

## WHAT IS THE NEXT EVENT ON GOD’S PROPHETIC CALENDAR?

### A. What Is the Rapture?

1. The English word “rapture” simply comes from the Latin verb \_\_\_\_\_, which was the Latin translation of the Greek word \_\_\_\_\_ in 1 Thessalonians 4:17.
  
2. The word for “rapture,” translated “caught up” in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 (also 2 Cor. 12:2, 4; Rev. 12:5), occurs \_\_\_\_\_ times in the New Testament with the sense of leading away \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 11:12; 12:29; John 6:15; 10:12; Acts 8:39; 23:10; Jude 23) or \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 13:19; John 10:28-29).
  - *Besides the church’s rapture, are there any other raptures in the Bible?*

### B. How Should We Interpret Scripture Regarding the Rapture?

1. Of the four major approaches to interpreting Bible prophecy (Preterism, Historicism, Idealism), only \_\_\_\_\_ follows a consistently literal method of interpretation.
  
2. Consistently literal interpretation leads to the conclusion that Christ’s coming for His Church will be \_\_\_\_\_ the Millennium and \_\_\_\_\_ the Tribulation.
  - *What are the different millennial and tribulational views of Christ’s coming?*

### C. Why Will the Rapture Be Pre-Tribulational?

1. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by the \_\_\_\_\_ between the Rapture and Return of Christ.

RAPTURE	RETURN
1. _____ revealed prior to the church. 1 Cor. 15:51; Eph. 3:2-5	1. _____ to OT saints. Zech. 14:1-4; Acts 1:9-12
2. The church is _____. John 14:2-3; 1 Thess. 4:17	2. There is _____ catching up. 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Rev. 19:16-21 (Matt. 24:31; 4 winds/heaven = 4 quarters of earth Dt. 30:3-5)
3. Deals only with the _____. 1 Cor. 15:23 (Christ’s); 1 Thess. 4:14, 16 (in Jesus)	3. Deals with _____ & _____. Matt. 13:36-43; 24:30-31
4. Christ comes _____ His Bride/Church. 1 Thess. 4:16 (in Christ)/Eph. 5:23-32	4. Christ comes _____ His Bride/Church. Eph. 5:32/Rev. 19:7-14
5. Saints travel _____ heaven. John 14:2 (Father’s house)	5. Saints travel _____ heaven. Rev. 19:7-14

RAPTURE	RETURN
6. Meeting is in the _____. 1 Thess. 4:17	6. Meeting is on the _____. Zech. 14:1-4, 9; Rev. 19:19
7. Preceded by _____. 1 Thess. 5:2; Rev. 16:15	7. Preceded by universally recognized _____. Matt. 24:3-8; Rev. 6:16-17; 16:8-11
8. Could happen at _____ moment. James 5:7-9; Phil. 4:5	8. Cannot happen until _____ complete. Dan. 7:25; 9:24-27; 11:2; 12:11-12; 13:5
9. Comes in the midst of _____. 1 Thess. 5:1-3	9. Comes in the midst of _____. Zech. 12:1-10; 14:1-5, 12-14; Rev. 19:11-21
10. Results in _____, hope, and blessing. 1 Thess. 4:18; Titus 2:13	10. Results in _____. Rev. 1:7; 19:15

2. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by recognizing the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ between the Rapture and the Return of Christ. (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; Matt. 25:31-46; Dan. 9:24)
3. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by recognizing the \_\_\_\_\_ between Israel and the Church and the distinct nature and purpose of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21-22)
4. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by the fact that the Church has been promised deliverance from God's \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9), which is poured out through the entire 7 years of the Tribulation.

*The seal judgments of Revelation 6 are the beginning of God's tribulation wrath because:*

- the One who breaks the 7 seals is \_\_\_\_\_, not Satan or man. (Rev. 6:1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12; 8:1)
- the first 4 seals (sword/war, famine, pestilence/plague, wild beasts) are repeatedly identified as the very instruments of \_\_\_\_\_ wrath throughout the O.T. (Jer. 21:5-7; 44:8-13; Ezek. 14:21; Lev. 26:21-28; Deut. 28:20-26; 32:22-25; Jer. 15:1-9; 16:4; 19:7-9, 15; Ezek. 5:11-17; 6:3, 11-12; 7:3, 8, 14-15; 33:27-29; 38:19-22; 39:4)
- the extent of the judgment is controlled from \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 6:6, 12-13)
- even the unsaved world recognizes that it is the \_\_\_\_\_ wrath that "\_\_\_\_\_ come." (Rev. 6:16-17)

5. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ's coming for believers.
6. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by a variety of biblical \_\_\_\_\_, such as . . .
7. The Pre-Trib Rapture is supported by a specific \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord Jesus. (Rev. 3:10)