

Rapture vs. Overcoming

Why is it the doctrine of the rapture has the inherent ability to divide God's **born-again** believers more than any other doctrine? Why is it those who teach this doctrine cannot even agree on the timing of this one event ("pre," "mid," or "post tribulation")? I believe the reason why is because there is so much error sown into this one doctrine. Yet, that's no big surprise seeing how this doctrine is mostly based on a **false** interpretation of a true vision that was given back in 1830, and it has just gone downhill since then:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Galatians 1:8-9

You see brethren; Yeshua said Christians would be here during the **great tribulation**. Daniel said Christians would have to go through the **great tribulation**, but the Church has *sanitized* those verses to say they really do not mean that. Let us see what has been hidden in plain sight in your Bibles shall we?

"For **nation shall rise against nation**, and **kingdom against kingdom**: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the **beginning of sorrows**. **THEN** shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, **and shall kill you**: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And **THEN** shall many [Christians] be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another."

Matthew 24:7-10

Who is the great divider of God's people? Who has always introduced out-right lies mixed with part truths to confuse and divide the people of God? Satan knows that once the prevailing opinion in a matter has been established as "the gospel truth" it becomes a very hard thing to ever speak against in the Church or any place else for that matter. This is the same way that propaganda works; just make something—anything—constantly come up before the people. Then give anyone who would dare speak against it a hard time through **intimidation, shunning, false accusing**, etc. After all, who wants to be ostracized for speaking against something that the majority of the people have already **blindly** accepted as the truth? Nevertheless, all biblical truths must be set forth by God's original two witnesses: the *Spirit* and the *Word*.

I will tell you this right from the beginning; I was once one of the most adherent supporters of the Rapture doctrine. I made tracts and bumper stickers to hand out. I told people about *The Rapture* that was to come upon the Earth and their need to accept Jesus into their lives before it's too late and they are "left behind." Now my heart was in the right place but my head, or should I say the knowledge of the Word was not. I use to cry out to the LORD, "Just leave me behind, I don't care about what will

happen to me; someone has to be here to tell the people about what's happening to the world and why." "I want to tell the people about you Jesus so they won't die and go to Hell." In those days I would fast a lot and seek the LORD for all I could get pertaining to His Spirit and His Word. I found myself drawn to end-time prophecies seeing that I knew this was the time I was just "born-again" into. One evening as I was studying the Word while fasting the Holy Spirit just dropped a revelation into me and it's almost like I heard an audible bell go off in my head. As I sat back in amazement I knew something(s) had just been poured into my understanding pertaining to the many questions I had in the Word. Yet most of what was given me was not revealed until many days, months, and years down the road. The only thing I will discuss in this page pertaining to that revelation was that which pertained to the Rapture. Now remember I was just like many of you believing "lock, stock, and barrel" that this rapture event was going to happen just like I had been told by most of Christendom from the day I was saved. However, the next morning after I had received these yet unknown revelations, I knew of a certainty that the Rapture teaching was wrong and that it was not going to happen as many Christians believed it would happen, pre, mid, or post. There will be no suspense here because in a sentence I will just tell you what I will prove throughout the rest of this page. The Rapture as taught by the Bible speaks of a spiritual "catching up" event when Yeshua physically returns at Armageddon, just like Paul was spiritually "caught up" to the "third Heaven" yet his body remained alive on Earth.

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one **caught up** to the **third heaven**. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was **caught up** into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." 2-Corinthians 12:2-4

"And there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe."

Acts 14:19-20

I have said this many times myself after first being taught this by wise men of God; "The Bible must define the Bible." Meaning to say, any revelation or interpretation that comes forth in the Church must also be found written in the Bible either outright or in the "hidden manna," which are the symbologies and Types of God's Word. Anyone can come up with their own interpretation of a passage or create a doctrine around a verse or two, but God condemns this practice:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private interpretation**." 2-Peter 1:20

The Bible goes on to warn Christians to "try the spirits..." because not everything one hears, even if they sincerely believe it is from the Holy Spirit, is going to be from God. It has been said that "Satan is like rat poison: 98% good food, but it's the **2% of poison** that gets them." That being said, most if not all **false**

doctrine will be built up upon some element of truth. I say *built up* because as the years go on things get added to these "**doctrines of devils**" that never seem to be questioned as to their validity in the Word. No one dares question *the man up* front or the wrath of the church elders will be brought to bear. Those who do legitimately question what they believe may be errors of doctrine can have all sorts of demonic retribution leveled at them. They are first said to be "in rebellion," or are "attacking the Pastor because they want to be in charge." They will even be called "Satanists sent in to destroy the church." Lastly they are accused of "Never having been saved in the first place" or many other **slandorous** and **accusatory** things are said. So spirits of **false accusations, false doctrine, fear, manipulation**, and **control** all go to work diligently protecting their investments that they have labored sometimes for centuries to plant within the household of God.

