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# RAPTURE???

# The Rapture is **not** in the Bible.

Thirty plus years ago I thought I was the only Christian writer/teacher who questioned the Rapture story. I soon discovered the writings of Bill Britton and then I saw that, after much study, he and many others concluded that the Rapture was just a fairy tale. It is comforting to know that there are others who see the error of the Rapture story. Back then it was not a good idea to question the idea of the Rapture. I got into a lot of trouble and lost friends because of it. Fellowship and truth may not always walk the same path.

Now today, some thirty plus years later, most Christians know that the Rapture story is often referred to as the RAPTURE **QUESTION**. Presently even Christian bookstores have new books debunking the absurd claims of the Rapture story. That's progress. Soon I hope the cross section of Christianity will refer to the Rapture as the RUPTURED RAPTURE FANTASY FALLACY.

What's so bad about the Rapture story? As a result of the erroneous Rapture teaching some people are waiting for Jesus to return and right the wrongs in the world. But, JESUS is coming back to receive the kingdom -- not to bring it. Belief in the Rapture produces too many lazy Christians who are waiting for Jesus to come back and finish the job.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you <u>power</u> to tread on serpents and scorpions: (He gave <u>you</u> the <u>power</u> to right the wrongs in the world).

Acts 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of <u>restitution</u> of all things. (JESUS will <u>stay</u> in heaven until you <u>restore</u> all things).

The next time it becomes socially correct for you to question a Rapture teacher, **politely** ask him these questions.

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The Rapture Preacher may erroneously say:

Rapture Preacher: The Rapture is a major part of prophecy.

Q: What chapter and verse describe a Rapture? (There are none. The Rapture is **not** in the Bible).

Rapture Preacher: The Rapture is part of our church doctrine.

Q. Why is the Assembly Of God the only major denomination that embraces the Rapture in their doctrinal statement? It became a political issue and was voted into their doctrine over the objection of hundreds of pastors. The Assembly Of God ministers separated from the objecting ministers when they passed a rule that their members could not extend the right hand of fellowship to anyone who did not believe in the Rapture story as they did.

Rapture Preacher: The Rapture will free us from all our pain, problems, and **tribulation**, in this world.

Q. Why does the Bible say the good Christians will have <u>tribulation</u> but escape His <u>wrath</u>? The unrighteous will suffer both <u>tribulation and wrath.</u>

"In the world ye (good Christians) shall have <u>tribulation</u>." (John 16:33).

Rapture Preacher: The Rapture will take us away before the Great <u>Tribulation</u> comes to the earth.

Q. How can we overcome the <u>tribulation</u> if He takes us away from it?

"In the world ye shall have tribulation." (John 16:33).

Rapture Preacher: All of our people are <u>waiting</u> for the Rapture.

Q. Should we <u>wait</u> for the Manifestation of the <u>Sons</u> <u>Of God</u> or <u>wait</u> for the Rapture?

Romans 8:19, For the earnest expectation of the creature <u>waiteth</u> for the manifestation of the <u>Sons</u> <u>of God</u> (not the Rapture).

Rapture Preacher: Our goal is to <u>fly away</u> and eat pie in the sky for seven years.

Q. Why does the Bible say that we shall <u>stay</u> on the earth?

Proverbs 10:30, The righteous shall <u>never be</u> <u>removed</u>: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

Psalm 37:29, The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.

Proverbs 2:21-22, For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall <u>remain in it.</u> But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

Rapture Preacher: After we fly away in the Rapture the earth and all the sinners in it will **burn** to a cinder crisp.

Q. What do these scriptures mean?

Psalm 125:1, They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but <u>abideth</u> <u>for ever</u>.

Psalm 78:69, And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath <u>established for ever</u>.

Psalm 104:5, Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should **not be removed for ever**.

