

The Rapture Generation Part I

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1. Pre-Rapture—Increased [lawlessness](#).
 - A. [Apathy](#). *Luke 17:26–30*
 - B. [Apostasy](#). *1 Tim. 4:1–2*
 - C. [Anarchy](#). *2 Tim. 3:1–5*

2. The [Rapture](#)—Jesus' return [for](#) His church.
 - A. The [certainty](#) of the Rapture.
 - Jesus' return is [imminent](#).
Matt. 24:42, 44
Rom. 8:19, 23; 13:11–12a
1 Cor. 1:7–8; 7:29, 31
Gal. 5:5
Phil. 3:20
Titus 2:13
Heb. 9:28; 10:24–25
James 5:8–9
1 Peter 1:7, 13; 4:7; 5:4
1 John 2:17–18; 3:2–3
 - The Great Tribulation is [literal](#). *Dan. 12:1; Matt. 24:21*
 - B. The [characteristics](#) of the Rapture.
 - A [Scriptural](#) event. *1 Cor. 15:51–52; 1 Thess. 4:15–17*
 - A [spectacular](#) event. *1 Thess. 4:16–17*



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- A [sudden](#) event. *1 Thess. 5:2–3; 1 Cor. 15:51–52*
 - A [separating](#) event. *Luke 17:30, 34–35*
 - A [sanctifying](#) event. *1 John 3:2–3*
3. Post-Rapture—The [Great](#) Tribulation. *Matt. 24:21*
- A. The [essence](#) of the Great Tribulation.
- Unprecedented [suffering](#). *Dan. 12:1; Mark 13:19–20*
 - Divine [wrath](#). *Rev. 6:15–17*
- B. [Events](#) of the Great Tribulation. *Rev. 6–19*
- Seven [Seals](#) of Judgment. *Rev. 6*
 - Seven [Trumpets](#) of Judgment. *Rev. 8–11*
 - [Satan](#) thrown to earth. *Rev. 12*
 - Anti-Christ, false prophet, mark of the beast. *Rev. 13*
 - The 144,000 [evangelists](#). *Rev. 14*
 - Seven Bowls of Judgment. *Rev. 16*
 - Judgment of “Babylon.” *Rev. 17–18*
 - Heavenly “Hallelujahs.” *Rev. 19*
- C. [Escaping](#) from the Great Tribulation. *1 Thess. 1:9–10*

