

The Rapture

Foundation Scriptures.

Rev 21:7 He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

1 Th 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

v16 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:

v17 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.

A. What is the Rapture?

1. Presentation of the Glorious Church by Jesus to Himself. See previous lesson.
2. Culmination of God's correction of Adam's mistake by raising up a family to replace what Adam's family should have been doing.
3. The Judgment Seat of Christ for all who are raptured, caught up to meet Jesus, given a fully glorified body and put on immortality. These are two of the rewards of overcoming the devil, his deceitful attacks and of overcoming physical death.

B. When is the Rapture?

1. I believe that the Rapture will be about 75 days after the two witnesses of Rev 11 are killed. That would be about 1335 days after the start of the rebuilding of the temple and 45 days after the Abomination of Desolation, (AOD) which is the antichrist in the temple declaring that he is god.
2. Review of Schedule (Revised from the BOR Timeline 2024, Dec 31, 2023).
The 7 years of the Tribulation period was reduced to 3 ½ years because of the concurrency of Rev 11-13 (not just of chapters, but of events within chapters).
The 7 years peace treaty was reduced to one week as stated in Dan 9:27.
Dan 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week, he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate.
3. Current Timeline - Schedule 3.
 - a. Nuclear explosion by 6/25 heralding Seal 7, which ends the Age of Grace.
 - b. Rev 11:1 Rebuilding of the temple starts with measuring the temple.
Rev 11:3 Two witnesses prophesy for 1260 days. I believe that they are a part of the Glorious Church, messianic Jews, prophesying against building the temple.
Dan 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days (1290 days).

(My opinion is) I believe that at the time of the beginning of the rebuilding of the temple, certain very committed orthodox Jews will have been doing daily sacrifices outside the area of the temple grounds. They will be forced to cease the sacrifices as part of the treaty which provides for the rebuilding of the temple.

- c. How long does a 7 years treaty last? It lasts 7 years or until it is broken. This treaty will be broken after 3 ½ years, specifically, I believe, after 1290 days. There will be 1290 days from the start of building to the dedication, at which point the antichrist commits the AOD (See B3a above.).
- d. The greatest tribulation in history will be the days of Rev 14; and it will last **only** 45 days and will be the 45 days after the AOD, which is at 1290. So 1290 +45 = 1335 days. Beheaded martyrs are referenced only in Rev 14.
- e. Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. I believe The Rapture will be 45 days after the abomination of desolation (AOD).
There is a second possibility, The tribulation of Rev 14 will last 45 days and after that the Antichrist will no longer be focused on the believers because of the vial judgments which are poured on him and his followers after the 45 days. In that case, the rapture would be about 1335 days plus the time for the vial judgments and the destruction of Mystery Babylon (BOR 15-18).

C. What Happens to Believers at the Rapture?

1. Those who are dead.

1 Thes 4:14 **Dead in Jesus** return with God in about 1000 years for the Great White Throne Judgment.

Rev 13:8 Elect believers in the ending days will die and be among the dead in Jesus. They live in Jesus Christ with Jesus as Savior. They get deceived. They worship the beast. They die before the Rapture.

1 Thes 4:16 **Dead in Christ** will rise and meet Jesus

The dead in Christ are those who die while living in Christ Jesus as disciples. They were continuing in the Word but failed to overcome death.

2. Those who are martyred.

Martyrs before the end of the Age of Grace qualify as dead in Christ. I believe that this includes those who die while actively standing in faith on the Word of God (e.g., for healing without relying on doctors).

Rev 20:4 Martyrs from Rev 14:13 attain eternal life and reign 1000 years.

3. Those who are alive are Overcomers.

Disciples are the very elect. They live in Christ Jesus with Jesus as Lord and feed on strong meat (Heb 5:14). They will not be deceived. They strive to be part of the Glorious Church. They become overcomers, are raptured and live in New Jerusalem (Rev 21:7, 27).

Note: Lamb's Book of Life contains the very elect (those who are raptured), and those who are the dead in Christ, and those who are martyred.

D. What happens After the Rapture?

1. Sheep and goats.

Matt 25:32-46 After the Judgment Seat of Christ, the sheep, as good seed, enter the Millennial Kingdom (MK) and the goats are cast into eternal fire. At the end of the MK, the good seed go on to the New World. The rest, who are tares, into eternal fire (Lake of Fire).

2. Martyrs.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

v5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

3. Millennial Kingdom

Matt 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

v3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

v6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.