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## Study 6 – Cowardice

The rapture is post tribulation and on the last day i.e. When the Lord returns at the battle of Armageddon. Which is after the 7 year tribulation and the undefined period of darkness.

And therefore pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation or any other timing of the rapture is a lie and false doctrine. And any pastor or church that embraces and teaches these doctrines is setting up themselves, and their congregation, for the falling away

Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first**, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;  
2 Thessalonians 2:3

Because if you are putting your trust in these false doctrines, or the pastor that taught you them, then you are going to be TOTALLY unprepared for the times that are coming!

Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble *is like* a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.  
Proverbs 25:19

Although the books of Daniel & Revelation foretell of the most cataclysmic time the earth has ever seen, the Word of God does not say that things are only going to get worse and worse for everyone in the lead up to the tribulation, but rather that there will be a polarising movement whereby people will gravitate towards either fully serving God or fully embracing sin.

Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.  
Daniel 12:10

Look around you. Although there is much evil and wickedness increasing on a daily basis. There is also an ever increasing movement of people who have had enough of the mainstream garbage that is being pushed upon them. And are looking for a better, and more traditional way to live their life. This is evidence that the fear of God is growing and that He has granted us grace to get prepared for what is coming.

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.  
Psalm 111:10

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.  
Proverbs 8:12

Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge: but a fool layeth open *his* folly.  
Proverbs 13:16

The wisdom of the prudent *is* to understand his way: but the folly of fools *is* deceit.  
Proverbs 14:8

The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.  
Proverbs 16:21

However, it is definitely NOT God's will for Christians to leave the fight, sit back and think that they could disappear at any moment!

And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

**I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.  
So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

**Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:**

Revelation 3:14-17

Or worse, for them to teach this!

There are a number of ministries that have done more extensive studies than this one on the rapture. Specifically exposing the roots of the pre-tribulation rapture. And if they are in agreement with the 6 other doctrinal stances of this series, then I will post links to their studies along with this one.

So that:

1. Not only will you know the Bible only teaches a post tribulation rapture. And therefore anything else is a lie, but
2. You will also be able to identify the source of those lies. As the lies don't come from the Word of God. But from men.

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.  
2 Peter 1:20

So let us look to the Word of God and see what the Bible teaches us regarding the rapture.

Firstly. The word rapture does not occur in the Bible.

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So when we are looking for a description of this event, we have to look for another expression(s)

The best description of the rapture is given in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, where we the term "caught up" (together with them in the clouds) is used.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

And the “them” being referenced are the dead, or those that sleep, in Christ. (More on this later)

This catching up, is referred to in other scriptures, as a gathering together by the angels

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Matthew 24:29-31

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

**And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**

Mark 13:24-27

So again we see this principle, that the angels will gather those that sleep in Christ, from heaven, and those that remain on the earth.

This also ties in with the verses regarding the gathering and separation of the wheat & tares,

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:**

**But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.**

**But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.**

**So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?**

**He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?**

**But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.**

**Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.**

Matthew 13:24-30

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; **the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.**

**As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

**The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:36-43

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.

**And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.**

**And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.**

**And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.**

**And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand *and* six hundred furlongs.

Revelation 14:14-20

John the Baptist also prophesied of this

**And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

**Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Matthew 3:10-12

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;

John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

**Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.**

Luke 3:15-17

And this principle of gathering and separation is also demonstrated with the parable of the sheep & the goats.

**When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit**

**upon the throne of his glory:**

**And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats:**

**And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.**

**Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink?

When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*?

Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.**

Matthew 25:31-46

Now hopefully whilst you have been reading these scriptures, you will also notice that this gathering/reaping/dividing/catching up, all happens at the same time.....

# AT THE END OF THE WORLD!!!

When Jesus Christ returns for the...

# SECOND TIME!!

Hence the reason it is called his second coming!

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him **shall he appear the second time** without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 9:28

And if you believe in any rapture other than post tribulation, what do you call it when Jesus comes in the clouds to gather you?

Jesus returns 1.5?

Seriously. You guys are going to have to wake up!!! There is no other rapture other than on the last day when Jesus Christ returns.

And if you have been taught anything otherwise, then it is really simple. You have been lied to! Either knowingly or unknowingly.

The following scriptures further confirm this. And show us that when Jesus returns, and descends upon the antichrist and his army at Armageddon, He (Jesus) will be with his army. Consisting of his angels, the saints from heaven, those that remain on earth and the fowls (birds) of the air.

And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

**For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

**And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.**

Revelation 16:12-16

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

**And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free and bond, both small and great.

**And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with

which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.  
And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.  
Revelation 19:11-21

And if you still need further confirmation then let's keep going

We know that the resurrection occurs on the last day

And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house.

Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

**Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.**

**Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.**

**Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:**

John 11:19-25

In one passage of scripture Jesus repeated this principle FOUR TIMES!

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, **but should raise it up again at the last day.**

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

I am that bread of life.

Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; **and I will raise him up at the last day.**

John 6:39-54

We are also told that the resurrection occurs at the last trump.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

**In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:52

Now let us look back to some of the scriptures we considered earlier.

**And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet,** and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:31

Here we see that the trumpet sounds, and the elect are gathered.

And this one is the big one!

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, **and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:**

**Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

When the last trumpet sounds, the resurrection happens, and THEN those that are alive and remain are caught up into the clouds.

And since this all happens on the last day. The rapture is post tribulation!

And for good measure, the scriptures also tell us that the resurrection has not yet happened!

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

**Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.**

2 Timothy 2:15-18

So all of these verses perfectly harmonize to build up a picture of how things will be when the Lord returns. And clearly outlay all the other events that coincide with the end of the world.

And there are even more scriptures that confirm this!

Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

**And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

**In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**



**Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;**

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed ) in that day.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

So we see that when Jesus returns:

1. He will be with his angels.
2. Believers on earth will now have eternal rest with Him.
3. His wrath will be poured upon unbelievers and thereafter they will be punished for eternity.

More!?

**Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

**That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.**

Let no man deceive you by any means: **for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition;

Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

**And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming;**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-9

When the Lord returns:

1. He will gather the believers together
2. And will destroy the antichrist.

And we read that prior to the Lords return, the antichrist is revealed. And prior to the beast being revealed, there is a falling away.

Let's keep going.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

**I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.**

**A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto**

**him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**

**I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.**

Daniel 7:7-11

Again, confirmation that when Jesus Christ returns He will destroy both the antichrist and his body (those that follow him) and cast them all into the lake of fire.

All of these scriptures make this issue so clear.

And if I have just burst your bubble, then praise the Lord! Because, NOW you will want to start taking appropriate steps so that you are prepared and ready.

A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.  
Proverbs 22:3

The best advice I can give you is to direct you to the following

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.  
Luke 21:36

And then you need to follow as God leads you.

Because although no man, knows exactly what day the the Lords return will be. The Word of God is 100% clear that it will be after the tribulation!

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

**For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.**

**For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.**

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch and be sober.

For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two *women shall be grinding at the mill*; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

**Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.**

But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

**But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;**

**And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;**

**The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of,**

**And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 24:36-51

And in the same way that Jesus ascended to heaven in the clouds

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **Until the day in which he was taken up**, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Acts 1:1-3

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.**

Acts 1:9

He will likewise return in the clouds.

**Behold, he cometh with clouds;** and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Revelations 1:7

And as you can see, EVERYONE will be there and know about it! So make sure you start getting prepared NOW!!!