

The Olivet Discourse—Part 2c

“Eight Proofs of Premillennialism: The Rapture”

1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-57; John 14:1-3; 1 John 3:2

- I. **The Birth Pangs** (Matt 24:8)
- II. **The ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION** (Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:1-4ff)
- III. **The Great Tribulation** (Matt. 24:21)
- IV. **Literal Fulfillment**
- V. **A Global Gospel Proclamation** (Matt. 24:14; cf. Rev. 14:6-7)
- VI. **This Generation** (Matt. 24:32-34)
- VII. **The Cosmic Signs** (Matt. 24:29; Isa. 13:9-10; cf. Dan. 12:1-2; Isa. 13:6–11; 26:17; 66:7; Jer. 4:31; 6:24; 13:21; 30:3-7; Micah 4:9–10; Hos. 13:13; Matt. 19:28; 1 Thes. 5:1-33; Rom. 8:20-22)
- VIII. **The Rapture** (1 Thess. 4:13-18)
 - a. **What is the Rapture?**
 - i. The Rapture is the belief that sometime at the end of the age Jesus will return for His church to catch us up in the air, transform us with Glorified bodies, and take us back to heaven to be with Him.

5 Truths of the Rapture:

- 1. **The Rapture is the I_____ Return of Jesus**
- 2. **The Rapture is the R_____ of all Church Age Saints Who Have Passed Away**
 - a. **The First Resurrection to L_____** (cf. John 5:29; Luke 14:14)
 - i. **Christ Jesus** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:23a; Rom. 6:9; Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:18)
 - ii. **C_____ Age Saints** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:23b)
 - iii. **Old Testament & T_____ Saints** (cf. Dan. 12:2a; Job 19:25–27; Isa. 26:19; Hosea 13:14; Ezek. 37:1–14; Rev. 20:4; 6:9–11; 7:9–17; 13:7, 15–17; 17:6; 19:1–2)

iv. **M_____ Saints** (cf. Rev. 20:5; Isa. 65:20)

b. **The Second Resurrection to J_____**
(cf. Dan. 12:2b; Isa. 26:19; John 5:29b; Rev. 20:11-25)

3. **The Rapture is the T_____ of All Alive Church Age Saints** (1 Cor. 15:50-57; cf. 1 John 3:2)

4. **The Rapture is a M_____** (1 Cor. 15:51; cf. Rom. 11:25-27; 1 Cor. 15:50-54; Eph. 1:7-9; 3:1-10; Col. 1:24-29; 2 Thess. 2:7; 1 Tim. 3:16)

5. **The Rapture IS in the B_____** (1 Thess. 4:17)

- a. ***rapiemur* = *harpazō* (ἁρπάζω)** = “to catch up or to snatch away”

b. **Why is the Rapture NOT Jesus’ Second Coming?**

- i. **The Rapture = Jesus in the A_____** (1 Thess. 4:17)
VS. The Second Coming = Jesus on the E_____
(Zech. 14:4; Rev. 19)
- ii. **The Rapture = Jesus Comes for D_____**
(1 Thess. 4:18) **VS. The Second Coming = Jesus Comes for J_____** (Rev. 19:11-18; cf. Matt. 24:37-41)
- iii. **The Rapture = Jesus’ Coming is Instant & S_____**
(1 Cor. 15:52) **VS. The Second Coming = Jesus’ Coming is V_____ to the World** (Matt. 24:30; Rev. 1:7)
- iv. **The Rapture = Jesus’ Coming is I_____**
(John 14:1-3) **VS. The Second Coming = Jesus’ Coming is C_____** (2 Thess. 2:1-5)

c. **When is the Rapture?**

i. **P_____ -Tribulation (Historic Premillennialism)**

1. The Rapture is just a part of Jesus' Second Coming (cf. Rev. 19 & 20)
2. Everything occurs at the end or post the Tribulation

ii. **M_____ -Tribulation (Dan. 7:25)**

1. The Rapture occurs halfway through the Tribulation (cf. 1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 11:15-19)

iii. **Pre-W_____ -Tribulation**

1. The Rapture will occur sometime between the 6th and 7th Seal Judgments (Matt. 24:4-8; Rev. 8)

iv. **Pre-Tribulation**

1. The Rapture will occur before the beginning of the Tribulation

Why?

a. **The Focus is I_____** (cf. Dan. 9:27)

b. **The Absence of the C_____** (cf. Rev. 4-21)

c. **There is _____ Condemnation in Christ** (cf. Rom. 8:1; 1 Thess. 5:9; Rev. 3:10)

d. **The R_____** (cf. 2 Thess. 2:6-7)

e. **The I_____ Return of Jesus**

f. **The Weaknesses of the Other Three Theories**

i. **Post-Tribulation:**

ii. **Mid-Tribulation:**

iii. **Pre-Wrath-Tribulation:**