New Testament Passages for the Rapture

- 1. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 "classic" New Testament passage on the Rapture
- 2. I Corinthians 15:51-53
- 3. 2 Thessalonians 2:1 "...by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto Him."
- 4. John 14:1-3
- 5. Revelation 4:1 John is told to "Come up here ..."

Old Testament types: Enoch (Gen. 5:24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11)

Arguments for a Pre-Tribulation Rapture

1. God has not appointed the church to wrath.

I Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9, Romans 5:9

2. God's promise to the righteous

Revelation 3:10 - promise to the church of Philadelphia

Note: God's promise is not preservation through but deliverance from that hour. God's character and His desire is to deliver the righteous.

Psalm 34:19

John 14:1-3 - the analogy of the bride

- 3. The word "church" appears 19 times in chapters 1 through 3 but is not used again until chapter 22.
- 4. The aspect of the "imminent" return of Christ, that he could return at any moment See John 21:22-23
- 5. Pretribulationism is the only theory which clearly maintains the distinction between Israel and the church.

Arguments for Mid-Tribulation Rapture

- 1) The words "saints" and "elect" are found in passages containing Tribulation events Matthew 24:24, Revelation 13:7,10; 14:12
- 2 Daniel 7:25 says the AntiChrist will have great power and will wear out the saints.
- 3) The last trumpet in I Corinthians 15:52 is the last of the 7 trumpets in Revelation 11, which is at the mid-point of the Tribulation.
- 4) Revelation 11 contains the rapture as the two witnesses are taken to heaven.

Pre-Wrath Rapture View - Marv Rosenthal

- 1. The pre-wrath rapture theory says that the rapture occurs before the "great day of wrath. (Rev. 6:17)
- 2. Believers will go through most of the tribulation but not the time of God's wrath just before the end of the tribulation. (Matt. 24:21)
- 3. Before God pours out His final judgment on the world, the church will be caught up to heaven. Some use Revelation 14:14-16 to teach the Rapture happens closer to the end of the Tribulation.

Tentative Schedule for Revelation Study

Week 1	-	September 11	-	Introduction/Rapture
Week 2	-	September 18	-	The Tribulation (Part 1) and the AntiChrist
Week 3	-	September 25	-	The Tribulation (Part 2), AntiChrist
		October 2	-	Will Not Meet
Week 4		October 9	-	Armageddon and Second Coming of Christ
Week 5		October 16	-	Signs of His Coming
Week 6		October 23	-	Millennial Reign
Week 7		October 30	-	Judgments and Resurrections
Week 8		November 6	-	The New Jerusalem

Week 2 The Tribulation Period

- I. The Names for this Period
 - A. The Day of the Lord This title is used more frequently than any other (Joel 1:15, I Thess. 5:2).
 - B. The day of God's vengeance (Isa. 34:8; 63:1-6).
 - C. The time of Jacob's trouble (Jer. 30:7).
 - D. The seventieth week (Daniel 9:24-27).
 - E. The time of the end (Daniel 12:9).
 - F. The great day of His wrath (Rev. 6:17).
 - G. The hour of His judgment (Rev. 14:7)
 - H. The end of this world (Matthew 13:40,49).
 - I. The indignation (Isa. 26:20; 34:2).
 - J. The overspreading of abominations (Daniel 9:27).
 - K. The time of trouble such as never was (Daniel 12:1).
 - L. The tribulation (Matthew 24:21,29).
- II. Key Passages on the Tribulation
 - A. Matthew 24:7-22
 - B. Luke 21:25-26

- C. 1 Thess. 5:2-3
- D. Revelation 6:12-17
- E. Isaiah 13:6-11

III. The Length of the Tribulation

7 years

based on Daniel's vision of seventy weeks - Daniel 9:24-27

The worst portion is the last 3 1/2 years - "a time and times and half a time" - Revelation 12:14, 1260 days, 42 months.

