

The 'Rapture' (The Day of the Lord)

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Assertions/Conclusions of this Article

That the 'rapture' is actually the Day of the Lord spoken of in the New Testament and that it will be towards the end of the 7 year tribulation.

Supporting Evidence

Firstly we establish that the 'day of the Lord' is what comes as a 'thief in the night'.

(1Thess 5:2) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

(2Peter 3:10) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;

We see here that it is AFTER the tribulation of those days that the Son of Man appears.

29 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: 30 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. 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. Matthew 24:29-31

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of Heaven shall fall, and the powers in the heavens shall be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He shall send His angels and shall gather His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

(Mar 13:24-27)

When the Son of Man returns we see that some will be taken while others are left behind.

But just as the days of Noah were, so also shall be the coming of the Son of Man. For just as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they didn't know a thing until the flood came and took them all away, so also shall be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field: one will be taken, and one will be left. Two will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken, and one will be left.

Watch therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have kept watch, and he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. For this reason you also must be ready, for at an hour that you think not, the Son of Man comes.

(Matthew 24:37-44 EMTV)

We see that it shall be then as it was in the day of Noah and of Sodom. The righteous are pulled out of harms way then sudden judgment comes.

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it also shall be in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark; and the flood came and destroyed them all.

So also as it was in the days of Lot: they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but the day Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from the heaven and destroyed them all. Even so it shall be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

(Luk 17:26-30)

Here we see that the days of 'affliction' are shortened because of the elect, for their sake. They must be present and being afflicted for this to be accurate.

for then shall be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world to this time; no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days should be shortened, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened.

(Mat 24:21-22)

For in those days shall be affliction, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, whom He has chosen, He has shortened the days.

(Mar 13:19-20)