END TIMES RAPTURE

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Introduction: Chart

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NIV)

"We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord."

1. RAPTURE

Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV) "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

^{"13} Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. ¹⁴ We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be <u>caught up</u> together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage each other with these words."

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV) ^{*}Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the <u>twinkling of an eye</u>, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed."

70 WEEKS OF DANIEL 70 Week = 490 Years