IV. The Personalities of the Tribulation

- A. The Devil (Dragon) Rev. 12:12
- B. The AntiChrist The Beast

Daniel 7:25, 11:36

Revelation 13:1,2,6

1. His Personal Characteristics:

- a. He will be an intellectual genius Daniel 8:23
- b. He will be an oratorical genius Daniel 11:36
- c. He will be a political genius Revelation 13:16,17
- d. He will be a military genius Revelation 6:2, 13:2
- e. He will be a religious genius Revelation 13:8; 2 Thess 2:4

The Move toward a One-World Religion for the Whole World

2. His Titles

- a. The man of sin 2 Thess. 2:3
- b. The son of perdition 2 Thess. 2:8
- c. The wicked one 2 Thess. 2:8
- d. The willful king Daniel 11:36
- e. The beast Revelation 11:7 36 times in Revelation
- f. The little horn Daniel 7:8

3. His Identity

- a. Some believe the antiChrist will be a Gentile, since he comes from the sea Revelation 13:1
- b. Some believe he will be a Jew, based on Daniel 11:36,37
- c. Some believe he will be a resurrected individual, on the basis of Revelation 13:3 and 17:8.

4. His Rise to Power

- a. Through the power of Satan 2 Thess 2:9, Rev. 13:2
- b. Though the permission of the Holy Spirit 2 Thess. 2:6-7
- c. Through the formation of a ten-nation organization "ten horns" in Daniel 7:7; Revelation 12:3;13:1
- d. Through a false resurrection Revelation 13:3
- e. Through a false peace program, probably in the Middle East Daniel 8:25

- f. Through the cooperation of the false religious system Revelation 17
- g. Through a master plan of deception and trickery Matthew 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9; Rev. 13:14

Out of 91 occurrences in the New Testament of the words "to deceive" or "to go astray," 22 belong to passages dealing with the antiChrist and the tribulation

- Q: How will the AntiChrist deceive the world?
 - 1. Universal ignorance of God's Word Matt. 22:29
 - 2. Fierce demonic activity I Tim 4:1
 - 3. The empty soul Luke 11:24-26
- 5. His Activities
 - a. He will attempt to imitate the person and work of Christ.

Revelation 16:13 - the Satanic Trinity

b. He makes a seven-year covenant with Israel but breaks it after three and a half years (Daniel 9:27)

There is scriptural evidence to show that the AntiChrist will allow the building of the temple and the rendering of its sacrifices during the Tribulation.

(Matthew 24:15, 2 Thess. 2:4)

c. He gains absolute control over the Middle East after the Russian invasion (Ezek. 38,29)

- d. He attempts to destroy all of Israel (Rev 12)
- e. He destroys the false religious system so that he may rule unhindered (Rev 17:16,17)
- f. He briefly rules over all nations (Dan. 11:36, Rev. 13:16)
- g. He will commit the Abomination of Desolations and set himself up as God.

2 Thess. 2:1-4

Matthew 24:15-20

Daniel 9:27

Week 3 The Great Tribulation

I.	Seals (First 21 months of Tribulation)	
	#1) The White Horse - Rev. 6:1-2 The continuous diplomacy and peace.	offering
	#2) The Red Horse - Rev. 6:3-4 <u>war</u> and	
	#3) The Black Horse - Rev. 6:5-6 <u>scarcity</u> and	·
	#4) The Pale Horse - Rev. 6:8 and	•
	Between war, famine and disease, one-fourth of the earth's	S
	population will perish.	
	#5) The Martyred Saints - Rev. 6:9-11, 7:14-17	
	#6) A Great Earthquake and Signs in the Heavens - Rev. 6:12-17	
	#7) Announces the 7 Trumpets to come.	
<u>II.</u>	oiritual Activity on Earth	
	A. Angels in the book of Revelation - Rev. 7:1	
	Demonic Activity in The Tribulation - Rev 9:14-15	
	B. 144,000 - Who are they?	
	Jehovah's Witnesses?	
	They are clearly evangelists.	
	1. Will there be a great Worldwide Revival before the Lord' return?	's
	YES! Revelation 7:9	
	There are primarily who are saved preaching of the Jewish evangelists.	by the

Q: Will the Holy Spirit be on the earth during the Tribulation?
2 Thessalonians 2:7
The Great Restrainer
Q: What about the "strong delusion" mentioned in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12?
The Two Witnesses - Chapter 11
Who are these Two Prophets
v. 6 and?
Another Resurrection and Rapture - v. 11 & 12 Q: Does anyone else go up in this Rapture?
. War in Heaven - Revelation 12
. War in Heaven - Revelation 12
. War in Heaven - Revelation 12 A Great Wonder
. War in Heaven - Revelation 12 A Great Wonder Woman (v. 1) -
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II. Economic Activity

Revelation 13:16-18

The Mark of the Beast

- Q: Is it literal (physical) or symbolic?
- Q: Will we see the Mark of the Beast before the Rapture?