The erroneous idea of a burning earth comes from:

2 Peter 3:10-12. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the <u>elements</u> shall <u>melt</u> with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are

therein shall be <u>burned</u> up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the <u>elements</u> shall <u>melt</u> with fervent heat?

The "elements" that shall <u>burn</u> (melt) are the "STOICHEIONS" [in Greek] which always and exclusively refer to the laws of Moses -- not the globe of the earth. Moses law shall be <u>melted</u> by fire.

Rapture Preacher: We will rise to meet Him in the **clouds** at the Rapture.

Q. Which group will meet Him when the believers at the north pole go up one way and the believers at the south pole go up to the <u>clouds</u> in the opposite direction?

This scripture has to be symbolic or spiritual, not literal.

1 Thessalonians 4:17, Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the **clouds**, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The etymological trail of <u>cloud</u> is also a <u>cloud of</u> <u>witnesses</u>, see Rom. 12:1.

Rapture Preacher: Our <u>blessed hope</u> is to leave this earth in the Rapture.

Q. Why does the Bible say, the <u>blessed hope</u> is the return of JESUS -- not the Rapture?

Titus 2:13, Looking for that <u>blessed hope</u>, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Rapture Preacher: We will go to heaven in the Rapture to receive our <u>mansion</u>.

Q. Why does the Bible say, GOD and JESUS will bring our <u>mansion</u> out of heaven to us on the earth? In the following scriptures the word <u>mansion</u> is exactly the same word as <u>abode</u> in the Greek. JESUS went to heaven to bring our <u>mansion</u> back to us on earth.

John 14:2-3, In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again (to you on the earth), and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:23, Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will **come unto him**, and make our **abode** (**mansion**) with him (on earth not heaven).

Rapture Preacher: We all want to leave this earth and go to heaven in the Rapture.

# Q. Did you ever hear of heaven on earth?

Deuteronomy 11:21, That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of **heaven upon the earth**.

The 24 elders said, And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (not up in heaven, Revelation 5:10).

The Rapture is like a rusty old fire escape that will break in two if the church tries to use it. Don't **trust** it.

- 2 Kings 18:21, Now, behold, thou <u>trustest</u> upon the staff of this <u>bruised reed</u>, even upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that <u>trust</u> on him.
- Q. Why doesn't JESUS do something to correct the erroneous Rapture doctrine taught in some churches?
- A. Matthew 12:20, A <u>bruised reed</u> shall he not break, and <u>smoking flax</u> shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory.

The Rapture story is like a <u>bruised reed</u> and <u>smoking</u> <u>flax</u>. JESUS shall not break it - - nor shall He quench it.

The individual Christian will have to study the Bible and come to his own conclusion. The test is whether the Christian will follow the word of God or follow the tempting story of a powerful Rapture Preacher.

Belief in the Rapture story keeps too many people from progressing into deeper Bible truth.

Why should we study:

- · overcoming,
- · the manifestation of the Sons of God,
- the evil usury system,
- · the coming wars,
- · earthquakes and water shifts,
- · the tribulation,
- · the three feasts,

if the Rapture will remove us first? IT WON'T. We believe in the resurrection, not the Rapture.

#### THE BIBLE CODES AND PROPHECY.

We have entered our request for our students to <u>not</u> bad mouth the Bible Codes. There is too much to lose. I sent to Israel and imported several computer programs to test out the Bible Codes.

The idea that the word TORAH is repeated by counting every 50th Hebrew letter in the Pentateuch did hold up. That worked. There is truth to it.

Presently, I can not read much Hebrew so I have not found anything of importance or interest in the Bible Code, yet. I am now convinced that we must wait for Christians who are fluent in Hebrew to study the Bible Code from a Christian standpoint. When they publish reports showing what they have found I think you should investigate.

Presently I think there is a good chance that <u>all of our scripts</u> have been encoded into the Bible. I am thinking of the <u>Volume Of The Book</u> when I refer to our <u>scripts</u>. Only GOD could write a code permutation involving 300,000 letters that can be raised to the 300,000 power. It is said that it would take a person two or three lifetimes to count that high, doing nothing else. I believe it. That many code permutations are enough for every one of us to read our own personal Volume In The Book. (Heb. 10:7).

