



Part 7 “Harpazo”

- Lord Maitreya was welcomed in Northern California at a wealthy Episcopalian church. There were 400 present. Benjamin Crème is the one who channels this Lord Maitreya. Most people in the audience were those into New Age and quickly went into a trance like state. It is interesting when Maitreya emerged through Benjamin Crème and started speaking, he spent 30 minutes ridiculing the rapture teaching. Obviously satan thought it enough of a threat to have his servants devote time to discredit it.
- **David Yonggi Cho** “Regrettably even though the Bible makes a clear distinction between the two comings of Christ, some people are still mistaken in the interpreting of what will happen. When they teach that the church will also go through the tribulation, they not only hurt themselves but also lead others astray.” Great Bible teachers like Derek Prince, Dro Cho, and others could see the rapture in scripture.

What exactly is the rapture? This is the first resurrection and we are given glorified bodies.

The early church was eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus in their lifetime.

Thessalonians was one of Paul’s early writings and he had to deal with the fact people were dying, but the early church was expected Jesus’ return in their lifetime.

1 Thess 4:13 “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the

Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words."

1 Thess 1:9 "For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, **who rescues us from the wrath to come.**" 5:9 "For God has not **destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing."

Revelation 16:15 "Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake (watches/prays) and keeps his clothes (unstained), so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame." Luke 21:36 "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to **escape all that is about to happen**, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

All eyes will see him verses a secret meeting in the air

Paul went out to Arabia for years and possibly went to Sinai. He spent his early years seeking God and getting divine revelation that was documented and has become doctrine. The Sinai encounter is a shadow of the rapture to come.

One event is not seen by the world, and the latter event all eyes will see him

Revelation 1:7 "BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and **every eye will see Him**, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen." Matthew 24:27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be." Luke 17:24 "For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day."

Acts 1:9 "And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. ¹¹ They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. **Zechariah 14:4** "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Daniel 2:34 “You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.” **Revelation 19:11** “I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.” **Revelation 11:15** “The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

Shift to a secret catching away

Jesus had two ascensions and will have two descensions

Luke 12:32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.” ³³ “Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ “Be dressed in readiness, and *keep* your lamps lit. ³⁶ Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself *to serve*, and have them recline *at the table*, and will come up and wait on them. ³⁸ **Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds *them* so, blessed are those slaves.** ³⁹ “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.” ⁴¹ Peter said, “Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone *else* as well?” ⁴² And the Lord said, “Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that slave says in his heart, ‘My master will be a long time in coming,’ and begins to beat the slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk; ⁴⁶ the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.”

The proper Jewish reckoning recognized three night watches. The first or "beginning of the watches," (Lamentations 2:19) the middle watch, (Judges 7:19) and the morning watch. (Exodus 14:24; 1 Samuel 11:11) The first lasted respectively from sunset to 10 P.M.; the second from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M.; and the last from 2 A.M. to sunrise.

- Adam to Abraham 1st, Abraham to Jesus 2nd watch, from Jesus till now 3rd watch
- Jerusalem has been through 3,000 years of service, 3rd day revived Hosea 6:2

When is Jesus coming: pre, mid, or post trib is dealing with the Tribulation time, so we have to discern what the tribulation actually is. Is the Lord upset and bringing wrath on his bride? NO, it is the days of Jacob's trouble (Jer 30:7, Luke 24). Also the 70th week of Daniel, and the Tabernacle's pattern. Rev 2:7 the church then gone until Jesus returns. 4:1 speaks of coming up here.

Two comings with two completely different descriptions: In one coming he is a thief in the night, in another coming all eyes see him, his feet touch the mount of Olives, and he rules the nations openly. (1 Thess 5:16-17, Acts 1:11, Zech 14:4) Also 1 Thess 5:2, 1 Pet 3:10, Matt 24:29-31)

Matt 10:6, 15:24 Jesus came to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Matt 24:21 Jesus laid out the end times. Romans 11:25 mystery blindness of Israel until the fullness of the gentiles come in. Daniel 9:24 70 weeks are determined.

