

RAPTURE VERSES AND NOTES

Matt 24:40-41 “Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.”

- * Read in context. Verses before describe the days of Noah when the wicked are taken away
- * Matt 13:41-42 Son of man sends angels to gather the wicked for judgment

Luke 17:34-37 “I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding meal together; one will be taken and the other left.” Then they asked him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

- * Clarifies “where” they were taken

Mark 13:24-27 “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.” (cf. Matt 24:30-31)

- * Isa 27:12-13 Gathering the scattered Israelites (cf. Isa 11:11)
- * Ezek 39:25-29 Gathering all the Israelites
- * Zech 10:6-10 Gathering the Israelites
- * Dan 7:13-18 One like a human coming in the clouds to give kingdom to saints

1 Thess 4:16-18 “For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”

- * Matt 25:1-13 Bridesmaids go out to welcome the groom
- * John 12:12-13 Triumphal entry
- * 1 Cor 15:51-52 Resurrection

Revelation 3:10 “Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”

- * Matt 6:13 Lead us not into trials but deliver us from evil
- * 1 Cor 10:13 God will enable us to endure trials
- * Rev 3:8-13 In general this passage is about endurance and conquering not escaping so they can experience the new Jerusalem that comes down (v. 12)

Important Texts

- * Isa 65:17-25 New creation
- * Rev 21:1-4 New creation
- * Matt 5:5 Meek inherit earth
- * Matt 6:9-10 “On earth as it is in heaven”
- * Acts 3:19-21 Universal restoration
- * John 3:13 No one has ascended