Is it important to know the <u>script</u> that our GOD gave to you?

Hebrews 12:2, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

The way to know the joy set <u>before you</u> is to read your <u>script</u>. I believe JESUS read His script in the Volume Of The Book.

Psalm 40:7, Then said I, Lo, I come: in the <u>volume of</u> the book it is <u>written</u> of me. (also Heb. 10:7).

The way to know what is <u>written</u> about you may be to read it in the <u>Volume Of The Book</u>. There is a good chance that the Bible Codes will reveal what our own parts are in this great drama of life. I really do believe that you have an important part to play in this end time drama. I do not believe that God made a mistake when He made you. "God don't make no junk." I believe that you were brought <u>to the kingdom for such a time as this.</u>

Esther 4:14, For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

To 'hold your peace' is to choose to <u>not</u> walk out your <u>script</u>. Don't refuse GOD's purpose for your life. Don't bad mouth the <u>script</u> GOD gave to someone else.

#### PROPHECY AND HAARP

BREAKING NEWS. This just in:
WORLD NEWS TONIGHT
WITH PETER JENNINGS.
ABC. T.V. Tuesday, February 3, 1998.

Summary of Jennings report:

The U.S. Senator (I didn't catch his name) from ALASKA justified the fact that the U.S. Government grants ALASKA about 100 times more money per person per year than they grant to all the other states.

The reason: The billions of dollars are for the CRAY computer at the UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA at Fairbanks. It is being used to <u>tap the electrical</u> <u>energy in the IONOSPHERE</u>. End of summary.

Thank you GOD for this timely conformation that many items in our recent HAARP report are right on. You gave it to us, first. Thank you. Please allow us to watch you confirm all the items.

In fact, the giant CRAY computer is being used to direct the HAARP RADIO LASER beam to reflect off

the IONOSPHERE and strike any target the USAF desires. This will tap the electrical energy in the IONOSPHERE as the Jennings ABC report indicated. The electric energy turns into lightning bolts as the Bible predicted.

What a great time to be alive. Prophecy is being fulfilled before our own eyes. The nations are aligning. Armageddon cannot be very far away. Do not expect the Rapture to take you out before the tribulation. Expect the Holy Spirit to guide you through the tribulation with victory.

#### TEACHING SCHEDULE

There are a lot of new things we need to talk about. Here is my present Bible Teaching schedule.

## FLORIDA, FORT LAUDERDALE

MARCH 20, 21, 22, 1998. Fri. -- Sun. RED CARPET INN. (Airport Inn) 2440 State Road 84. From I95, Exit 27, west 1 block. From FLA. TPK. Exit 54, east to St. Rd. 84. Local contact: HAZEL BUMSTEAD, 954-523-3772, for meeting schedule, and local information,

#### ALABAMA, ANDALUSIA

APRIL 3, 4, 5, 1998. Fri. -- Sun. Contact: MARSHA WILLIAMSON, 334-222-4409 for meeting schedule, location, and motels.

### PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JULY 3, 4, 5, 1998, Fri. -- Sun. BEST WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTER, Harrisburg West, 110 Limekiln Rd, NEW CUMBERLAND, PA 17070. Room Reservations 1-800-962-2060, local 717-774-1100. Mention us for best rates. FREE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION, CALL ART or MARCELLENE CURRENS 717-561-9964 or call TONY or GLORIA SWEET 717-238-8021. Make meal reservations through them. The meetings are free. There will be a pitcher in the rear of the room to receive your gifts. You must pay for your own meals and motel room. We love your children and ours too, but we do not have facilities to take care of them. The motel advertises that they do, so please check with them for suitable arrangements. Children are always welcome in our meetings.

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