

The 4 Main Views of When the Rapture Will Happen

When it comes to the timing of the Rapture, there are five main positions that are held today.

1) The _____ Rapture

- a) Pre-Tribulation teaches that the rapture of believers will occur _____ the seven-year Tribulation begins.
- b) At some point _____ the rapture the Tribulation will begin when the Antichrist enters into a seven-year treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27)

2) The _____ Rapture

- a) This Rapture view distinguishes between _____ & _____ believers.
- b) According to this view, only faithful, devoted believers who are _____ for Christ's coming will be raptured to heaven before the Tribulation.
- c) Quote: "All believers will go home on the same train, but not all on the _____ section."
- d) This view is based on New Testament passages that stress obedient _____ and waiting for Christ (Matt. 25:1-13; 1 Thess. 5:6; Heb. 9:28; 1 John 2:28)

3) The _____ Rapture

- a) This view says that Christ will rapture believers at the _____ of the Tribulation.
- b) This view is defended by noting the frequent mention of three and a half _____ (forty-two months or 1, 260 days) in Daniel and Revelation.
- c) But the main argument of mid-Tribulationists is the identification of the last _____ in 1 Corinthians 15:52 as the seventh trumpet in Revelation 11:15 (we looked at why these trumpets are not the same in lesson #5)

- d) One of the key problems with this view is that mid-Tribulationists can't _____ among themselves concerning where to place the Rapture in the book of Revelation. 1) 6:12-17 2) 11:15-17 3) 14:1-4

4) The _____ Rapture

- a) This view holds that the Rapture will occur at the _____ of the Tribulation, right before the glorious appearing of Christ back to earth.
- b) Those who are raptured zip _____ to the sky then right back _____ again.
- c) This idea claims that while believers will be present on earth during the Tribulation, God will _____ them from the outpouring of His wrath.

5) The Rapture Could Happen _____

- a) Through this series, I want us to _____ and _____ in light of the only Rapture view that legitimately holds that the Rapture could happen today.
- b) In future lessons, I will present Biblical evidence for the pre-Tribulation position:
 - i) The church is _____ in Revelation 4-18
 - ii) There is a _____ between the Rapture and Glorious Appearing
 - iii) Christians are _____ Appointed to Divine Wrath
 - iv) _____ Believed in a pre-Tribulation Rapture
 - v) There Must be a _____ Between the Rapture and Glorious Appearing
 - vi) There Will be a _____ of the Restrainer
 - vii) The Rapture is Imminent: It Can Happen at _____ Moment

6) What difference does it make?

- a) The Rapture Has a _____ Influence on Seeking Hearts