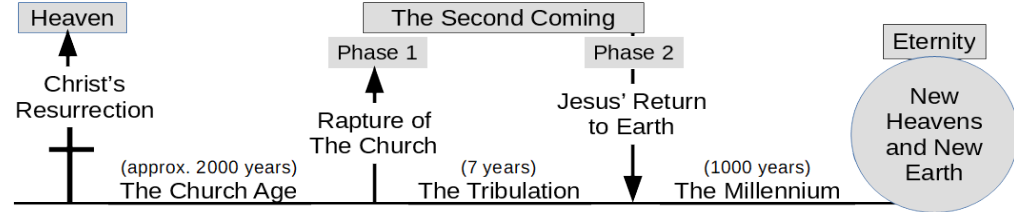


The Rapture in the Old Testament

The New Testament clearly describes the Rapture: *“For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...”* [1 Thes. 4:16-17](#) This is perhaps the most bizarre doctrine of Biblical Christianity, but there are a number of raptures, past and future, mentioned in the Bible, such as Enoch, Elijah, the Two Witnesses, etc.¹.

The Old Testament hints at the rapture, but generally in nebulous terms. One clear relevant principle is that the righteous are removed before God releases judgment. Regarding Lot: *“Hurry, escape there, for I cannot do anything until you arrive there..”* [Genesis 19:22](#)

“Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and



I...send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast, even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves.” [Ezekiel 14:13-14](#)

The Church is the **Bride of Christ** and the **Jewish betrothal and wedding** is a picture of the Rapture. *“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church...”*² [Ephesians 5:23](#)

During the betrothal, the groom says something like: *“...I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”* [John 14:2-3](#) If she asks, “when will you come?”, he answers: *“...no one knows...but the Father alone.”* [Matthew 24:36](#) So the groom returns to

his father's house to prepare the bridal chamber, and can receive the bride only when his father says it is ready.

“All you...dwellers on earth...as soon as the trumpet is blown, you will hear it.” [Isaiah 18:3](#) All will hear, but only the righteous will respond.³

Some clearer hints in the Old Testament follow, and all imply the Rapture before the Tribulation.

“For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; in the secret place of His tent He will hide me...” [Psalms 27:5](#)

“Come, my people, enter into your rooms and close your doors behind you; hide for a little while until indignation runs its course.” [Isaiah 26:20](#) *“The righteous man perishes...and devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous*

man is taken away from evil.” [Isaiah 57:1](#) This may just mean taking individuals “before their time” to spare them from some future evil, but also could be the Rapture.

“The godly person has perished [wandered away] from the land, and there is no upright person among men. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed; each of them hunts the other with a net.” [Micah 7:2](#) This describes the conditions during the Tribulation.

“... before the burning anger of the Lord ...seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.” [Zephaniah 2:1-3](#)

Distinguishing between the Rapture and the Second Coming sometimes can be confusing: *“...and there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people...will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and ever-*

lasting contempt.” [Daniel 12:1-2](#) This is not the Rapture because both the righteous and unrighteous are resurrected, but at the Rapture, only the righteous will be resurrected.

Most important of all, the **salvation of your soul** is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, good works, or belonging to any church or religion: *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works...”* [Eph 2:8-9](#) No matter what kind of person you are or what you have done: *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* [1 John 1:9](#) Pray today to put your faith in Jesus Christ alone: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* [John 3:16](#) Then study the Bible to live pleasing to God: *“...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:*

The old has gone, the new is here!” [2 Cor 5:17](#)

Please pray like this with all sincerity: “Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.”

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- 1 [Genesis 5:24](#), [2 Kings 2](#), and “[Rev 11](#)”
- 2 tasc-creationscience.org/article/ancient-jewish-wedding-missing-link-christianity
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