

## A Careful Study of the End Times:

### The Rapture, Part 1

#### 5 REASONS PASTOR PHIL NO LONGER BELIEVES IN A PRE-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE:

1. THE SCRIPTURES THAT WERE USED TO TEACH ME ABOUT IT WERE USED OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.*

*Matthew 24:36-41 (NIV)*

*Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.*

*<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.*

*<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”*

*Luke 17:26-35 (NIV)*

*<sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked.*

*He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”*

*Luke 17:37 (NIV)*

Son of man, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: Call out to every kind of bird and all the wild animals: ‘Assemble and come together from all around to the sacrifice I am preparing for you, the great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel. There you will eat flesh and drink blood. <sup>18</sup> You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls—all of them fattened animals from Bashan.

*Ezekiel 39:17-18 (NIV)*

*And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, “Come, gather together for the great supper of God, <sup>18</sup> so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and the mighty, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, great and small.”*

*Revelation 19:17 (NIV)*

*Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 (NIV)*

*See, the day of the Lord is coming  
—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—  
to make the land desolate  
and destroy the sinners within it...*

*<sup>11</sup> I will punish the world for its evil,  
the wicked for their sins.*

*Isaiah 13:9,11 (NIV)*

*Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
sound the alarm on my holy hill.  
Let all who live in the land tremble,  
for the day of the Lord is coming.  
It is close at hand—*

*<sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and blackness.*

*Joel 2:1-2 (NIV)*

*Woe to you who long  
for the day of the Lord!*

*Why do you long for the day of the Lord?  
That day will be darkness, not light.*

*<sup>19</sup> It will be as though a man fled from a lion  
only to meet a bear,  
as though he entered his house  
and rested his hand on the wall  
only to have a snake bite him.*

*<sup>20</sup> Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—  
pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?*

*Amos 5:18-20 (NIV)*

*The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. <sup>13</sup> Then I saw three impure spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> They are demonic spirits that perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.... Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.*

*Revelation 16:12-14,16 (NIV)*

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.*

*2 Peter 3:10 (NIV)*

*But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NIV)*

2. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THE RAPTURE IN THE BIBLE IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN \_\_\_\_\_ IT \_\_\_\_\_.

*Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (NIV)*

*Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— <sup>52</sup> in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.*

*1 Corinthians 15\_51-52 (NIV)*

*More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.*

*1 Corinthians 15: 15-18 (NIV)*

*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.*

*1 Corinthians 15:20-21 (NIV)*

*But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"*

*1 Corinthians 15:35 (NIV)*

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going."*

*John 14:1-3 (NIV)*