



# Mt. Pleasant Bible Institute

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matt 28:19)*

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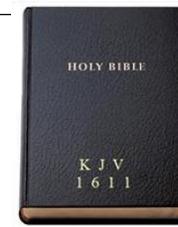


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# Bible Prophecy

*The Rapture*

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## VI. Prototypes Of The Rapture

### 1. Enoch- Past Rapture #1

#### Gen 5:24

And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for **God took him.**

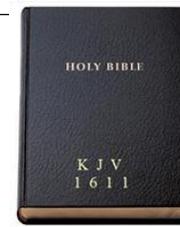
#### Heb 11:5

By faith **Enoch was translated that he should not see death;** and **was not found,** because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that **he pleased God.**

But **without faith it is impossible to please him:** for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

- He was translated to not see DEATH (i.e.- he will NEVER die)
- He was translated BEFORE the judgment of God on the earth (i.e.- the Flood)
- Those left behind searched for him after his translation cf. (2 Kin 2:17)
- He was a possessor, not a mere professor, of saving faith

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## 2. Elijah- Past Rapture #2

2 Kin 2:1,3,5,9,11,13,16-17

And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

And the sons of the prophets that *were* at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace.

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

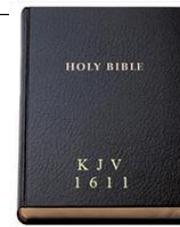
And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send.

And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not.

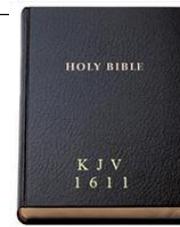
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- Elijah, Elisha, and the sons of the prophets all KNEW that the Lord was going to TAKE Elijah away THAT DAY
- The sons of the prophets did not know that he would be taken away TO HEAVEN, but did Elijah?
- Matthew 24:36 refers specifically to the Revelation, the second stage of the Second Coming, not the Rapture
- The fact the Rapture is an imminent event indicates that the exact time cannot be known
- Elijah is taken up in a whirlwind by a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire- there is no indication this will occur at the Rapture
- At least part of his clothing was left behind
- Elisha was an eye witness of his rapture
- With the exception of Elisha, those left behind searched three days for Elijah cf. (Heb 11:5)

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## 3. The Two Witnesses- Prospective Rapture

### Rev 11:7,11-13

And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

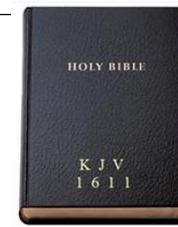
And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and **they stood upon their feet**; and great fear fell upon **them which saw them**.

And they heard **a great voice** from heaven saying unto them, **Come up hither**. And **they ascended up to heaven in a cloud**; and **their enemies beheld them**.

And **the same hour was there a great earthquake**, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

- They are resurrected first and then raptured
- They hear a great voice from heaven saying “Come up hither” cf. (4:1)
- They ascend up to heaven in a cloud
- The world witnesses their resurrection and rapture
- A great earthquake accompanies their resurrection and rapture cf. (Matt 27:51-53)

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## 4. Rebekah- Picture #1 Of Rapture

**Gen 24:61-62,67**

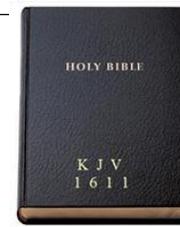
And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and **the servant took Rebekah**, and went his way.

**And Isaac came** from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

**And Isaac brought her** into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and **she became his wife**; and **he loved her**: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

- Abraham is a type of God the Father, the servant (Eliezer) is a type of the Holy Spirit, Isaac is a type of Jesus Christ, and Rebekah is a type of the Church (the bride of Christ)
- The servant TOOK Rebekah out of her native land cf. (Gen 5:24)
- Isaac and Rebekah meet half way between Lahai-roi and Mesopotamia

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## 5. The Exodus- Picture #2 Of Rapture

### Exo 12:51

And it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

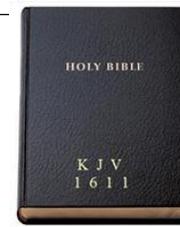
### 1 Cor 10:1-2

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

- Moses is a type of CHRIST; Egypt is a type of the WORLD
- The children of Israel redeemed by the blood of the passover lamb are a type of CHRISTIANS who are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb of God
- The children of Israel came UP OUT of Egypt (Num 20:5; 32:11)
- The children of Israel crossed over IN A CLOUD (1 Cor 10:2)

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## 6. Moses- Picture #3 Of Rapture

### Exo 19:16,18-20

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled.

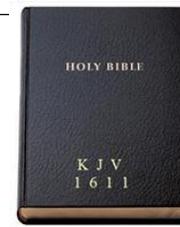
And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

- The Lord DESCENDED with a thick CLOUD and the voice of a TRUMPET
- The Lord called Moses and Moses went UP
- Moses went up on THE THIRD DAY cf. (2 Pet 3:8)

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## 7. John- Picture #4 Of Rapture

### John 13:23

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

### Eph 5:25

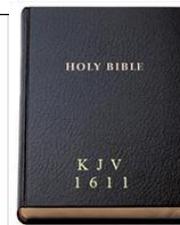
Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

### Rev 4:1-2

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

- The BELOVED disciple is a type of the CHURCH
- Translated after the course of CHURCH history (Rev 2-3) but BEFORE any of the Tribulation judgments (Rev 6-19)



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