

Antichrist – Rapture

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The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is our B. I. B. L. E. - **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth. This is the rule of our theology, doctrine, teachings, practices, and life. If something that is proclaimed that is not Biblically sound by even the greatest of preachers, teachers, evangelists, or as Paul says, “an angel from heaven,” (Galatians 1:8) we ought, as good Christians, to be willing to follow the Word of God rather than that of man. May the Lord bless the reader with clarity of mind.

Genesis 7:7-23 - Notice what this passage of Scripture **does not** say, “The Lord shut him in, and during a seven day* period every sinner on the face of the planet realized that they were left outside of the ark. Then the Lord opened the door again and everybody crowded in, there was a great multitude saved from the flood.” The Bible is clear, there was **not** a second chance after the door was shut. “So shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matthew 24:39). (*A day is represented as a year **only** in Bible prophecy, this section of Scripture is not prophetic.)

Luke 17:26-27 - The days of Noah are an illustration to us at the end of time as to what the coming of the Son of man will be like. Everything was just as normal “until the day that Noah entered into the ark.” The flood came at that time and destroyed the wicked.

2 Peter 2:5 - God “saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

Genesis 19:1,12-17,24-29 - Here you find that in chapter 18 there has been an investigation by God as to the spiritual condition of Sodom. He would have saved it in His mercy for the sake of even 10 righteous persons. He finds none in chapter 19 through His messengers and then pronounces judgment upon the wicked city. Notice that there is **no** hint of a seven day or year period of mercy for those who would not listen to the messengers of God. The wicked had been called to by Lot for several years before this event, he was then sent in again, the last time, one night before their destruction, and the very next morning they were destroyed. “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:30).

Luke 17:28-30 - Notice the wording... “The **same day** that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.” **There was no second chance...** The chance for the people of Sodom was when God’s message was proclaimed to them. People are the same today as they were back then, “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, (i.e. the messengers of the Lord) neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.” (Luke 16:31) Men and women would only come to God out of fear of destruction if He were to give them another chance. He wants us to love Him now for who He is, rather than fear Him then for what He does. “Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

One of the **devils favorite words** is, “tomorrow...” If we believe that there is no real reason to get our lives right with God today, why not do it tomorrow? Tomorrow may be too late. If the Bible really talks about a seven year period of time wherein all of the sinners will have a chance to get right with God, WHERE IS IT??? I know that Daniel 9:27 is **used** for this, but it is not there...

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 - This revealing parable tells us of an end time scenario that is absolutely critical to understand. Questions: Do the tares come out before the wheat? Does the wheat come out before the tares? What saith the Lord? “Let both grow **together** until the **harvest**” (Vs. 30). What is the harvest? “The **harvest** is the **end** of the world” (Vs. 39). Okay then, at the end of the world does the wheat come out first? Or do the tares come out first? What saith the Lord? “In the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first** the tares.” Does this give room for the deceptive theory that the righteous will be taken from this earth for a seven year period of time **first**? NO!!! Absolutely not! “As therefore the tares are gathered...**so shall it be** in the end of this world... **THEN** shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” And not a moment before...

Luke 17:26-37 - With the understanding of Matthew 13, we can now explore the rest of the scenario of Luke 17. In the days of Noah the wicked were destroyed. In the days of Lot the wicked were destroyed. “Remember Lot’s wife.” Now for verses 34-37... Three times the Lord mentions that someone will be “taken.” The disciples say, “Where, Lord?” What would be the appropriate group of people for Christ to refer to, those that were left or those that were taken? Of course those that were taken, because if the disciples meant, ‘where were they left,’ Christ would have said, ‘I just told you... in the bed, grinding, and in the field.’ So, in answer to the disciples question, ‘where were they **taken**?’ Christ says, “Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together” (Vs. 37). What eagles? The same eagles that are mentioned in the Bible other places in context of the Lord’s coming, they are those that eat the flesh of the dead men. (See Revelation 19:11-18.) Those that are taken in Luke 17 are taken to death. The righteous are left. They are not left for long, they are delivered **at that time**. (“**Together** until the harvest” Matthew 13:30). The wicked are destroyed from the brightness of the Lord’s coming, the righteous are raised to life to the glory of God, and those that are still alive are caught up together with them in the clouds. (See 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 & 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17.)

2 Peter 2:10-12 - Speaking of the unrighteous the Bible says, “But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be **taken** and **destroyed**.”

1 Thessalonians 5:4-9 - “But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.”