 One thing is clear: No one who receives the mark of the beast will be saved Rev. 14:9-11
- Q: How will true believers survive during this horrible period?

 Revelation 14:12-13

III. 7 Trumpet Judgments (2nd 21 months)

- #1 Hail, Fire upon Earth Rev. 8:7
- #2 Burning Mountain upon Sea Rev. 8:8-9
- #3 A "Great Star" Wormwood Rev. 8:10-11
- #4 Sun, Moon, Stars Rev. 8:12-13
- #5 Demonic Locusts Rev. 9:1-11
- #6 Horsemen Rev. 9:13-21 4 Angels unleashed from Euphrates River
- #7 Announces the 7 Bowls to Come

IV. 7 Bowl Judgments

- #1 Boils upon earth Rev. 16:1-2
- #2 Blood into sea Rev. 16:3
- #3 Rivers turned to blood Rev. 16:4-7
- #4 Scorching "upon the sea," men are burned with fire Rev. 16:8-9
- #5 Darkness upon throne of the Beast Rev. 16:10-11
- #6 Euphrates dried up Rev. 16:12-15
- #7 Earthquake and hail upon the air Rev. 16:17-21

Week 4 Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ

Let's briefly revisit

<u>Intro</u>: The Mark of the Beast (666) and the strong delusion of 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.

Armageddon comes from Hebrew. Har is the word for "mountain". Mageddon is likely the ruins of an ancient city that overlooks the Valley of Esdraelon in northern Israel.

Q: What has happened at Megiddo?

Armageddon is not so much a single battle as it is a series of invasions that will take place in Israel culminating in the 2nd Coming of Christ.

- I. Invasion from the North Ezekiel 38:7-8, 14-23; 39:1-17 Daniel 11:40-45
 - Q: Who is Gog and Magog? Meshech and Tubal? Is this Russia?

Ezekiel 38:2-3, 38:18-39:2

Joel 2:20

Revelation 20:8-9

Ezekiel 39:12 - It will take 7 months to bury the dead.

II. The Invasion of the Arab Nations

Psalm 83:1-8

Daniel 11:40

	Q: Is China named in Scripture?
	Revelation 16:12 - "Kings of the East"
	Revelation 9:16 - an army of 200 million
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V. A	A Revived Roman Empire
	"Ten Horns" mentioned in Revelation 12:3, 13:1 and Revelation 17:12-13
	"Seven Kings" refer to 7 World
	The AntiChrist (Beast) is clearly in control of this "United States of Europe"
	Is this the EU - European Union?
/. T	he Destruction of Babylon - Revelation 17
	What is Babylon?
	Like Wall Street, it is both a place and a
	Revelation 17 describes Babylon - namely, a one-world church.
	Revelation 18 describes commercial Babylon - a one-world government and economic system.
	Q: Is this the United Nations?
	Revelation 18:1-10 present its future destruction.

III. The Invasion from the East

VI. The Assembling of AntiChrist's Armies

Psalm 2:1-9

Joel 3:1-2, 9-11

Zechariah 12:1-5, 14:1-2

VII. The Fall of Jerusalem

Micah 4:11 - 5:1

The city has already experienced an earthquake, killing 7,000 - Revelation 11:8,13

Revelation 14:19:20 - The blood shall flow to the horses' bridles for a distance of 200 miles.

Revelation 16:17-21

Another earthquake will occur that will split the Mount of Olives and cause the Dead Sea to overflow southward (Zechariah 14:2-5).

