

## Will You be Captured or Raptured?

I'm not covering any really new ground on this program, but I want to ask you a very important question, and that is, will you be captured or will you be raptured? As those of you who follow me on these programs know there are 4 groups who will reign with Jesus during the Millennium. And, the question is, will you qualify?

As you should understand by now, we have already entered the 7 years of tribulation. Please do not listen to the false prophets who say you have to wait until the Antichrist signs some kind of covenant or peace treaty with Israel. That is totally unscriptural! The 7 years of tribulation is something like a final exam, and when you pass this exam, then you graduate into the Millennium.

Remember Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? When they were in the fiery furnace it was heated **'7 times hotter than normal'**, that '7 times hotter' refers to the 7 years of tribulation. And what must you do to qualify and to pass this examination? It's very simple: all you really need to do is refuse to take the Mark of the Beast.

In the Book of Revelation, Saint John refers to these 4 groups who will reign with Jesus during the Millennium as 'blessed'. He uses the word 'blessed' 4 times, and each time he is describing a different group, one of which you must belong to if you hope to survive into the 1000 years of peace. Let's look at what groups these 4 blessed stand for and where they are found in the 15 End Times chapters of the Book of Revelation, that is, in chapters 6 through 20.

And, the first time Saint John refers to a 'blessed' is in chapter 14, verse 13: **'And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.'** Those who 'die in the Lord' would be martyrs, and they are one of the 4 groups who will survive. Although they are first killed, they will return with Jesus at Armageddon. Obviously, if you are captured, and you refuse to take the mark of the beast, which you must do, that would put you into one of the 4 blessed groups, the holy martyrs. Will you be captured?

Let's look at the second group. In chapter 16, verse 15: **'Behold, I come as a thief, blessed** (this is the second time John has used the word blessed) **is he that watches and keeps his garments** ('watching' in this case refers to praying and these are the protected

Catholics who pray the Rosary) **lest he walk naked and they see his shame.**' The 'garment' Saint John is prophesying about here is Mary's Scapular. The Catholics will defeat the Antichrist through Mary's Rosary and Scapular but they will do so at the time they are scattered in the desert: this is where they will be protected. They are one of the 4 blessed groups: will you belong to this group?

Let's look at the Saint John's third 'blessed', in chapter 19, verse 9: **'And he said to me, write blessed are they who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb'**. This, of course, prefers to those who are raptured, and I believe they will be primarily Protestants. Now, these demarcation lines are not hard and fast: everyone on earth will be able to qualify for one of these 4 groups, provided you refuse the Mark of the Beast.

Now, let's look at the last group of 'blesseds', in chapter 20, verse 6: **'Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection** (the 'first resurrection' refers to those who will survive into the Millennium) **over these the second death** (that refers to hell) **has no power but they shall be priests of God and of Christ** (this is the key phrase here: 'God', in this case, refers to the God of the Old Testament, and 'Christ' refers to the New Testament. Therefore, this blessed group refers to the converted Jews) **and they shall reign with him a thousand years.'**

Jesus verifies that there will indeed be 4 groups who survive onto the Millennium when he talks about these same groups in his Olivet Discourse. In Matthew, chapter 24, verses 15-16: **'When you therefore see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains.'** We get the word 'Jew' from Judea and here Jesus is talking about one of the groups who will survive, the converted Jews.

Let's look at a second surviving group in Matthew 24:17: **'Let him that is on the house top not come down to take anything out of his house.'** I have referred to this many times; if you are on a house top and you cannot go down for any reason then you must go up and this, of course, refers to the Rapture, in other words the raptured Protestants.

Next, let's look at the third group which Jesus Himself identifies in verse number 18: **'Let him that is in the field not go back to take his coat.'** The opposite direction of a field would be the desert, and this refers to the protected Catholics who must flee from civilization, from opulence, from the field, something that is green and growing, and into the desert where they will be deprived of all the benefits of civilization. These are the protected Catholics.