I think it would be beneficial to include in this study the main purpose for which both the Old and the New Testament teaches us "the blood" is used for. I think we can all agree it is for the remission or payment of our sins. However, it does not stop there! Anyone who has read the Bible through knows the blood of Yeshua not only cleanses us but it gives us power to overcome sin as well: "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" Romans 6:14. To put that another way, **salvation** apart from **sanctification** will never bring about the **full deliverance** that Jesus promised us throughout His Word. So why then do God's people eagerly seek to escape this "present suffering" if this is what God has ordained to bring about that change in us (Gen 3:17)? This is not a self-induced suffering to *pay* for anything. It's just the natural course of events once one steps out in faith to proclaim the "good news." Since the world hated Jesus it will hate you too. There is also the matter of our own souls to deal with and the adamic nature that needs to be crucified, and that's seldom a pleasant experience now is it?

"Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction."

Isaiah 48:10

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Daniel 3:17-18

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" Philippians 1:29

"But the God of all **grace**, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have **suffered** a while, make you **perfect**, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10

You know the Devil is trying to deceive many brethren into thinking that they can serve God in some **half-hearted**, **lukewarm**, or even **backslidden** Christian walk, and then when times get tough they will just be gloriously removed from the Earth in "the rapture" by an all loving God. These same brethren must also believe they're just going to be miraculously **changed** into the "spotless" bride of Christ adorned for her master when many were and have been just "standing idle in the marketplace" or worse. Someone also needs to ask the many Christians around the world who are being martyred for their faith as you read this "How the rapture (doctrine) is working for them?" I believe you will find this doctrine only seems to take hold in places and countries where there is little to no real persecution for the faith taking place. I'm afraid someday American Christians are going to be in for a big surprise.

As for being "**changed**," I don't believe this *changed nature* is something most Christians are even seeking to qualify for (Rev 12:11; 14:4-5) since they have been told they are just going to "fly away" someday anyway; I mean why bother? Another comment I hear all the time from the many tenacious rapture exponents is this, "Hey brother, the Bible says God has not appointed us unto wrath!" I always say *Amen* to that! But you know, God also said He did not made *Hell for man* but we know many have and are going there just the same. Christians need to remember everything that Jesus preached, everything in the Bible is conditional. Moreover, the Bible tells us it's *the wicked* who are to be bundled, burned, and taken away (removed) for judgment, whereas the righteous will inherit the Earth:

"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil." John 17:15

One of the stories many preachers so enjoy quoting in support of this feel good escapism doctrine is the story of Noah and the flood. They say this is proof text for the rapture, but let's compare apples to apples here. First off, Noah and his family were never actually taken from the Earth were they? They were protected by obeying God's word to prepare the ark while others mocked their perceived insanity. Today this *types* out as preparing the soul for His **secret temple coming** (Mal 3:1; Mat 25:10; John 7:10-14). Now afterwards the eight walked the same Earth they had previously walked, except for now the **wicked** had been removed or "taken" in judgment! However, the main emphasis of that reference was that the people were "eating and drinking..." and didn't have a clue *when* or even *that* destruction was coming. So likewise, "as it was in the days of Noah" so shall it be in the end-time: Christians need to be preparing the ark of their souls by obeying God's Word & His Spirit; and if we can't we had better start adding fasting with our prayers to gain control over our souls. We all need to come up higher in our walk with God because the **flood of ungodly men & armies** (Isa 28:2-3; Jer 12:5; Rev 12:15) will soon cover the earth. Then when **destruction** does come we too will be **lifted up** in the Spirit to meet the LORD in a higher relationship as spoken of in Revelation 12:5 below:

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up** unto God, and to his throne." Revelation 12:5

"Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered [separated from] of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in **one day**? or shall a nation be born **at once**? for as soon as Zion **travailed**, she brought forth her CHILDREN [not *one*, or even *two*, but a **remnant**]." Isaiah 66:7-8

"But upon **mount Zion** shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the **house of Jacob** shall possess their **possessions**." Obadiah 1:17

"And **saviours** shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S." Obadiah 1:21

Now on the other hand there will be another group of Christians that will not be found ready and watching for their LORD'S **coming** because they will be fast asleep, out cold. The following verses pertain to them:

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled." Luke 21:20-22

"And the woman [foolish virgin] fled into the **wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days." Revelation 12:6

