

The Purpose of the Rapture

The _____ of the saints is one of the mysteries that is found in the NT. The OT prophets and believers knew _____ of this doctrine. It was _____ in Christ and not revealed unto the New Testament timeframe. Perhaps, the earliest allusion is a single reference made during the Lord's discourse on the Mount of Olives (Luke 21.36).

Of course, Christ did not reveal this mystery. It was _____ that would be given the responsibility to reveal this doctrine many years later (I Cor. 15.51). Prior to the revealing of this mystery, the disciples had no idea how they (or future believers) would _____ the end-times. In a second passage, the revelation of the "how" is made known. Believers would be "_____ up to meet the Lord in the air" (I Thess. 4:13-18). This passage reveals the means by which believers will _____ the tribulation that shall come. There are several purposes for the rapture of the NT saints.

- 1) It is the Lord's means of _____ His _____ unto Himself. (John 14.1-3, Eph. 5.27)
- 2) It is the Lord's means by which the _____ "in Christ" are _____ from the grave. (I Cor. 15.21-23, I Thess. 4.13-17, Phil. 3.11)
- 3) It is the Lord's means by which NT saints _____ their glorified _____ (Phil. 3.20-21)
- 4) It is the Lord's means by which saints are "caught-up" to _____ to _____ their _____ and be with Him. (John 14.1-3, Col. 3.4, II Cor. 5.10)
- 5) It is the Lord's means by which saints _____ the end-times tribulation. (II Thess. 2.7-8, 5.9).
- 6) It is the Lord's means by which the "_____ " will be taken out of the _____. (II Thess. 2.1-8, John 15.26)
- 7) It is the Lord's means by which the _____ will be _____ (II Thess. 2.1-8).

To _____ for the "rapture" the individual needs only to be "in _____." (I Thess. 4.16, II Cor. 5.17). Those "in Christ" have been _____ to the _____ of Jesus Christ. They are those "_____ creatures" (II Cor. 5.17) and will ever be with the Lord. Those that are saved by faith during the _____ years that are not _____ will enter the Millennium as _____ people, who will be _____ of Christ's kingdom over whom the _____ will _____ (II Tim. 2.12, Rev. 4-5, Rev. 6.9-11, Rev. 20.4-9).