

BIRTHPANGS: part Two

The SIGNS of the coming FUTURE part two, from The Gospel of Mark 13:5-8

Introduction:

4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 6 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. 7 "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. 8 "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. **These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.**

John 14:3 I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also...

The RAPTURE

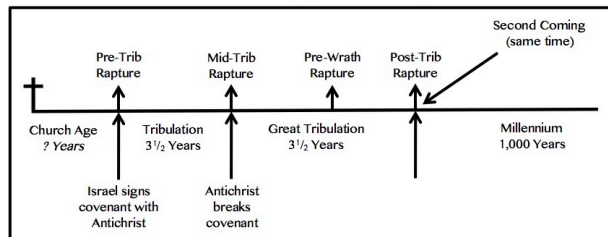
TURN to 1 Thessalonians 4

The rapture is a future event when Jesus Christ will descend from heaven and in a moment of time, resurrect the bodies of departed believers, transform the bodies of living believers immediately into His glorious presence; then escort them to heaven to live with Him forever

John 14:2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Corinthians 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.

Various Views of the Timing of the Rapture



TURN to 2 Thessalonians 2

TURN to 1 Thessalonians 1, then 5

Revelation 3:10 'Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Revelation 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

1 Corinthians 1:7 awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Mark 13

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 as to the times and the epochs... you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

#1 Religious D

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Daniel 8:25 *through his shrewdness He will cause deceit to succeed by his influence; and he will magnify himself in his heart, and he will destroy many while they are at ease*

Revelation 6:1-2 *Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, ... I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer*

Matthew 24:24 *For false Christ's and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect*

2 Thessalonians 2:9 *one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false*

#2 International D

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James 4:1 *What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel*

Zechariah 14:1-3 *For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled ... Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations...*

Revelation 6:3-4 *When He broke the second seal...And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.*

Revelation 9:16 *The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million...*

Mark 8:31 *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

#3 Natural D

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EARTHQUAKES Revelation 6:12 *when He broke the sixth seal, and there was *a great earthquake* ... Revelation 11:13 *And in that hour there was *a great earthquake* and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified* Revelation 16:18 *...and there was a *great earthquake* such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an *earthquake* was it, and so mighty. Revelation 16:20 *And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found***

FAMINES Revelation 6:5-6 *when He broke the seal, and behold, a black horse' and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ... 'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine*

PLAGUES Luke 21:11 *plagues, terrors and great signs from heaven.*

TERRORS AND SIGNS FROM HEAVEN

BIRTHPANGS

1=Where is your _____?

2=Where is your _____?

3=Where is your _____?

4=Where is your _____? Colossians 3:1 *if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

5=Where is your _____? Luke 18:13 *the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!'*