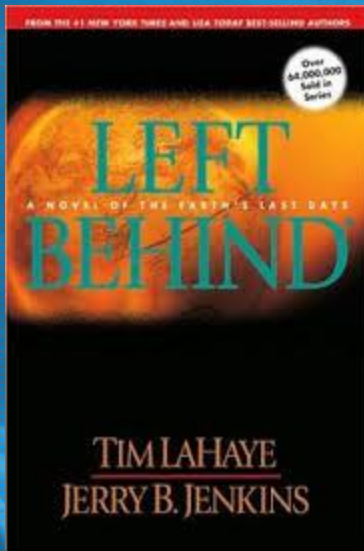


# The Rapture *Is It Scriptural?*





# The Rapture

## Is It Scriptural?

*In the blink of an eye, the biblical Rapture strikes the world. Millions of people disappear in an instant as terror and chaos spread around the world and darkness enfolds the planet. Airline pilot Ray Steele is in the air at that moment and struggles to save the lives of the passengers that remain on his flight, as the world below loses its ability to help his plane to safety . . . On the ground, Ray's daughter Chloe frantically searches for her mother and young brother in the chaos and destruction.*



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## PREMILLENNIALISM

### Two Errors

Literalize – Try to find literal fulfillment  
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### Proper Interpretation:

- Historical – Take literally unless good reason not to.
- Poetic – Reason determines literal or figurative.
- Apocalyptic – Take figuratively unless good reason not to.



# The Rapture

## *Is It Scriptural?*

### PREMILLENNIALISM

#### Two Errors

Literalize – Try to find literal fulfillment in figurative language.

Futurize – Rip prophecy about events from 586 BC to 70 AD out of context and throw fulfillment to single event at end of time.



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### Examples of Premillennial Error

- Isa. 11:6-9 – Meant to be literal?
- Joel 2:30-32 – Fulfilled in Acts 2.
- Mat. 24:29 – Note Mat. 24:1-3; 34  
Fulfilled in destruction of  
Jerusalem in 70 AD.



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## Premillennialism

➤ **7 year “Tribulation”**

**3½ years Antichrist rises to power.**

**3½ years of God’s wrath on earth.**

**Jesus appears, destroys Antichrist and  
forces in battle of Armageddon.**

**Satan locked away in abyss.**



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## Premillennialism

- 7 year “Tribulation”
- Millennial kingdom on earth

Jesus rules world from throne in Jerusalem. Saints rule with Him.

Peace and prosperity unlike ever before. No war, famine, disease.



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## Premillennialism

- 7 year “Tribulation”
- Millennial kingdom on earth

At end, Satan loosed, deceives nations, surrounds saints and Jerusalem.

Fire destroys army, Satan thrown into hell, Great White Throne Judgment, good and bad go to eternal abodes.



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### Where Rapture fits in?

➤ Before 7 year Tribulation.

Saints not to go through God's wrath against earth.

➤ Dead saints rise, living saints caught up with them to meet the Lord in the clouds – 1 Thes. 4:16-17.



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### **Pre-tribulation Rapture:**

- **A partial resurrection.**
- **A secret coming of Jesus and a secret catching up of saints.**
- **A temporary rapture.**



# The Rapture *Is It Scriptural?*

## The Biblical Truth:

### ➤ A partial resurrection?

**John 5:28-29 – One resurrection, not three.**

**ALL in graves hear Jesus'  
voice and come forth.**

**Some raised to life, others to  
condemnation.**



# The Rapture

## *Is It Scriptural?*

### **The Biblical Truth:**

- **A secret coming of Jesus and a secret catching up of saints?**

**Rev. 1:7 – Every eye will see Him.**

**1 Thes. 4:16 – A shout, the voice of the archangel, the trumpet of God.**

**c/w Mat. 24:30-31.**



# The Rapture

## *Is It Scriptural?*

### **The Biblical Truth:**

➤ **A temporary rapture?**

**John 14:1-3 – In the Father's house.**

**John 14:3; 1 Thes. 4:17 – We will forever be with the Lord. Bible says nothing about Jesus setting foot on the earth ever again.**

**1 Cor. 15:50-53 – Resurrected bodies are spiritual, fit for heaven and not earth.**



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## *Is It Scriptural?*

### Premillennialism:

Jesus' kingdom is of this world.

Kingdom is not yet established, Jesus is not yet ruling.

We are not yet in the kingdom of Christ.

We are not yet enjoying kingdom blessings.

### Bible:

Jesus' kingdom not of this world – John 18:36.

Jesus ruling over His kingdom now – Col. 1:13.

We can be in kingdom now – Col. 1:13

We enjoy all blessings now – Eph. 1:3.