Sinai and the rapture: God descends to mountain top in the air, and those whose garments were washed went up to meet him. They ate and drank in his presence. God descended in clouds and shofar blast, Christ will rapture us in the clouds at a shofar blast.

- The church consists of a kingdom of priests (Rev 1:6) Israel was a priestly nation
- The 24 elders assemble around the throne (Rev 4:4) Leaders with Moses saw God ate and drank before his throne
- We must cleanse ourselves to be ready (2 Cor 7:1) and Israel had to wash with water
- The Lord will appear in the third day (John 2:1, Hosea 6:2) third day principal
- The Lord will return in the clouds (1 Thess 4:17) Moses and leaders went up into the cloud
- The Lord will come down descending from heaven but not put his feet directly on the earth (1 Thess 4:16) God was on top of Mt Sinai
- The Lord will descend with a shofar blast (1 Thess 4:16), and God descended on Sinai with a shofar blast
- The saints will be caught up (1 Thess 4:17), and we see Moses and the leaders going up to meet with the Lord

Scoffers and end time attack on the rapture (harpazo)

2 Peter 3:3 walking after their own lusts mocking the coming of the Lord.

Post trib: Zech 14:5 post trib theory does not hold water because at the end of the tribulation is when Jesus puts his feet on the Mt of Olives. Also he sends his angels to gather the remaining elect of Jews and Christians unto himself.

Mid Trib: 1 Cor 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we will not all sleep**, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound**, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord."

Rev 8:6 " 7:10 last trumpet 11:15 great voice kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our lord.

Pre trib: Rev 9 shows the river Euphrates and puts the focus back on Israel and the middle east. Yes God's wrath will come on the nations, but the focus is Israel. The last trump has to do with Yom Teruah.

Arguments for and against the rapture

Taught only in the 1800's or an escape mentality

Ephraem of Nisibis (eastern branch of the church) 306-373AD "For all the saints and elect of God are gathered, prior to the tribulation that is to come, and are taken to the Lord lest they see the confusion that is to overwhelm the world because of our sins." *His teaching on the end times and antichrist.*

Who are going? Not everyone that calls themselves a Christians will be ready

- Only those who watch and pray (Luke 21:36)
- Only those who look for him (Hebrew 9:28)
- Note the parable of the unprofitable servant (Matthew 25:30)
- Note the parable of the ten virgins (Matt 25)
- Why are we warned he will come when we do not expect and to make sure we are ready

Backsliders will not have time to repent before the rapture. The rapture is a reward for the overcomers and those that cleansed their lives.

- Three sounds occur at the rapture (1 Thess 4:16-17) voice archangel, shout, shofar,
- Not all heard the voice of the Lord (John 12:29)
- They that have an ear will be able to hear (Rev 2:7)

Those that say there is no rapture or it is way off like hundreds of years

- Warning about scoffers (2 Peter 3:3)
- Warning about discerning the signs (Luke 12:56)
- Warning about servants delaying his coming (Matthew 24:48)
- The Lord will come when it is not expected (Luke 12:40)
- Warning about lukewarm (Laodicea-Revelation 3:14-22)
- Warning about falling away/deception (2 Thess 2, 1 Tim 4:1)
- Warning about dead religion/bewitched (1 Tim 4:1-6)

Being Ready: John 14 I go prepare a place for you, in my father's house ARE many mansions

- The Blessed Hope: Jesus said I go to prepare a place for you (marriage supper)
- Remember the difference between persecution and the wrath of God

Watching has to do with praying

Matthew 25:13 "Therefore **keep watch**, because you do not know the day or the hour."

Isaiah 52:1 "Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength!"

- Could you Not Tarry One Hour by Larry Lea
- Prayer that Brings Revival by Dr Cho
- Secrets of a Prayer Warrior by Derek Prince