Jesus is talking about the "**great tribulation**" in Luke 21 above. These are Christians who are told to "flee" brethren, and whether you believe this is a reference to *spiritual* or *natural* mountains, or spiritual Jews or natural Jews (who of course don't read the Bible or believe in Jesus' warnings anyway) makes no difference. There will be believers on the earth during the **great tribulation** who have to "flee" so as not to be killed: Mat 10:23. Do not make the mistake others have made by building your faith around one verse, or the interpretation of a passage or two, or on one erroneously interpreted vision. Especially when that interpretation or doctrine leaves you waiting for a type of deliverance that Jesus never intended. The fact remains, all believers will be here on this earth during the **great tribulation** and that which follows it (Isa 26:20-21). To prove this point further let us look at the parable of the **tares**:

"Let both grow together until the **harvest** [**the vials**]: and in the time of **harvest** [**the indignation**: Isa 26:20-21] I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the **tares**, and **bind them** in **bundles** to **burn them**: but **gather the wheat** into **my barn**." Matthew 13:30

Do you see the order here? It is the wicked who are gathered first. Now I suppose the "post-trib" folks are saying, "See, I told you the Rapture happens last!" Close, but tell me, why would believers need to be removed from the very place God says they are going to inherit, especially after the Earth has been **purged**?

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the **wicked** shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

Psalm 37:9-11

"For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off [taken]." Psalm 37:22

Then of course what rapture study would be complete without exploring the now famous vision had by one 13-yr old *Margaret McDonald* back in 1830. That vision ([see link](#)), and the passage in 1-Thessalonians 4:15-17, are the two pillars upon which the rapture is supposedly supported, but can we look at these two resources outside the end-time rapture box? Let us see if God's Word illuminates a better interpretation other than what has been previously applied to little Margaret's vision?

Excerpt From 1830 Vision: "I saw it was just the Lord himself descending from Heaven with a shout, just the glorified man, even Jesus; but that all must, as Stephen was, be filled with the Holy Ghost, that they might look up, and see the brightness of the Father's glory. I saw the error to be that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eye; but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eye of God in his people."

That excerpt very plainly describes the first **secret coming** of the Christ to the **man child Co./the remnant temple** that is shown many times in type throughout the Bible. It is also paramount that we study the "air" many of the brethren say we are to get "caught up" into since this is the very heart of the rapture doctrine's premise.

"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath** of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing **mighty wind**, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the **Holy Ghost**, and began to speak with other tongues, as the **Spirit** [G4154: **breath**] gave them utterance." Acts 2:2-4

"Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the **wind**, prophecy, son of man, and say to the **wind**, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, **O breath**, and **breathe** [Gen 2:7] upon these slain, that they may live [the **dead in Christ** arising first]." Ezekiel 37:9

Are you starting to see how "**breath**," **breathe**," "**wind**," and "**air**," are actually equating to the *Holy Spirit* in the Bible? Let's look at some more of the *Strong's* definitions:

Genesis 2:7 "Breathed" H5301: naw-fakh'

A primitive root; to **puff**, in various applications (literally, to inflate, **blow** hard, scatter, kindle, **expire**; figuratively, to disesteem): - **blow**, **breath**, give up, cause to lose [life], seething, snuff.

Now look back at 1-Thessalonians 4:17 once again but especially the word "**air**."

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the **clouds** [great cloud of witnesses], to meet the Lord in the **AIR**: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1-Thessalonians 4:17

1-Thessalonians 4:17 "Air" G109: ah-ayr'

From aēmi (to **breathe** unconsciously, that is, **respire**; by analogy to **blow**); "air" (as naturally circumambient): - air. Compare G5594.

Ok, so now you say, "There you go! It can't be any planer than that; Christians must go up in the air!" Howbeit if we are to "meet the LORD in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord," WHEN DO WE COME DOWN? I mean that verse is also saying we are going to be forever up in the air floating with Jesus. That would be awkward. This is why we must always factor in that God speaks to us using symbolic representations more often than not. The golden rule still applies here: the Bible must interpret the Bible (2-Peter 1:20). Any-old unsaved sinner or devil can come up with this "fly-away" dogma just like many have who for years (since 1830) have fallen into lock-step with this less than inspired modern day interpretation for the "catching-up." Many have proclaimed dates for this *rapture* that have come and gone without event, and the world mocks Christians, God's Word, and of course God Himself. The Word is spiritually discerned brethren, but you say "It's literal." OK then, bon appétit:

"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." John 6:53

Satan counts on Christians to be lazy laity and to just eat-up everything that comes their way, especially when it's the "**broad way**" that leads to escaping suffering. Whereas God says we (each of us) should be busy Bereans' searching His Word to see if such things be so. So let us continue to search out what the biblical interpretation for these *clouds of meeting* in 1-Thessalonians 4 are and I will give you a hint, it has to do more with departed brethren (witnesses) than with condensed moisture:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so **great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1

Over and over again the Bible describes the LORD'S different returns and or His appearings as sometimes "on," sometimes "in," and sometimes "with" the clouds of Heaven:

"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man **came** with the **clouds** of heaven [Rev 19], and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him." Daniel 7:13

You know when I look out my window today I already see clouds, so something must be special about the cloud(s) that Jesus is bringing with Him when He **returns**:

"And the **armies** which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." Revelation 19:14

"And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a **great cloud**, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of **amber** [**brass**: judgment], out of the midst of the **fire**." Ezekiel 1:4

Above in Ezekiel chapter one we see still another picture of one of the LORD'S appearings as described using pure typology, and if you read on you start to see the interpretation of what—or who—makes up this "**great cloud**" the LORD returns in: it is the saints who have gone on to "follow the Lamb wheresoever" He lead them in their day and age. In other words, it is the overcomers' who have died (where martyred) and now reside in the heavenly realm ("that **they** without **us** should not be made **perfect**": Hebrews 11:40). Now let us look again at this *air* in which the saints are to meet the LORD? You know if the clouds are not real clouds but saints; you really need to reconsider your understanding of the "air" also. I think you will find out the "air" being described in 1-Thessalonians 4 is not the kind that dries our clothes:

"The **wind** bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is **born** of the **Spirit**." John 3:8

Very seldom did Yeshua speak verbatim parables, i.e., *apple = apple*, or *cloud = cloud*. However, most of the time it seems what was meant to be taken metaphorically in the Bible was seldom seen as such by those who felt they needed to add their own **carnal** knowledge to the pot (2-Ki 4:40). A good example of this was when Yeshua spoke of tearing down the temple and that He would rebuild it again after three days. Or how about when He said we should eat His flesh? Come on now brethren! Surely there must be some cannibal Christians out there with the way everything gets interpreted? I can say without a doubt that Satan has used the gullibility of a certain invented laity class of believers to just blindly accept anything the self-imposed clergy class puts before them; I know I use to. It is a fact that God speaks to **humanity** using symbolic language, but the Christian is to possess understanding (Mat 13:10-11).

The fact also remains that this "air" which an atheist will say is just that—*AIR*, has its true interpretation in the Bible as "**Spirit**"; God's **Spirit**. The Bible must interpret the Bible or it is simply not the Word of God. The following are just a few of the verses that support this truth. I believe you will see the *catching-up* experience spoken of in 1-Thessalonians 4 that all Christians are thought to be caught-up into (for there are two other "catching ups" spoken of in Rev 12:5, & 11:12), is actually a situation where the spirit and soul of just *some* of the brethren begin to be *caught-up* into a higher realm of God's presence/**Spirit**. The other catching up event (Rev 11:12) is an actual physical catching or *calling up*. Then **those** that remain "**alive**" and "cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days" (the end of **Armageddon**: Dan 12:12) will begin to be "**changed**" throughout the **thousand year reign** as they too completely surrender their souls onto GOD'S Holy Spirit ([see link](#)). That is what the "**day of rest**" (from the works of the **flesh**)/the "**Dispensation of the Fullness**" is for; to make men "every whit whole" [**complete**]:

"If a man on the **sabbath day** receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man **every whit whole** on the **sabbath day**?" John 7:23

We must keep in mind brethren God's master plan; we are not only to be **born-again**, we must also be **sanctified** before the **perfecting** of the soul can take place (Mat 5:48). Any doctrine that teaches a Christian can escape or cut the **sanctification** process out of the picture is selling you a **doctrine of devils** my friend. I know there are going to be those who will still believe that if the Bible says "up in the air we **ALL** go," then they will continue to literally believe, up, up, and away..., but then it, Jesus, also says we are to "gouge out our eyes" and to "cut off our hands" if they cause us to offend now doesn't it?

