

A Thief In The Night Matthew 24:34-44 (ESV)

Matthew 24:34-44 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁶"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The Rapture

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Rapture Passages

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Corinthians chapter 15:51-53 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this perishable body

must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

7 Year Time of Trouble

Daniel 9:24-27

²⁷And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering.

Rapture Theories

1. **PRE TRIB.** Plan – the rapture occurs **BEFORE** the tribulation
2. **MID TRIB.** Plan – the rapture occurs **HALFWAY THROUGH** the tribulation
3. **POST TRIB.** Plan – the rapture occurs **THE END OF** the tribulation
4. **PRE WRATH** Plan – the rapture occurs **SOMETIME DURING** the tribulation – likely during the **1ST HALF** the tribulation

1 Thessalonians 5:3-4, 9-11

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath . . .

The Pre-Wrath Plan

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands . . .

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

While We Wait We Should Be Hastening The Day!

2 Peter 10:10-12

¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God . . .

**Are You Ready For Jesus To Return?
Are You Looking For And Hastening The Day He Raptures
Us Home?**