19) Thy dead <i>men</i> shall live, <i>together with</i> my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew <i>is as</i> the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.</p> <p>(20) Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.</p> <p>(21) For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.<br/>(Is. 26:19-21)</p> | <p>(19) <b>Your dead <i>men</i> will live, <i>together with</i> My dead body they will arise. Awake and sing, you who live in dust: because your dew <i>is as</i> the dew of herbs, and the earth will cast out the dead.</b></p> <p>(20) <b>Come, My people, enter into your rooms, and close your doors around you: hide yourselves as it were for a little moment, until the indignation has past over.<sup>a</sup></b></p> <p>(21) <b>Because, look, the LORD {Jehovah} comes out of His place to punish those who live on the earth for their sin: the earth also will reveal her blood, and will no more cover her dead.</b><br/>({23} Is. 26:19-21)</p> |

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| <p>(38) For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,</p> <p>(39) And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.</p> <p>(40) Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(41) Two <i>women shall be</i> grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(42) Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.</p> <p>(Mat. 24:38-42)</p> | <p>(38) Because as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,</p> <p>(39) And did not know until the flood came, and took them all away; so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.</p> <p>(40) Then two will be in the field; the one will be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(41) Two <i>women will be</i> grinding at the mill; the one will be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(42) Watch therefore: because you do not know what hour your Lord comes.</p> <p>({40} Mat. 24:38-42)</p> |

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| <p>(34) I tell you, in that night there shall be two <i>men</i> in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.</p> <p>(35) Two <i>women</i> shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(36) Two <i>men</i> shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(37) And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, <i>Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.</i></p> <p>(Luke 17:34-37)</p> | <p>(34) I tell you, in that night there shall be two <i>men<sup>f</sup></i> in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.</p> <p>(35) Two <i>women</i> shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.<sup>g</sup></p> <p>(36) Two <i>men</i> shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.</p> <p>(37) And they answered and said to him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, <i>Wherever the body is, there the eagles<sup>h</sup> will be gathered together.</i> ( {42} Luke 17:34-37)</p> |

17:34e – two men - literally 'two' [masculine]; Jesus does not even refer to them properly as *men*; yet one is forgiven and taken and the other is left.

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| <p>(11) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,<br/> (12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;<br/> (13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;<br/> (14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2:11-14)</p>  | <p>(11) Because the grace of God which brings salvation has appeared to all men,<br/> (12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;<br/> (13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing<sup>b</sup> of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;<br/> (14) Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all sin, and purify to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. ({56} Titus 2:11-14)</p>  |
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| <p>(50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.<br/> (51) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We Shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,<br/> (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.<br/> (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal <i>must</i> put on immortality.<br/> (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.<br/> (55) O death, where <i>is</i> thy sting? O grave, where <i>is</i> thy victory?<br/> (56) The sting of death <i>is</i> sin; and the strength of sin <i>is</i> the law.<br/> (57) But thanks <i>be</i> to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.<br/> (I Cor. 15: 50-57)</p> | <p>(50) Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither does corruption inherit incorruption.<br/> (51) Look, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,<br/> (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: because the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<br/> (53) Because this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal <i>must</i> put on immortality.<br/> (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,<br/> <b>Death is swallowed up in victory.</b><sup>e</sup><br/> (55) O death, where <i>is</i> your sting? O grave, where <i>is</i> your victory?<br/> (56) The sting of death <i>is</i> sin; and the strength of sin <i>is</i> the law.<br/> (57) But thanks <i>be</i> to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ({46} I Cor. 15: 50-57)</p> |

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| <p>(2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.</p> <p>(3) And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (I John 3:2-3)</p> | <p>(2) Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we will be: but we know that, when He appears, we will be like Him; because we will see Him as He is.</p> <p>(3) And every man that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure. ({62} I John 3:2-3)</p> |

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| <p>(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.</p> <p>(14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.</p> <p>(15) For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive <i>and</i> remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.</p> <p>(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:</p> <p>(17) Then we which are alive <i>and</i> 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.</p> <p>(18) Wherefore comfort one another with these words. (I Thes. 4: 13-18)</p> | <p>(13) But I would not have you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who are asleep, that you not sorrow, even as others who have no hope.</p> <p>(14) Because if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so those also who sleep in Jesus God will bring with Him.</p> <p>(15) Because this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive <i>and</i> remain to the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep.</p> <p>(16) Because 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<sup>d</sup>:</p> <p>(17) Then we who are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up<sup>e</sup> together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.</p> <p>(18) Therefore comfort one another with these words. ({52} I Thes. 4:13-18)</p> |

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| <p>(1) After this I looked, and, behold, a door <i>was</i> opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard <i>was</i> as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. (Rev. 4:1)</p> | <p>(1) After this<sup>a</sup> I looked, and, a door <i>was</i> opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard <i>was</i> as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, <b>Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter<sup>b</sup>.</b> ({66} Rev. 4:1)</p> |

See note on I Cor. 1:8