The Bible most definitely describes three different rapture *type* events that will take place. One at the start of the **great tribulation**/the **42-months** (the **secret** temple **coming**: Mal 3:1; Mat 25:10; John 7:10-14), one after the Two Witnesses finish their **1,260 days** of ministry and are **killed** and **resurrected** (this one is a literal **catching up** into **perfection**), and the one that we just talked about in 1-Thessalonians 4 which

progressively takes place throughout the next thousand years. This last *spiritual rapture* starts for some at the beginning of **Armageddon**. This last one is the only *rapture type* event most of the Church seems to have even heard about. In Revelation 12 we are told about a group of saints who are symbolically called the "**Man child**" which literally means "**mature son(s)**." We are also told about the "**Two Witnesses**" or "**two martyrs**" in Revelation 11. Then there are the "**Two Olive trees**"/"**Two Anointed Ones**" that stand by the Lord of the whole earth that the angel told Zechariah in a roundabout way represent the "**Spirit**" and the "**Word**" in Zechariah 4:6. These are the saints that will minister the gospel to the world while they "feed" or minister to another portion of the Church (the foolish virgins) that were not quite ready when the bridegroom returned. So they are *caught-up*, but then return to the Earth to minister during the **great tribulation**. Is that what you have been taught, because that is what the Bible says?

"And she brought forth a **man child**, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her **child** was **CAUGHT UP** unto God, and to his throne (Mal 3:1). And the woman [**foolish virgins**] fled into the **wilderness**, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they [**the man child/two witnesses/wise virgins**] should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**." Revelation 12:5-6

"And the dragon was wroth with the **woman**, and went [meaning he was **preparing**] to make **war** with the **remnant** [**two witnesses/man child**] of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17

Now later on these same *man child* brethren will be attacked by **Gog**, the dragon/Satan in the **False Prophet** (the presiding **Pope**) just like the **two witness** brethren will be, for they are one and the same remnant group of overcomers. Revelation 11:7 says that "the beast out of the pit shall make **war** against them, and shall **overcome** them, and **kill** them" after their **42-month** ministry. These are all the same brethren folks. It is just different typologies being applied to keep things hid. However, it is time they be made known; PRAISE GOD!

OK, now there's the first *spiritual rapture* in Revelation 12 above, where the **man child brethren** are "**caught up** unto God, and to his throne." This also coincides with the "**marriage** of the Lamb": Mat 25:10. This is also known as the first **secret coming** of the LORD to His earthly temple, which same **secret coming** is also typed-out in John 7:10-14. So you saw how the Bible says these brethren are going to be "caught up" to God's throne and yet they are also going to be "feeding" the same "**woman**" down here on the earth that they had just came out of; that same **Woman Church** that had been nurturing them as they were growing up into Christ. This **secret catching up/coming of the LORD** tells us their bodies are still going to be physically on the earth at that time just like Paul's was. *Come on now brethren!* You are supposed to be asking for a second witness to this precept I am speaking here; actually a third, since I already showed you Malachi 3 and John 7:10-14.

The fact of the matter is these end-time brethren— just like Paul—are going to be the only brethren who will have overcome their **adamic natures** to a great extent before the **great tribulation** begins. However,

they will still be learning increased obedience throughout the **42-months** by the things they too will suffer ("sackcloth and ashes"). These are and will be the "wise virgin" group of Christians who were ready and watching for their Master's return, but not "every eye" will see this **1st return** or **coming**; it will only be for those who are watching, and definitely not every Christian is doing that. This is when the "double portion"/"former & latter rain"/"greater works" ministry is imparted into the spotless bride at the **marriage consumption**, which is another doctrine in itself, but let's stick to that which pertains to this **first** of three rapture type events. Now the next time the Bible describes a *rapture type* event taking place is **after** the **42-months**, once the **witnesses** are ordered to be **killed** by the **2nd beast** in Revelation 13, but we should read that in Revelation 11.

"And when they shall have finished their [42-month] testimony, **the beast** [actually Satan & his princes in a people] that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make **war** against them, and shall **overcome** them, and **kill** them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city [worldwide Babylon], which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these **two prophets** [olive trees/man child/etc.] tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after **three days and a half** the **Spirit of life** from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither**. And **they ascended up** to heaven in **a cloud** [Heb 11:40]; and their enemies beheld them." Revelation 11:7-12

Revelation 11:12 takes place after the **42-months** of **great tribulation**, but before the **vial judgments** begin, and is the only time the Bible speaks of **saints** (the **overcoming martyred** dead) being "**caught up**" or more precisely "**called up**" physically into the heavenly realm just like Yeshua was when He ascended. Furthermore, this catching up is definitely not going to involve all living saints. Moreover, the **worst** is yet to follow when the Lamb begins to pour out "**the wrath of the Lamb**" during the "**indignation**" **30-day** time period. After that GOD'S "**fierce wrath**" also called "**the winepress of the wrath of GOD**" at **Armageddon**.

So brethren I am just asking that you take these things and go back into the Word. Pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal if you've been deceived in any way about the Rapture. I did 30-yrs ago and the LORD revealed it to me one night. It just came as a word of knowledge and has proved itself out over many years as I studied what the Spirit had revealed to me. Now "Go, and do likewise."