

LESSON 18

RAPTURE.

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How do you know Matt. 24 is talking mainly about the destruction of Jerusalem? Use Scripture to prove your answer

→ DISCIPLES ASK JESUS WHEN THE TEMPLE WOULD BE TORN DOWN, VS. 2-3. JESUS REPLIES WITHIN THIS GENERATION, VS. 34.

What is the abomination of desolation in Matt. 24? Use verses to prove.

→ DESTRUCTION OF TEMPLE AND THE
END OF JEWISH DISPENSATION, VS.
2-3. VS. 15 SAYS IT WAS PROPHESED
BY DANIEL 9:27, 11:31.

What are 4 reasons we should we study Premillennialism (PM)?

- TEST EVERYTHING.

-1 Thess. 5:21-22 (ESV), Acts 17:11, 1 John 4:1.

- YOU MAY KNOW HOW YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO
EACH PERSON.

- Col. 4:6, 1 Pet. 3:15.

- BUILD OUR FAITH.

-Rom. 10:17.

- ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE UNITY OF HOLY
SPIRIT

-Eph. 4:3-4.

What is Premillennialism?

Doctrine that Christ's second coming will come **before** 1000 year reign of kingdom on earth.

What is Eschatology?

From the Greek term “eschatos”, meaning last. This is the study of the doctrine of the last things.

What is the 10 Pillars of Premillennialism?

#1 Rejection.

#2 Parenthesis.

#3 The Covenant with Abraham.

#4 The Return of Israel.

#5 The Throne of David.

#6 Rapture.

#7 Revival of Roman Empire, the Anti-Christ, the False Prophet.

#8 The Great Tribulation.

#9 Armageddon.

#10 The Millennium.

What is Parenthesis in the PM Doctrine?

Refers to the church age as a parenthesis, (____): a mystery gap that must run from the coming of Christ to the second coming when the kingdom will be established.

What are the 5 key scriptures used by PM to support their doctrine?

- Gen. 12:1-7.
- Dan. 2, 7, 9 & 11.
- 1 Thess. 4.
- Matt. 24.
- Rev. 20:1-15.

What happens during the 7 year tribulation period?

The church will be raptured, the Holy Spirit will be removed, outbreak of evil and tribulation such as the earth has never known will begin.

God in Gen. 12:1-7 made a promise to Abraham about receiving the Land of Canaan. Was Abraham along with Israel to receive this land? Cite the Scriptures to support your answer.

➡ Yes. Abraham descendants.

➡ Gen. 13:14-17, 15:7-8.

Did God fulfill this land promise?
Provide Scripture.

→ Yes.

→ Josh. 21:43-46.

Objectives

Understand what “Rapture” means and show how it is not supported by Scripture.

What is the Rapture (according to PM)?

“It is common today to see bumper stickers with slogans such as: "In case of Rapture this car will be unoccupied." The term Rapture stands for the so-called coming of a millennial reign of Christ on earth. The word Rapture comes from the Latin, RAPARE, which means to "take away" or "snatch out."

What is the Rapture (according to PM)?

It is taught by many who endorse the theory that Christ at his second coming will silently remove from this world the righteous - and this just before a terrible tribulation shall take place on the earth. This alarmist doctrine portrays quite a drama. Families will be shocked by the strange disappearance of a mother, father, or child. Driverless cars will collide in streets.

What is the Rapture (according to PM)?

A man and wife are in bed; she hears a noise, turns her head, and he is gone. Planes crash with no pilots found. The theorist continues by stating that the tribulation on earth will last for seven years during which time the Lord will pour out His wrath upon all those who have rejected Him. At the end of the tribulation, they say, the Lord will return to the earth with ten thousand of His saints and a great battle will be fought.

What is the Rapture (according to PM)?

They add that Christ and His army will be victorious and will then execute judgement upon the ungodly. Then, according to the theory, the Lord will usher in His Kingdom, an earthly reign of Christ on earth which shall last for 1,000 years.”

**WHAT WILL YOU DO
IF YOU ARE LEFT
BEHIND?**

**IN THE
TWINKLING
OF AN EYE !**



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MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DISAPPEAR !

**MASSIVE EARTHQUAKES FELT AROUND THE WORLD -
VERY HEAVY CASUALTIES !**

**RUSSIA AND HER ALLIED FORCES ARE ANNIHILATED
IN SURPRISE ATTACK ON ISRAEL !**

**NEW WORLD LEADER ARISES WITH COMPREHENSIVE
PEACE PROPOSAL AND DISARMAMENT PROGRAM !**

WORLD WIDE PANIC AS STOCK MARKET COLLAPSES !

GLOBAL CHAOS !

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT? ! !

What does Scripture Say?

1). How does the dictionary define “Rapture” relative to our study?