VIII. The National Regeneration of Israel

Joel 2:28-32

Zechariah 12:9-10, 13:1, 7-9

Romans 11:25-27

A Nation will be Saved, Physically & Spiritually, in a day! (Matthew 24:13)

IX. The Glorious Appearing of Jesus

- Titus 2:13 "looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."
- A. It takes place immediately after the Tribulation (Matthew 24:29)
- B. Cosmic phenomena will occur in the sun, moon and stars (Matthew 24:29)
- C. The sign of the Son of Man in heaven will be seen by everyone (Matt. 24:30), and Christ will gather His elect (v. 31).
- D. Heaven will open and Christ will appear on a white horse Rev 19:11 16.
- E. Christ will be followed by the armies of heaven (Rev. 19:14), prepared to Judge the ungodly (Jude 14-15).
- F. Christ will come in power and great glory. Matthew 24:30
- G. Christ will have a victory march upon the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:3-5)
- H. Unbelievers will mourn, for they are not ready. Rev. 1:7
- I. The Beast and his armies will confront Christ Revelation 19:19.
- J. Christ casts the Beast and False Prophet into the Lake of Fire Revelation 19:20.
- K. Christ's rejecters will be killed Revelation 19:21 (There are 2 Suppers mentioned in Revelation 19 - one for the righteous (v.7-9) and one of the unrighteous (v. 17-21).

Week 5 The Millennium in the Old Testament

The concept of a literal reign of Messiah in Zion (Jerusalem) was a major theme of the Old Testament prophets and was also a given expectation of the Jewish people in Jesus' day. It is the ultimate answer to the prayer of Jesus - "Thy kingdom come" - Matt. 6:10.

A. The Abrahamic Covenant - Genesis 12:1-3

land - Genesis 15:18 seed blessing

B. The Davidic Covenant - 2 Samuel 7:12-16

The promises concerning the king, the throne and the royal house are fulfilled by Messiah in the millennial age.

C. The New Covenant - spiritual regeneration

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Ezekiel 36:23-28

D. The Issue of Amillennialism vs PreMillennialism

Key Features/Events of the Millennium include:

- 1. The binding of Satan at the beginning (Revelation 20:1-3)
- 2. The final restoration of Israel, which will include:
 - regathering of the people
 - possession of the land
 - regeneration spiritual awakening

- 3. The Reign of Jesus Christ for 1,000 years in Jerusalem. (Isa. 2:3-4; 11:2-5, Revelation 20:4,6)
- 4. The Loosing and Final Rebellion of Satan at the end of the Millennium (Rev. 20:7-10)

The Titles and Role of Christ in the Millennium:

- 1. The Branch of Jehovah Isa. 4:2, 11:1
- 2. The Lord of Hosts Isa. 24:23, 44:6
- 3. The Rod of Jesse Isa. 11:1,11
- 4. The King Isa. 33:17,22
- 5. The Judge Isa. 11:3-4
- 6. The Lawgiver Isa. 2:3, 33:22, Micah 4:2
- 7. Messiah the Prince Daniel 9:25-26
- 8. The Prince of Princes Dan. 8:2
- 9. The Redeemer Isa. 59:20
- 10. The Sun of Righteousness Malachi 4:2
- 11. The Shepherd Isa. 40:10-11
- 12. The Lord our Righteousness Jer. 23:6
- 13. The Stone Isa. 28:16
- 14. The Light Isa. 60:1-3
- 15. Rewarder of the Saints Isa 62:12

The Role of the Millennial Temple Ezekiel 40-48

Q: Since Christ's death is the sufficient sacrifice (once-for-all), why would the sacrifices be reinstituted?

The Spiritual Character of the Millennium

The Kingdom characterized by:

- A. Righteousness
- B. Obedience reversal of the events of Eden
- C. Holiness Zechariah 14:20-21
- D. Truth Psalm 85:10-11
- E. Fulness of the Holy Spirit Joel 2:28-29
 Ezekiel 36:27, 37:14

Conditions Existing Within the Millennium

- A. Universal Peace National and individual peace is the fruit of Messiah's reign
- B. Joy The "fulness" of joy will be a distinctive mark of the age Isaiah 51:11
- C. Holiness The King and His subjects will manifest holiness

