

## THE RAPTURE: HOW AND WHEN

Revelation 4:1-2

### A Promise from Jesus

John 14:1-3

*But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 1 Thessalonians 5:4*

### I. Israel will come back into the land of Israel

*Then it will happen on that day that the Lord Will again recover the second time with His hand The remnant of His people, who will remain, From Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, And from the islands of the sea. And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:11-12*

Ezekiel 36:16-24

### II. There will be certain signs in the world

*<sup>8</sup>“But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. ...<sup>32</sup> Now learn the parable from the fig tree (Hosea 9:10): when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; <sup>33</sup> So, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup> “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup> “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. <sup>36</sup> “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. <sup>37</sup> “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. <sup>38</sup> “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Matthew 24:8, 32-39*

*Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. Genesis 6:11 (NIV)*

*“It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; <sup>29</sup> but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. <sup>30</sup> “It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. Luke 17:28-30*

## Genesis 19

### III. There will be signs in the Church (Laodicea)

*Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation. ”<sup>5</sup> For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 2 Peter 3:3-5*

### IV. The Method

*Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 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. 1 Corinthians 15:51-52*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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