2 ACCORDING TO SOME MILLENARIAN TEACHING, THE TRANSPORTING OF BELIEVERS TO HEAVEN AT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST.

2). Do a Google Search on Rapture. What do you find?

Rapture



The rapture is an eschatological theological position held by some Christians, particularly within branches of American evangelicalism, consisting of an end-time event when all Christian believers who are alive, along with resurrected believers, would rise "in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." [Wikipedia](#)

What does Scripture Say?

3). Do you find the word “Rapture” in the Bible or its doctrine?

→ No.

What does Scripture Say?

4). According to these Scriptures (Rev. 1:7, 1 Thess. 4:16), will Christ's second return be secretive?

- The Lord's return will not be secretive or silent.
- Rev. 1:7 states that, "every eye shall see him".
- 1 Thess. 4:16, says that His coming will be heralded with "a shout", with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God".

What does Scripture Say?

5). What is the “tribulation” in Matt. 24:9 that PM say will occur after the rapture?

→ The fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

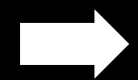
What does Scripture Say?

6). According to PM, there will be multiple resurrections. According to John 5:28-29, how many resurrections are there and who is involved?

→ One resurrection and that will include both the good and evil.

What does Scripture Say?

7). After the tribulation according to PM, Christ will return to establish an earthly Kingdom. What Scripture would you use to show Christ's Kingdom is a spiritual one?



Jesus stated in John 18:36 "My kingdom is not of this world."

What does Scripture Say?

8). What did Jesus promise Peter in Matthew 16:18-19 and how does this bear on His Kingdom?

→ Christ promised Peter in Matthew 16:18-19 that he could open the doors of the kingdom. If kingdom never established during Peter's lifetime, Jesus promise failed.

What does Scripture Say?

9). How did Peter and the rest of the Apostles grant access to Christ Kingdom in Acts 2:38-47?



By preaching the Gospel that allowed entrance by those obeying it.

What does Scripture Say?

10). Is the thousand-year reign of Christ on earth taught in Rev. 20:1-7? If not, what is teaching?

- No. Does not say on earth. 1000 years - Figurative.
- The Christian Martyrs will experience overwhelming victory over their enemies and be with Christ victorious.

What were the other 2 promise made to Abraham? Were they fulfilled? Provide Scriptures.

→ GREAT NATION, SEED.

→ YES.

→ GREAT NATION: DEUT. 1:10, 10:22,
Heb. 11:11-12, Acts 7:17.

→ SEED: ACTS 3:25-26, 13:32-33, 38.

How would you define the Kingdom of Christ?

→ RULE OF JESUS CHRIST REIGNING AS KING AND CHRISTIANS SUBJECT TO THE KING. SPIRITUAL NOT PHYSICAL KINGDOM.

If a PM says a physical kingdom must be established on earth to fulfill Scripture, how would you respond with Scripture?

→ WHAT SCRIPTURE?

→ CHRIST'S KINGDOM IS A SPIRITUAL ONE, JOHN 18:36.

→ ESTABLISHED IN 1ST CENTURY WITH THE RESURRECTION OF JC, MARK 16:19, ACTS 2:33.

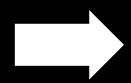
→ CHRIST'S KINGDOM TALKED ABOUT IN NT IN PAST TENSE, COL. 1:13-19.

What was the purpose of the Apostle John writing Revelation?



TO WARN AND COMFORT THE SAINTS TO WHOM WRITTEN ENABLING THEM TO HOLD FAST IN THE FACE OF EVIL AND PERSECUTION.

What are the time references in Revelation and how can they be used to refute the PM doctrine?



THINGS WHICH MUST SHORTLY TAKE PLACE. POINTS TO PROPHECY BEING FULFILLED IN 1ST CENTURY.

What are 4-6 things missing in Rev. 20:1-5 that PM needs to prove their doctrine?

- 1). The second coming of Christ.
- 2). The bodily resurrection.
- 3). A reign on earth.
- 4). A literal throne of David.
- 5). Jerusalem in the land of Palestine.
- 6). Christ on earth.

PM

Devil

**Popular
Ideas**

Scripture



Anti-Christ

Scriptures.

1. Many antichrists 1 John 2:18 (plural).
2. Arisen at the time of the writing of 1 Jn 2:18 (65-68 AD).
3. Deceivers, liars 1 John 2:22, 2 John 1:7.
4. Deceivers have gone out into the world 2 John 1:7
5. Jesus is not from God, 1 John 4:3.
6. Jesus is not the Christ, 1 John 2:22.
7. Denies the Father and the Son, 1 John 2:22.

Who Is the Anti-Christ in Scripture?

→ 1 John 2:22.

→ Those who in the 1st Century who denied that Jesus is the Christ and has come in the “flesh”.