 The land will be holy, the temple holy, and the subjects holy unto the Lord.
- D. Glory The glory of God will be on full display
- E. Comfort
- F. Justice
- G. Full Knowledge teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit
- H. Removal of the Curse

- I. Sickness removed
- J. Healing of the deformed
- K. Protection
- L. Freedom from oppression no political or religious persecution
- M.Longevity restored no physical immaturity (Isaiah 65:20)
- N. Reproduction by the Population
- O. Labor We won't be idle!
- P. Economic Prosperity
- Q. Unified Language Zephaniah 3:9
- R. Unified Worship
- S. The Manifest Presence of God
- T. Increase of Light

Week 6 The Resurrections and Judgments

I. The Resurrection of Christ - "the first fruits"

Revelation 1:18, John 11:25, John 14:19

Colossians 1:18 John 5:28-29

- II. The Resurrection of the Redeemed at Christ's Coming
 - A. Rapture of the Church

Time: At Any Moment

Participants: dead "in Christ" - "those who are alive & remain"

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-16

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

John 14:1-3

Destination: Heaven (Marriage Supper)

B. Second Coming of Christ

Time: at the end of the Tribulation

Participants: Old Testament believers (Jews and Gentiles)

Martyred Tribulation Saints

Scripture: Daniel 12:2, Matthew 24:31

Revelation 20:4,6

Destination: Jerusalem, Millennial Kingdom

III. Resurrection of the UnRedeemed

Scripture: Revelation 20:11-14

Time: At the end of the Millennium

Participants: the unsaved in every age

Destination: the Lake of Fire

IV. The Judgement Seat of Christ

I Corinthians 3:11-15 2 Corinthians 5:10

Time: Ephesians 5:15-17

Talent: I Cor. 12:18-19

Temple: I Cor. 6:19-20

Testimony: Matthew 5:13-16, Ephesians 4:1

Treasure: Matthew 6:21

Crowns:

1. Incorruptible Crown - I Cor. 9:25-27

2. Crown of Life - James 1:2, Rev. 2:10

3. Crown of Rejoicing - Prov. 11:30, I Thess. 2:19,20

4. Crown of Glory - I Peter 5:2-4

5. Crown of Righteousness - 2 Timothy 4:8

- V. The Great White Throne Judgment
 - A. The Judge the Lord Jesus Christ

John 5:22 Acts 17:31 2 Timothy 4:1

- B. The Judged Revelation 20:12
- C. The Books Used -
 - 1. The Book of Man's Works Rev. 20:12
 - 2. The Lamb's Book of Life

NT mentions 8 times while the OT alludes 3 times to a book in which names are written - "the book of the living" - Psalm 69-28

Week 7 The New Jerusalem and the Eternal State

<u>Eternal State</u> - the final condition or quality of life for believers in the eternal kingdom, i.e., eternal life.

In order for this to occur, the Scripture indicates that the current heaven and earth will be destroyed.

earth will be destroyed.				
Q: Will the earth be simply renovated or demolished?				
2 Peter 3:4-14 -	2 Peter 3:4-14 - 2 destructions of the planet.			
One was the un destruction of t		_ and the other is the final		
Q: Is this nuclear war	?			
Revelation 21:1				
Q: Why is a new heaven needed?				
Ephesians 6:12				
Because the atn	nospheric heavens are fil	lled with		
Similarities between the Millennial Kingdom and New Jerusalem:				
1) the curse rer	moved - Rev. 22:3			
2) Holiness, pea	ace and joy characterize	both kingdoms.		
" Behold, I make all things new" - Rev. 21:5				
A New Universe				

A New Universe New Laws New Lifestyle Here are some of the changes presented in chapters 21 and 22:

- 1) Total absence of sin and temptation in the new creation. 2 Peter 3:13
- 2) The galaxy will revolve around the New Jerusalem rather than the sun.
- 3) The law of gravity will be suspended.
- 4) There will no sun to give light 21:23 a New Power Source 22:5
- 5) There will be no more sea. Today about 75% of the earth's surface is water.
- 6) Death and sorrow are completely erased. Rev. 21:4
- 7) There is no temple and no need of sacrifices Rev 21:22
- 8) God's Presence will be in a whole new dimension Rev. 21:3, 22:3-4 "And they shall see his face..."

