

# RAPTURE HANDBOOK



WHEN MILLIONS DISAPPEAR IN AN INSTANT  
WHERE WILL YOU FIND THE TRUTH ?

The next “biggest event” in history since Jesus Christ died on the cross, is about to take place. This event is known by the Church as The Rapture. It will signal the end of the age of Grace, forever changing the world as we know it.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” [NKJV]

Three specific events take place at the time Jesus calls His church out of the world:

The Lord descends from Heaven

- (a) with a shout of command
- (b) with the voice of an archangel
- (c) with the sound of the trumpet of God



The shout of command from Jesus is to awake the dead in Christ and call them out from their graves as Jesus called his friend Lazarus forth. John 11:43

Because only one archangel is called by name in scripture (Michael, whose specific jurisdiction is over Israel), this voice of the archangel signals Israel that God is returning the focus of His attention to the final redemption of His chosen nation. Daniel 12:1

The trumpet call is to call the living saints at the time of the Rapture to be caught up and transformed together with the just-raised saints. Matthew 24:31

Many church-going people will ask “Why wasn’t I raptured?”

1 Thess 5:1-6 The “Day of the Lord” comes as a thief in the night to those who are unprepared. “But you brethren are not in darkness so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep (spiritually ) but watch and be sober.”



Hebrews 9:28b "To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation."

Matt 24:44 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Many people are not ready because their focus is not on God, or Jesus' return, but on themselves and their own desires. They will realize when Jesus calls out His church that they have missed it and will at last commit their lives to God so that they are not separated from Him for all eternity.

Do not believe the lies that will be put forward by the media, which will try to explain the sudden disappearance of millions of people by saying that the Earth has at last been cleansed of its narrow-minded Christian extremists.

Do not accept the lie that aliens abducted them, or any other explanation that does not agree with the Bible. Turn to the Word of God and prophecy books left by missing friends and family, and sincerely seek the truth.



2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 explains what happens when the Rapture takes place and the Antichrist is revealed.

With the believers gone, and the influence of the Holy Spirit greatly diminished, lawlessness (sin) is going to be much more prevalent. Be prepared for violence, a possible “police state” to bring order in the wake of the chaos that ensues after the Rapture. Economies will collapse as banks are taken over by the Government trying to control the outbursts of violence. Everyone will try to survive any way they can, which includes stealing from their neighbors and families.

Out of this chaos will immerge a man who will bring peace and stability to the world. The “man of sin” or Antichrist will be revealed and at first he will bring calm, appearing to be the answer and establishing a peace treaty with Israel.

After 3 1/2 years, he will break that treaty and declare an end to all religion, setting himself up to be worshipped as a god.

In Revelation the Antichrist is referred to as the Beast, and he will require everyone to take a mark either in their forehead or right hand in order to buy or sell. This is known as





the “mark of the beast.” Revelation 13:16-18

Those who take this mark are eternally damned and separated from God. Even if you have to die for your faith,

### **DO NOT TAKE THIS MARK!**

Do you know Christ personally?  
When you recognize these “Signs of the Times” it may cause you to ask the most important question of all, What must I do to be saved? (Acts 16:32) And the answer is Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved.

First, you must admit that you have sinned: fallen short of God’s expectations of you, and that the payment of sin is death. You could never pay for your own sin, but Jesus Christ paid for it by dying in your place.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Then, you must ask Christ to be your Savior and your Lord. Romans 10:9,10



Pray this simple prayer;

***“Dear Lord, I know that I’m a sinner, and I need Jesus Christ to save me from my sin. Right now, I open the door of my life and ask Jesus to come in. Be my Savior and my Lord.”***

Did you pray? It isn’t the exact words that matter, but in your own way, if you confessed your sin and asked Christ to become your Savior, He kept His promise and entered your life. This is what the Bible means about being “born again.”

John 3:5 Jesus answered “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.”

There is one other thing. The Bible teaches that all believers should be baptized.

Matt 28:18-20 Then Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, as you go, disciple all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you each and



every day until the end of the age.” [ISV]

Eternal life, which is the free gift of God to all those who receive Jesus Christ as Lord, is a kind of time dimension characterized not only by endless duration, but by very high quality. God’s time has richness, variety, freedom from boredom and endless diversity. Living in fellowship with Him who is Life is not only liberating, but exciting beyond the power of language to describe.

***“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor? Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him? For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”***

Romans 11:33-36





**(2Th 2:12) Then all who  
have not believed  
the truth but have taken  
pleasure in  
unrighteousness will be  
condemned.**

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