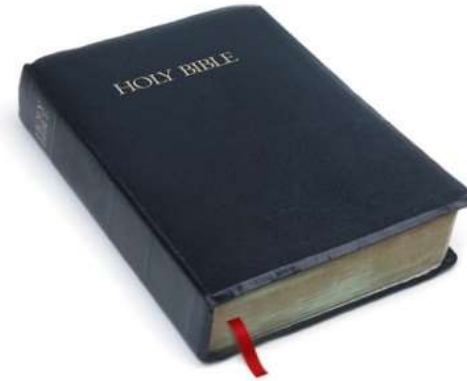


Tribulation and Rapture



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Revelation 12:9

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Amos 3:7

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Tribulation

Matthew 24:21-22

21 For then there will be great **tribulation** [2347 pressure], such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have **tribulation**; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Revelation 1:9

I, John, both your brother and companion **in the tribulation** and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Tribulation

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Matthew 16:24-27

Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross, and follow Me**. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.'

Tribulation

Romans 8:18-23

For I consider that the **sufferings** of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan** within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Romans 12:10-12

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in **tribulation**, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Tribulation

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-14

After these things I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no one could number**, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' ...Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, 'Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?' And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' So he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of **the great tribulation**, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

Not a Rapture

Revelation 12:6, 14

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days... 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Not a Rapture, Not to heaven

Matthew 5:5

Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.

Daniel 7:27

Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Acts 2:29, 34

29 Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand,

Revelation 5:10

And have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.

Not a Rapture

A flood of false doctrine

Revelation 12:14-15

14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a **flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

John 7:37-39

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water**." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Not a Rapture

A flood of false doctrine

Isaiah 55:10-11

10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Not a Rapture

Protected from Satan and false doctrine

Psalm 91:1-4, 9-10

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of **the LORD, "He is my refuge** and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence [1698 a pestilence, from 1696 ...**to speak; rarely (in a destructive sense) to subdue**]. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler... 9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;