

God's Plan for the Ages Series

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GOD'S PLAN
FOR THE **AGES**
DISPENSATIONS

RAPTURE-THE END OF THE CHURCH AGE

GENTILES

ISRAEL

Perfect Environment

Conscience

Human Government

Patriarchs

Mosaic Law

Messianic Age

Church Age

Tribulation

Creation Covenant

Gen. 1:28-30;
Hosea 6:7

Adamic Covenant

Gen. 3:14-19

Noahic Covenant

Gen. 9:1-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Gen. 12:1-3

Mosaic Covenant

Ex. 20-40

Logos

New Covenant Applied

Responsibility

Fulfill the Covenant:
Gen. 1:26-28;
2:16-17

Animal Sacrifice
Gen. 3:21

Fill the earth
Gen. 9:7

Stay distinct people
Gen. 7:14

Obey the Law
Ex. 19:3-8

Accept Messiah

**Faith alone
In Christ alone**

Failure

Ate fruit
Gen. 3:1-6

Evil and Wickedness
Gen. 6:5-6

Built Babel
Gen. 11:1-4

Assimilated
Gen. 34

Disobeyed
2 Chron. 36:14

Reject Messiah

Most reject Christ

Divine Judgment

Sp. Death
Gen. 3:7-19

Flood
Gen. 6—9

Confusion of Languages
Gen. 11:5-9

Egyptian Bondage
Ex. 1:8-14

Diaspora
Deut. 28:63-66

Cross 5th Cycle

Tribulation

BIBLICAL DISPENSATIONS

1 Cor. 4:9, “For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.””

1 Cor. 6:3, “Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, matters of this life?”

1 Cor. 11:10, “Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.”

1 Tim. 3:16, “And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, was vindicated in the Spirit, beheld by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.”

1 Tim. 5:21, “I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.”

1 Pet. 1:12, “It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look.”

Lessons From the Church Age in the Angelic Conflict

- 1) God's right to rule**
- 2) God's right to be the sole object of worship**
- 3) The supremacy of God's essence over all creation**
- 4) The importance of authority orientation**

Lessons From the Church Age in the Angelic Conflict

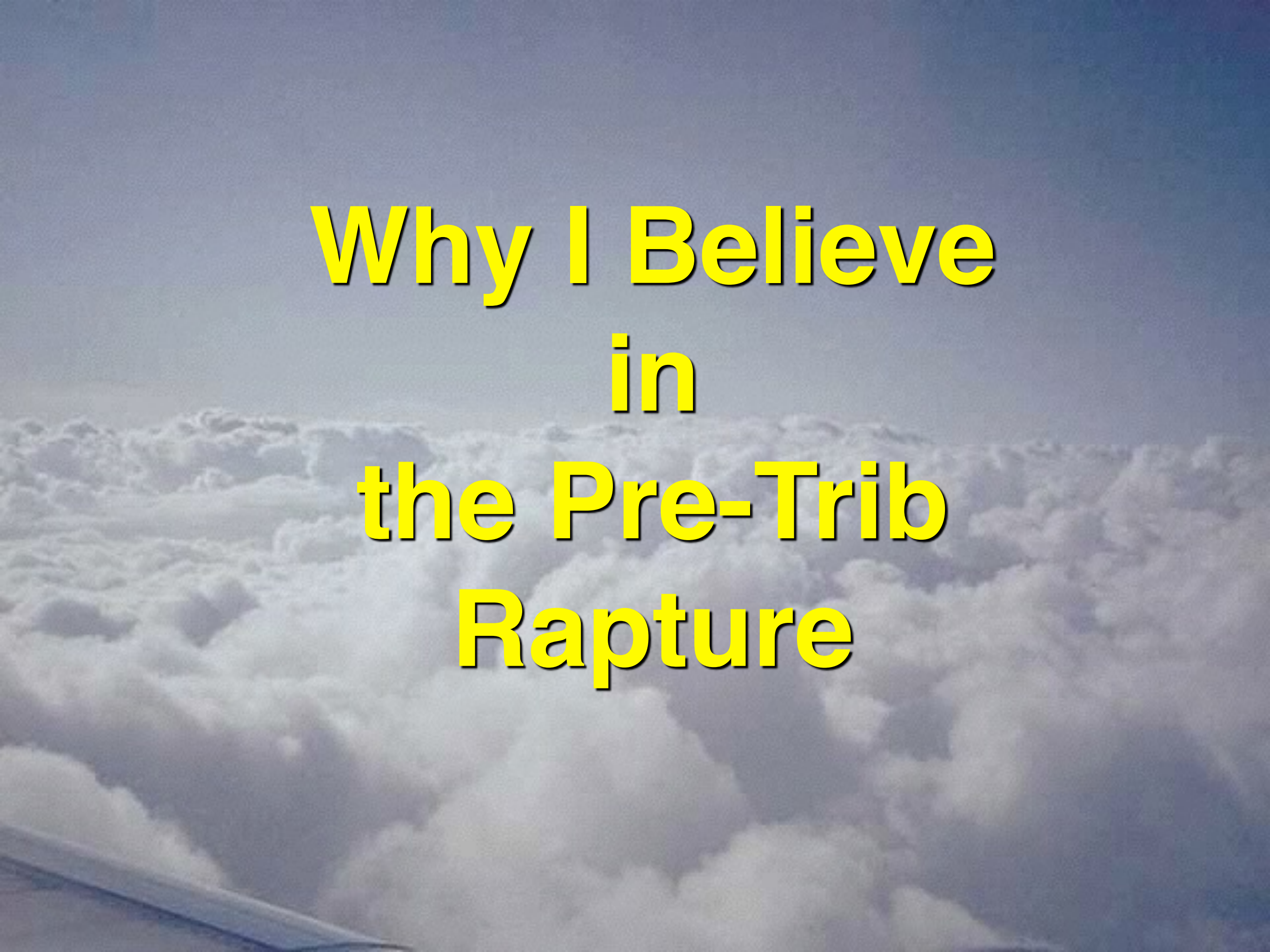
- 5) The supremacy of dependence on Him and the futility of independence from Him**
- 6) God's justice in sending Satan to the lake of fire**
- 7) God's right as the Creator to be the object of His creatures' love**

