

RAPTURE OR 2nd COMING...PART ONE

Do you ever get the rapture and 2nd coming mixed up in scripture? People argue so much about all of this until we can't even talk about it. Man, the early church sure did talk about it, they were excited even way back then awaiting Jesus' return!

Remember when we read the Bible we have to look at who is speaking and who are they speaking to. Those are big clues as to what is being discussed. Do you know that Israel is called: chosen, elect, and saints. Did you know that the church is called: chosen, elect and saints too? The angels are also referred to as chosen, elect and saints. You have to read the context (before and after the scripture) and consider the speaker and the audience to figure out "who" is being talked about.

ELECT:

Isaiah 45:4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel Mine elect....(Israel)

Romans 8:33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? (church)

I Timothy 5:21 I charge you before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels....(angels)

Elect is translated Called in my KJ Bible / in Hebrew & Greek it means chosen

SAINTS:

Psalm 148:14 He also exalts the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him. Praise the LORD. (Israel)

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. (church)

Zechariah 14:5c and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with Him. (saints or angels) saints here is Kadosh in Hebrew and can mean saints or angels

CHOSEN:

Deuteronomy 14:2 For you are an holy people unto the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all nations that are upon the earth. (Israel)

I Peter 2:9a But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; (church)

I Timothy 5:21 I charge you before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the chosen angels... (angels)

RAPTURE:

I Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **Last trump is something the Jews refer to on The Feast of Trumpets when they blow the shophar's 100 times – the last long blast at midnight is called The Last Tump**

I Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 26:19-20 Your dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, you that dwell in the dust: for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Isaiah 57:1 The righteous perish, and no man lays it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

I Thess.: 2:1-3 **they thought they missed the rapture, Paul had already taught them on this**

II Tim.: 4:1

Job 14:13-14 O that you would hide me in the grave, that you would keep me secret, until Your wrath be past, that You would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Eph.: 1:9-10

Eph.: 3:1-7 **note verse 5 – Paul was taught the dispensation of Grace or the church age and others had not been taught this. When that comes to a close then the rapture will be**

I Thess.: 1:10, 5:9 Greek: Parousia speaks about His coming and many think only His 2nd coming but some believe it also speaks of the rapture

To be continued in Part Two...