

When Is The Rapture?

Foundational Scriptures

Luk 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Mat 8:10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel (also Luke 7:9).

Overview

Our job, as believers, is to live physically as if Jesus is never coming back; but to live spiritually as if He is coming back today or tomorrow. We can accomplish this job in a manner, which at the same time prepares us for the Rapture, regardless of when it occurs relative to the tribulations of the Book of Revelation. We do this by building a lifestyle based on four essential individual commissions/callings from the Lord. These four are:

- Partnering with God
- Living according to God's Plan
- Becoming a part of the Glorious Church
- Ruling as Kings and Priests.

A. Partnering with God

1. Adam

Gen 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **(Man's part – his commission).**

Gen 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **(God's part – His provision).**

Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. **(Obedience – choose life or death).**

2. Abraham

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. **(Man's part – his commission).**

Gen 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. **(God's part – everything else including provision).**

Gen 17:3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee **exceeding fruitful**, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Gen 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. **(Obedience – choose life or death).**

Gen 17:23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him.

Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

3. Moses

Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. (**Moses' commission**).

Exo 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Exo 3:12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. (**Obedience – choose life or death**).

Exo 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a **god to Pharaoh**: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. (**God's provision**).

4. Joshua

Jos 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. (**Joshua's commission**).

Jos 1:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

Jos 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (**God's provision v 5, 6**).

Jos 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Jos 1:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. (**Obedience – choose life or death**).

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

5. John

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (**Commission to John and to all**).

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Joh 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the **disciple whom Jesus loved** following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? (**Obedience**).

Joh 21:21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

Joh 21:22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. (**God's provision**).

Joh 21:23 Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?

B. Living according to God's Plan

1. His Word never changes. (So neither do His plans).

Luk 16:17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

2. Authority and dominion

Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

3. Be fruitful

Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

4. Crossing the Jordan
Jos 3:13 And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.
5. Crossing the River of Death
Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:
Joh 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. **(God's provision).**
Believest thou this? **(Obedience – choose life or death).**
1Co 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **(Man's commission).**

C. Becoming a part of The Glorious Church

1. Without spot or wrinkle
Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
2. Spirit led
Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
3. Victorious
2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
2Ki 6:16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
2Ki 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
2Ki 6:18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, **Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness.** And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
4. Overcoming
Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the **second death.**
5. Hot not lukewarm
Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
Rev 3:16 Because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

D. Ruling as Kings and Priests

1. Authority and dominion

Josh 11:23 So Joshua took the whole land. ... The land rested from war.

Following Joshua's example in the Promised Land, we help to cleanse the world by preparing for the return of the Messiah.

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.

We have the faith to be obedient and so we plan to live and not die so as to participate in and support God's Commission to mankind to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the world.

2. Rod of iron

Rev 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron

- The Word of God (WOG) is as a rod of iron. It is inflexible and never changes.
- We use the Word of God on ourselves with the help of the Holy Spirit to move towards the perfection which Jesus has already purchased for us. This positions us for our glorified body.
- We protect ourselves and our families with this rod of iron.

3. Manifested sons of God

Rom 8:19 for the earnest expectation of creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

4. Kingdoms of this world

Mar 12:36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

We are the Body of Christ; His hands extended. We partner with God to accomplish these goals.

1Th 5:23 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.**

5. Living in the Kingdom of God

Luk 21:19 In your **patience** possess ye your souls.

Rev 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my **patience**, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Rev 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the **patience** and the faith of the saints.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.