

THE PURPOSE OF THE RAPTURE

TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DOCTRINE OF THE RAPTURE IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH AS ITS UNDERLYING PURPOSES.

THERE ARE 7 PURPOSES FOR A RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH:

- 1. TO CAUSE THE SAINTS TO ESCAPE THE TRIBULATION.**
LU 21:34-36; RO 5:8,9; I THES 5:8-10; REV 3:7-10
- 2. TO REMOVE THE HINDERING FORCE THAT STOPS THE LAWLESS ONE, THE ANTI-CHRIST.**
II THES 2:1-8 (THIS COMPARES TO ENOCH'S RAPTURE BEFORE THE FLOOD AND LOT'S ESCAPE BEFORE THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM.)
- 3. TO PRESENT THE SAINTS TO HIMSELF AS A BRIDE TO ABIDE FOREVER.**
EPH 5:27; I THES 4:17; JOHN 14:3
- 4. TO RESURRECT THE RIGHTEOUS DEAD IN CHRIST FROM AMONG THE WICKED DEAD.**
I COR 15:21-23, 51-58; PHIL 3:11,21; REV 20:4-6; RO 8:9-11
- 5. TO CHANGE OUR MORTAL BODIES TO IMMORTAL**
I COR 15:21,23; 51-58; PHIL 3:20-21
- 6. TO JUDGE THE SAINTS OF GOD AS TO THE DEEDS DONE IN THE BODY.**
II COR 5:10; REV 19:7-9
- 7. TO MANIFEST THOSE WHO ARE CALLED, CHOSEN, FAITHFUL.**
REV 17:14

THE ONLY PEOPLE QUALIFIED

- 1. THE APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST DRESSED IN WHITE.**
EPH. 5:27; II PET 3:14; REV 19:7,8,14
- 2. THE APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME CHURCH SHALL SIT WITH HIM IN HIS THRONE.**
II TIM 2:12; I COR 6:2,3.
- 3. THE APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME CHURCH IS TO RECEIVE NEW TESTAMENT CROWNS.**
THERE ARE 7 CROWNS OFFERED TO THE CHURCH:
 - 1) CROWN OF LIFE JAMES 1:12; REV 2:10
 - 2) CROWN OF GLORY 1 PET 5:2-4
 - 3) CROWN OF REJOICING I THES 2:19,20; PHIL 4:1
 - 4) CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS II TIM 4:8
 - 5) INCORRUPTIBLE CROWN I COR 9:25-27
 - 6) CROWN OF HONOR HEB 2:9
 - 7) LOVINGKINDNESS CROWN PS 103:4
- 4. THE APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME CHURCH IS THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE UP TO THIS TIME REDEEMED FROM EVERY PEOPLE, NATION AND TONGUE.**
ACTS 10:34,35; I PET 2:9,10
- 5. THE APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME CHURCH IS THE ONLY BODY IN THE BIBLE SPOKEN OF AS KINGS AND PRIESTS UNTO GOD.**
ISRAEL COULD NOT FILL THIS PLACE. ONLY THE SONS OF AARON IN THE TRIBE OF LEVI COULD BE PRIESTS ONLY THOSE BORN INTO THE TRIBE OF JUDAH OUT OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID COULD LEGITIMATELY BECOME GODLY KINGS. NONE COULD BE BOTH KINGS AND PRIESTS.
SAMUEL UZZIAH I PET 2:9; REV 1:6; REV 3:21