**STUDIES IN REVELATION**

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**TIMELESS THEMES AND TRUTHS**

**CONCERNING OUR FUTURE IN GLORY**

***The Rapture of the Church*** (Rev. 3:10-11 / 4:2)

***The Blessed Hope of the Believer***

***The Home Going of the Saved***

1. **The Fact is Established in the Scripture**

John 14:3

I Corinthians 15:51-53

Philippians 3:20-21

I Thessalonians 1:10

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

These verses not only mention The Lord is coming, but

they specifically mention a gathering unto Him.

He is not just coming, but coming for and receiving

someone, that someone is THE CHURCH

1. **Types in the Old Testament**

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| Enoch | Gen. 5:24 | Taken Alive |
| Lot | Gen. 19 | Taken out before the fire |
| Rahab | Joshua 6 | Delivered before Destruction |
| Elijah | II Kings 2 | Taken Alive |

1. **Different Views of the Rapture**

*A. Partial Rapture*

Only the spiritual, in fellowship believers.

*B. Mid-Tribulation*

Christ will come in the middle of the tribulation.

*C. Post Tribulation*

The church will go through the entire 7 years.

*D. Amillennialism*

No rapture, no 1,000-year reign. (Millennial Reign)

*E. Pre-Tribulation - Premillennialism*

Christ will return before the tribulation period.

The Church will not see any part of the tribulation.

1. **The Twofold Phase of His Coming**

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| ***The Rapture*** | ***The Revelation*** |
| For His Saints | With His Saint |
| In the Air | To the Earth |
| On a Cloud | On a White Horse |
| As a Thief | As the Judge |
| Church Only | Whole World |

1. **The Reality of the Rapture**

*A. The Truth of the Rapture*

The meaning - Transported with delight

*B. The Timing of the Rapture*

The Imminent Return of Christ

*C. The Thrill of the Rapture*

Leaving....Seeing...Meeting

*D. The Task of the Rapture*

The Responsibility of the Believer BEFORE

1. Go to Church (Heb. 10:25)
2. Love the Saints (I Thess. 3:12-13)
3. Be Faithful (James 5:8)
4. Live Right (I Jn. 3:2-3)
5. Preach the Word (II Tim. 4:1-2)
6. Help the Hurting (I Thess. 4:18)
7. Win Souls (I Thess. 2:19-20 / Jude 21-23)
8. Labor with Heaven in View (Col. 3:1-4)

*E. The Terror of the Rapture*

For the Sinner……. Left Behind

For the Saint……... Judgement Seat (II Cor. 5:10)