

What is the Rapture?

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Series: *Knowing Tomorrow—Living Today*

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

2 Peter 1:3–4 ESV

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,”

Titus 2:11–13 ESV

What is the _____?

“After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.””

Revelation 4:1 ESV

Blessed Hope - Jesus Promises to _____ (Strength)

“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”

Numbers 23:19 ESV

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”

John 14:1 ESV

“In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

John 14:2–3 ESV

- The Bride of Christ

“For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:2 ESV

(Also Ephesians 5:25-28)

Key Elements in Jewish Wedding Ceremony

- **Marriage** _____ (1 Peter 1:18-19)
- **Groom** _____ **on Fathers House** (John 14:2)
- **Groom** _____ **& Return to New Home** (John 14:3)
- **Celebration with** _____ (Revelation 19:7-9)

“Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

2 Corinthians 6:2b ESV

Blessed Hope - The Promises to a _____ (Hope)

“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,”

1 Corinthians 15:51 ESV

“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 shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.”

1 Corinthians 15:52–56 ESV

(Also Revelation 21:4)

Blessed Hope – Encouragement to Live for _____

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13 ESV

“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Thessalonians 4:14–15 ESV

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 ESV

“Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1–2 ESV

(Also 1 Thessalonians 5:7-8; 5:9-10)

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Am I Ready for Jesus Return?

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