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

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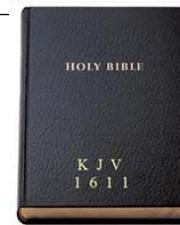


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VII. Phenomenon Of The Rapture

1. The SIGHTS During The Rapture

1) A DOOR is opened in heaven

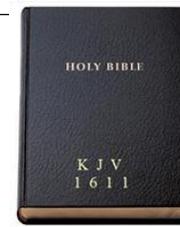
Rev 4:1-2

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.

- John goes through the door and is immediately in the third heaven
- This DOOR may be an inter-dimensional PORTAL
- The astrophysicists hypothesize of the existence of *wormholes*- “a structure of space-time envisioned as a long thin tunnel connecting points that are separated by space and time”
- The Lord does not need wormholes to immediately transport his own to heaven, but they could exist, and if so, he could choose to use them

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2) A DESCENT occurs from heaven

- The souls and spirits of the dead in Christ
- Michael the archangel
- The Lord himself

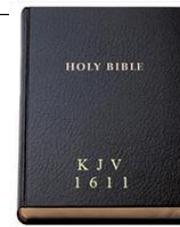
1 The 4:14,16

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

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:

- The Lord will not appear as he was during his earthly ministry (2 Cor 5:16), but AS HE IS
- The appearance of the Lord of glory in the air, as he is, will produce a PIERCING light above the brightness of the sun that will cause the people left behind to fall down, and some will be blinded

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1 John 3:2

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Rev 1:13-16

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

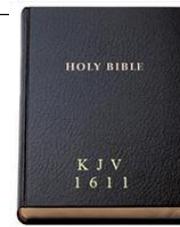
And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

Acts 26:13-14

At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

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Eze 1:28

As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round about. **This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.** And **when I saw it, I fell upon my face**, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Rev 1:17

And **when I saw him, I fell** at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

Acts 22:9

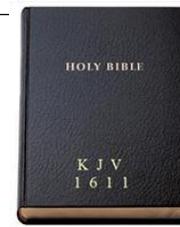
And **they that were with me saw indeed the light**, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Acts 9:8-9

And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus.

And he was three days **without sight**, and neither did eat nor drink.

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- The descent of the Lord from heaven may produce an earthquake that opens the graves of the dead in Christ

Matt 27:50-52

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

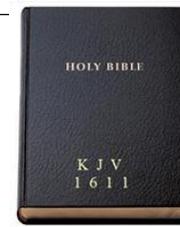
And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Matt 28:2

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

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2. The SOUNDS During The Rapture

1 The 4:16

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:

1) The SHOUT of the Lord

- The voice of the Lord sounds like thunder
- The shout of the Lord will produce a PEALING thunder that will cause the people left behind to fall down

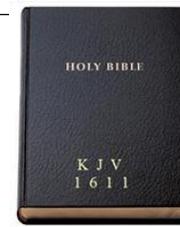
Job 37:4-5; 40:9

After it a voice roareth: he thundereth with the voice of his excellency; and he will not stay them when his voice is heard.

God thundereth marvellously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

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Psa 18:13; 29:3

The LORD also **thundered** in the heavens, and the Highest gave **his voice**; hail *stones* and coals of fire.

The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory **thundereth**: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

Psa 77:18; 104:7

The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

At thy rebuke they fled; at **the voice of thy thunder** they hasted away.

John 12:28-29

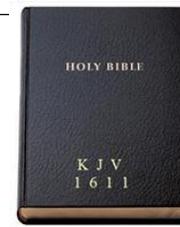
Father, glorify thy name. Then came there **a voice from heaven**, *saying*, I have both glorified *it*, and will glorify *it* again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard *it*, said that **it thundered**: others said, An angel spake to him.

Rev 10:3

And cried with **a loud voice**, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven **thunders** uttered their voices.

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John 18:5-6

They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

As soon then as he had said unto them, I am *he*, **they went backward, and fell to the ground.**

- There may be TWO shouts- the first may be “come forth” for the dead in Christ and the last, “come up hither” for those that are alive and remain

John 11:43-44

And when he thus had spoken, **he cried with a loud voice**, Lazarus, **come forth.**

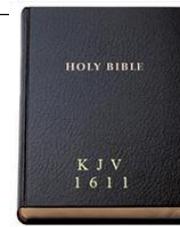
And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

Rev 4:1; 11:12

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 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.

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2) The VOICE of the archangel

- The archangel is MICHAEL
- Michael is associated with RESURRECTION

Jude 9

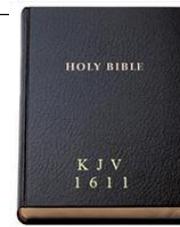
Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Dan 12:1-2

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.

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3) The TRUMP of God

- The voice of the Lord is associated with the blast of a trumpet
- There will be at least two trumps of the trumpet
- The first trump signifies the calling of the assembly= the ALARM
- The last trump signifies the journeying of the camps= the ASCENSION

Exo 19:16

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.

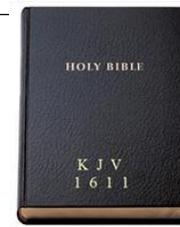
Psa 47:5

God is gone up with **a shout**, the LORD with the sound of **a trumpet**.

Rev 4:1

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1 Cor 15:52

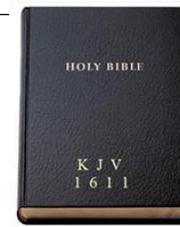
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Num 10:1-2

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

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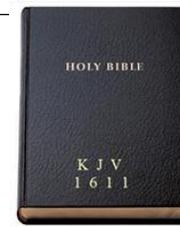


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Come up hither!

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- 2) An unprecedented number of crashes and accidents will occur all over the world resulting in at least THOUSANDS of deaths
 - Planes will fall from the sky and cars will crash as Christians who manned them immediately disappear
 - Cars manned by unbelievers may still crash if there is a blinding light and/or earthquake accompanying the Rapture
- 3) Piles of clothes and all non-organic appliances (e.g.- pacemakers, hearing aids, dentures, glasses, prosthetics, fillings, etc.) will be all that remain where millions of Christians were at the time of the Rapture

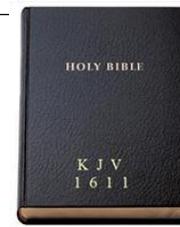
2 Kin 2:11-13

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.

And Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

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

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- 4) The graves of the dead in Christ all over the world are opened as evidence of resurrection (Matt 28:2)
 - There is NO TRACE of DNA in any of the graves- the only evidence that a corpse once lay there is the clothes and personal effects buried with the body
 - There is a precedent that suggests the possibility that the dead in Christ might walk around a while after their resurrection but before their translation

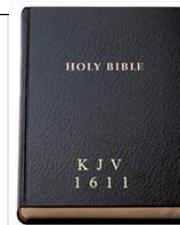
Matt 27:51-53

And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

- To the world, this “invasion of the body snatchers” will require an explanation from religious and spiritual leaders (many will see it as a desecration of their dead)



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