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ACCURATE BIBLE KNOWLEDGE!

“WHERE IS THE RAPTURE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?” (Part 2 of 2)

QUESTION: “Dear ABM, I can’t find the word “rapture” in the New Testament. What am I missing? Where is it?”

ANSWER: That is a man-made term. It is known by other names and phrases.

EXPLANATION:

The over-riding consideration is that **Paul, and others, are writing to Christians**. What interests us as Christians most at the moment? Correct! The rapture! The Lord’s 2nd coming at the end of the seven year tribulation, with his saints, is of ‘minor’ interest, if you will.

There are **five** factors to consider:

1. **Who** is writing – mainly it is Paul along with Peter, James and John.
2. **To whom** is he writing – to Christians, Timothy, Titus
3. What is the **context**
4. What is he **writing about**.
5. Having an accurate knowledge of the **dispensations**

Here are some further CHRISTIAN RAPTURE scriptures

... THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until **the day of Jesus Christ:**” ([Philippians 1:6](#))*

.... THE DAY OF CHRIST

*“That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till **the day of Christ;**” ([Philippians 1:10](#))*

*“Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.” ([Philippians 2:16](#))*

.... LOOK FOR THE SAVIOUR

"20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also **we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." ([Philippians 3:20-21](#))

... THE LORD IS AT HAND

"Let your moderation be known unto all men. **The Lord is at hand.**" ([Philippians 4:5](#))

... THAT DAY

"...and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against **that day.**" ([2 Tim 1:12](#))

"...mercy of the Lord in **that day:**" ([2 Timothy 1:18](#))

... TO WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM HEAVEN

"And **to wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." ([1 Thessalonians 1:10](#))

... OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AT HIS COMING

"For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of **our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?**" ([1 Thessalonians 2:19](#))

... THE COMING OF THE LORD

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for **the coming of the Lord** draweth nigh." ([James 5:8](#))

... THE APPEARING OF JESUS CHRIST

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at **the appearing of Jesus Christ:**" ([1 Peter 1:7](#)).

... THE APPEARING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

"That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until **the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:**" ([1 Timothy 6:14](#))

... HIS APPEARING

"...unto all them also that love **his appearing**." ([2Tim 4:8](#))

... THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at **the revelation of Jesus Christ**;" ([1 Peter 1:13](#))

... THE CHIEF SHEPHERD SHALL APPEAR

"And when **the chief Shepherd shall appear**, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." ([1 Peter 5:4](#))

... WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR

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. ([1 John 3:2](#))

... SALVATION BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain **salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ**, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." ([1Thessalonians 5:9-11](#))

... THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**." ([1 Thessalonians 5:23](#))

... THE PATIENT WAITING FOR CHRIST

"And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into **the patient waiting for Christ**." ([2Thessalonians 3:5](#))

...LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER

"...that this day (of the Lord) should not overtake you as a thief. ... let us not sleep, as do others; but **let us watch and be sober**." ([1Thess 5:4, 6](#))

... AT HIS COMING

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him **at his coming**. ([1 John 2:28](#))

... THE DAY OF THE LORD JESUS

"To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in **the day of the Lord Jesus.**" ([1 Cor 5:5](#))

"As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in **the day of the Lord Jesus.**" ([2 Corinthians 1:14](#))

... THAT BLESSED HOPE, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING

"Looking for **that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**" ([Titus 2:13](#))

THIS FOLLOWING PHRASE OF "DAY OF THE LORD" IS NOT THE RAPTURE

The day of the Lord, in the following contexts, refers to the seven years of tribulation and to the battle of Armageddon. The day of Christ, the rapture, is followed by these "**day (s) of the Lord**".

"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **day of the Lord** come:" ([Acts 2:20](#))

"For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." ([1Thess 5:2-3](#))

"But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." ([2 Peter 3:10](#))

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