

## **THE PROPHECIES OF END TIMES**

### **04 – THE RAPTURE**

#### **THREE MAIN PASSAGES REGARDING THE RAPTURE**

##### ***John 14:1-3***

*These verses give Jesus' assurance that He will one day return.*

##### ***1 Corinthians 15:50-57***

*We will not all die, but we will all be transformed*

*The change will happen quickly, in the twinkling of an eye.*

*The dead will rise first, then the living will be changed.*

##### ***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

*Christ will return from Heaven for His people.*

*Second notice that the dead will rise first.*

#### **WHY ISN'T THE WORD RAPTURE IN THE BIBLE?**

*Rapture comes from the term "caught up" used in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.*

*Greek word harpazo means "caught up", when translated to Latin the word is Rapio. Rapio translated into our English word Rapture.*

#### **WHAT IS THE RAPTURE?**

*It is the intersection of two events. The resurrection of the dead, specifically only believers, and the transformation of living believers. They will all come together in the presence of Jesus and will be escorted to heaven.*

#### **WHO WILL BE RAPTURED?**

*Church-age Believers. Those that are dead in Christ will rise first.*

#### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

*It will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye. In a flash.*

## **OTHER BIBLICAL RAPTURES**

***Rapture of Enoch*** – Genesis 5:24, Hebrews 11:5

***Rapture of Elijah*** – 2 Kings 2:1, 11

***Rapture of Isaiah*** – Isaiah 6:1-3

***Rapture of Jesus*** – Revelation 12:5

***Rapture of Philip*** – Acts 8:39-40

**Rapture of Paul** – 2 Corinthians 12:2-4

Based on these examples, the Rapture will be:

A Literal Event

A Physical Transfer

A Sudden Happening