And now, let's look at the fourth group, in verse 19: **'Woe to them that are with child and they give suck in those days but pray that your flight be not in winter or on the Sabbath.'** The key word here is 'woe', and Jesus is talking about martyrdom. These are the ones who will be captured. They will be captured because they cannot flee like the other three groups. Pregnant women will have difficulty fleeing. Women who are nursing or, if it's in wintertime, everyone will have difficulty fleeing. If you have to flee from the Antichrist under those conditions you will probably be captured. If you are captured, don't forget you must refuse the Mark of the Beast. You will be beheaded for your faith, but at least you will survive into the Millennium as one of the 4 blessed groups.

Let's look at where these same 4 groups are mentioned in Daniel, chapter number 12, verse 1: **'But at that time shall Michael rise up, the great prince who stands for the children of thy people.'** Of course, Michael, the 'great prince', would be the archangel Michael, and 'thy people' would be Daniel's people; therefore, these are the converted Jews. **'And a time shall come such as never was from the time that nations began even until that time** (this is the seven years of tribulation) **and at that time shall thy people** (again Daniel's people) **be saved** (for those of you who think that all of Israel will be saved, they forget the next part of this verse) **everyone that shall be found written in the book'**. In other words, not all of Israel will be saved, only a tiny remnant. These are the converted Jews; those who accept Christ.

Chapter 12, verse number 2: **'And many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake: some unto life everlasting, and others unto reproach, to see it always.'** Those who sleep in the dust of the earth, of course, are those who are captured: they will be the holy martyrs. Chapter 12, verse number 3: **'But, they that are learned shall shine as the brightness of the firmament: and they that instruct many to justice as stars for all eternity.'** I believe this refers

to the raptured Protestants. And, he describes them as 'learned' and I think this is appropriate. Certainly, the study of Bible prophecy is very prominent in Protestant circles.

We've seen Daniel describe the captured and the raptured and also the converted Jews, in other words, Daniel's people. Now, let's see where he describes the fourth group and that would be the Catholics who are protected in the desert. In verse number 7: '**And I heard the man that was clothed in linen that stood upon the waters of the river when he had lifted up his right hand, and his left hand to heaven, and had sworn, by him that lives forever, that it should be unto a time, and times and half a time.**' Now, this is the three and one half years of the second half of the 7 years of tribulation. This is what Jesus refers to as the great tribulation. '**And when the scattering of the band of the holy people** (the 'holy people', in this case, refers to the protected Catholics, and the 'scattering' refers to when they leave the field; remember they leave the green field and they go into the desert) **when that is accomplished all these things shall be finished.**' In other words, at the end of the 3 1/2 years time that the Catholics are in the desert, that will also be the end of the 7 years of tribulation.

And finally, let's look at Revelation where John sums up the 4 groups who survive into the Millennium and where he also describes Armageddon in Revelation 11, verse 18: '**And the nations were angry** (this is the 7 years of tribulation when the nations are at war and the Antichrist is reigning) **and thy wrath** (John is talking about God's wrath) **is come** (this would be Armageddon) **and the time of the dead to be judged, and to give recompense** (here the word is 'recompense' which I took from the King James version but I like the Catholic Douay Bible better, it says 'render reward', and the 'reward' that God is going to render is the thousand years of peace or Millennium) **to thy servants** (the 'servants' refer to the converted Jews) **the prophets** (the 'prophets' refer to the raptured Protestants and I think it's typical of Protestants to be very much more interested in prophecy than Catholics) **and to the saints** (the 'saints' refer here to the protected Catholics and it's interesting that Catholics are more interested in saints and tradition, most of their churches are named after saints) **and to those who fear thy name** (these would be the holy martyrs that are captured as opposed to raptured) **small and great and destroy those that destroy the earth.**' That refers to

Armageddon where Jesus will send the Antichrist and all of his followers into hell.

So, in conclusion, please do not listen to the false prophets who try to tell you the entire Church will be raptured. That is phony baloney! Only a tiny remnant will be so honoured. Jesus refers to the 4 different groups who will survive into the Millennium on purpose because there are 4 different routes to enjoy the thousand years of peace.