The Description of the City

- 1) The length of the reign Rev. 22:5
- 2) The inhabitants of the city 21:7-8, 21:27
- 3) The glory of God Rev. 21:11
- 4) The dimensions and details
 - a. The gates 21:12-13, 25
 - b. The foundations 21:14
 - c. The size and shape of the city 21:15-16
 - d. The wall of the city 21:17-18

- e. The stones of fire 21:19-20
- f. The streets of gold 21:21

The New Jerusalem will be a place of unimaginable beauty (I Cor. 2:9).

New Center of the New Creation

Notice the mention of "nations" - 21:24, 21:26, 22:2

What is the significance of this?

Throne of God - 22:1, 22:3

River of Life - 22:1

Tree of Life - 22:2

Our Spiritual Destinies have been set - Revelation 22:11 (John 3:36).

Week 8 Signs of the Coming Christ

I. The Sign of the Fig Tree (Matthew 24:32)

The Nation of Israel is the foremost sign of all signs in our generation
that points to the Lord's return.

Return to the Land - Deuteronomy 28:63-68; Ezekiel 36:24-28

Revival of the Language - Zephaniah 3:9

Reunified as a Nation - Ezekiel 28:25-26; Ezekiel 39:27

Restored as a World Player

Economy

Military

Scientific Advancements

Holy Sites - Luke 21:24

Since 1967, Jerusalem is under _____ control.

The Future of the Temple

The Significance of the Red Heifers

The Golden Gate - Ezekiel 44:1-3

Spiritual Regeneration - Ezekiel 37:1-4, Zechariah 12:10,13:1

II. The Rush to Globalism

- -global currency and cashless society
- -the rapid increase in knowledge Daniel 12:4
- -travel rapid increase in transportation
- -"Many shall go to and fro" Daniel 12:4
- -European Union has struck down most travel restrictions across national boundaries.

More and more, Europe sees itself as One as opposed to many distinct nations.

- -The United Nations
- -The W.H.O., the World Economic Forum, Council on Foreign Relations
- -They all desire a one-world government
- -Back to Babylon! Revelation 17 & 18

III. The Signs of Matthew 24 and Luke 21

- -Wars and Rumors of Wars
- Famines-
- -Pestilences (Pandemics) v. 7.
- -Earthquakes v. 7, Violent Storms Luke 21:25-26.
 - Q: Haven't these signs always existed?

All These are the beginning of sorrows (birth pains) - Matthew 24:8

While these signs have previously existed, they will increase in _____ and _____.

- -Worldwide persecution of Jews and Christians
- -Rise of False Prophets/False Messiahs v. 11,23-24

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- -"And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

 Matthew 24:12
- -Great and fearful sights/signs in the heavens Luke 21:11, Joel 2:28-32

IV. The International Situation

Russia

China as Global Superpower

Middle East Problem

Nuclear capabilities - Iran, North Korea

Q: How do all of these fit into the Biblical prophetic plan?

<u>Word of Caution:</u> We must be cautious about declaring each individual war, conflict, hurricane or pandemic is, in and of itself, proof that the Lord is returning soon but rather, the sum total of all the signs together is indicative that the pieces of the puzzle are coming together.

- V <u>The Apostasy of the Church</u> Revelation 3:16, 2 Timothy 4:1-2

 The Ecumenical Movement
- VI. <u>The Return of the Days of Noah</u> Genesis 6:14; Luke 17:26 Rise in Violence, Open Wickedness and Open Immorality

VII. Practical Applications of the Lord's Return

A. Study Prophecy in the Scriptures

Revelation 1:3

"...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Rev. 19:10)

B. For Spiritual Discernment

I John 4:3

I Thessalonians 5:21 - "Prove (test) all things; hold fast that which is good."

C. For Holy Living

2 Peter 3:11,14

D. For Evangelism

2 Peter 3:15a, Jude 22-23

E. For Encouragement in the Last Days

Hebrews 10:25

Titus 2:13-14

Romans 8:24-25, 13:11

Philippians 3:20-21, I John 3:2

John 14:1-3