

## **There is no Rapture taught in the Scriptures**

The doctrine known as "the rapture of the church" did not originate from within the written Word of God Almighty. In fact, the word "rapture" is not to be found in any Bible verse at all. Those denominations which teach the rapture theory are usually critical of the Roman Catholic religion for constructing doctrines based upon words not found in the Bible -- words such as "purgatory" and "rosary beads". However, the exact same thing is done by the promoters of the "rapture" as this teaching is simply one not based on Scriptural truth. Ironically the rapture theory was originally a Roman Catholic doctrine first invented in Chile during the mid 1700's by a Jesuit priest named Lacunza. (see *The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty*, by Juan Josafat Ben Ezra, Dublin, 1883, pgs.10,11)

Today the "rapture" doctrine has greatly contributed to the weakening of our once mighty Christian American Republic. How so you might ask? Simply because no matter how many of our freedoms are destroyed by atheist Antichrists among us as they take over our schools, government agencies, and churches; and no matter how clear the warning of God is that He will chastise us for this, rapture teachers neutralize the active will of Christians to resist evil because they teach that "no matter how bad things become, God is going to remove Christians from the world before it ever gets too bad." Brothers and sisters, nothing could be further from the truth. Those who are not prepared both spiritually and physically for the days ahead are going to find themselves in great misery, and wind up being confused and disappointed in their misguided faith.

Certainly Jesus Christ did not believe in a "rapture" that would remove His followers from the Earth at any time during our Christian history. Christ prayed for His believers:

*"Father .. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil."* (John 17:15)

Our Master also compared the trials to arrive in the last days to that of the days of Noah. (Mat.24:36-42) Did Noah pray to be taken out of the world, or did Noah prepare the ark and go through the trial that came upon the Earth? Are Christians destined to leave this planet and relinquish the Earth to the wicked? Not according to the Scriptures:

*" For evil doers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon Yahweh, they shall inherit the Earth." "For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit the Earth ; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off."* (Psalm 37:9 & 22)

*" For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. But the wicked shall be cut off from the Earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it."* (Prov.2:21,22)

Yes, the God's Word teaches the exact opposite of a "church rapture" taking place! The Bible tells us that it is the wicked who will be removed by the wrath of God Almighty, and that the Earth shall be given to the righteous ones in Christ Jesus.