Lessons From the Church Age in the Angelic Conflict

- 8) The importance of grace orientation and how it functions**
- 9) His absolute exclusive right to be obeyed as well as His absolute exclusive right to judge His creatures**
- 10) Why the creature cannot live apart from the Creator (relates to #5)**

Lessons From the Church Age in the Angelic Conflict

- 11) Why Satan should not be allowed to rule his own domain as an independent creature and that his optimism (as well as man's optimism) in his own abilities apart from God will fail.**
- 12) The honor and glory for the creature only comes from honor and glory of the Creator.**
- 13) The importance of loyal humble servanthood to the Creator as well as demonstrating all of the character qualities that are necessary in a creature to rule and reign with Christ.**



**Why I Believe
in
the Pre-Trib
Rapture**



WHAT is the Rapture?

WHEN is the Rapture?



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the Rapture?**

The Rapture is . . .

The translation of all living believers from the earth at the end of the Church Age immediately following the resurrection of all dead Church Age believers; the Rapture occurs before the Tribulation.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God **will bring** with Him those who have fallen asleep **in Jesus**. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until **the coming of the Lord**, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead **in Christ shall rise** first. Then we who are alive and remain **shall be caught up** together with them in the clouds **to meet** the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



harpazó—“caught up”

“to seize upon
with force”

“to snatch up”

(1 Thessalonians 4:17)

**2 Thess. 2:1, “Now we request you, brethren,
with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, and our gathering together to Him,”**

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



episunagógé—

“gathering together”

“assembly”

(2 Thessalonians 2:1)

1 Cor. 15:51, “Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed

1 Cor. 15:52, “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.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



allassó–

“to change”

“to transform”

“to exchange”

(1 Corinthians 15:51–52)

John 14:3, “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



paralambanó—

“to take to”

“to receive to
oneself”

(John 14:3)

Titus 2:13, “looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



epiphaneia—

“a manifestation”

“an appearance”

(Titus 2:13)

Phil. 3:11, “in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



exanastasis—

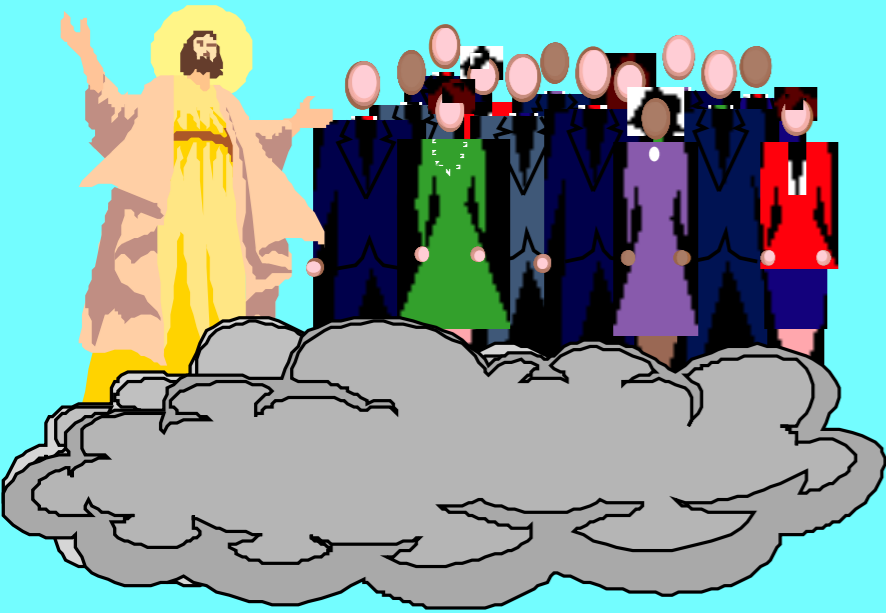
“exit

resurrection”

“expulsion”

1 Thess. 1:10, “and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



rhuomai-

“to draw to oneself”

“to rescue by a forcible act”

“to deliver”

(1 Thessalonians 1:10)

1 Pet. 1:13, “Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



apokalupsis–

“an uncovering”

“laying bare”

“a revealing, revelation”

(1 Peter 1:13)

James 5:7, “Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.

James 5:8, “You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

RAPTURE VOCABULARY



parousia–

“a being present, presence”

“a coming”

“an arrival”

(James 5:7–8)

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