

**Lecture #  
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# The Rapture

**When?**



It's



# Imminent

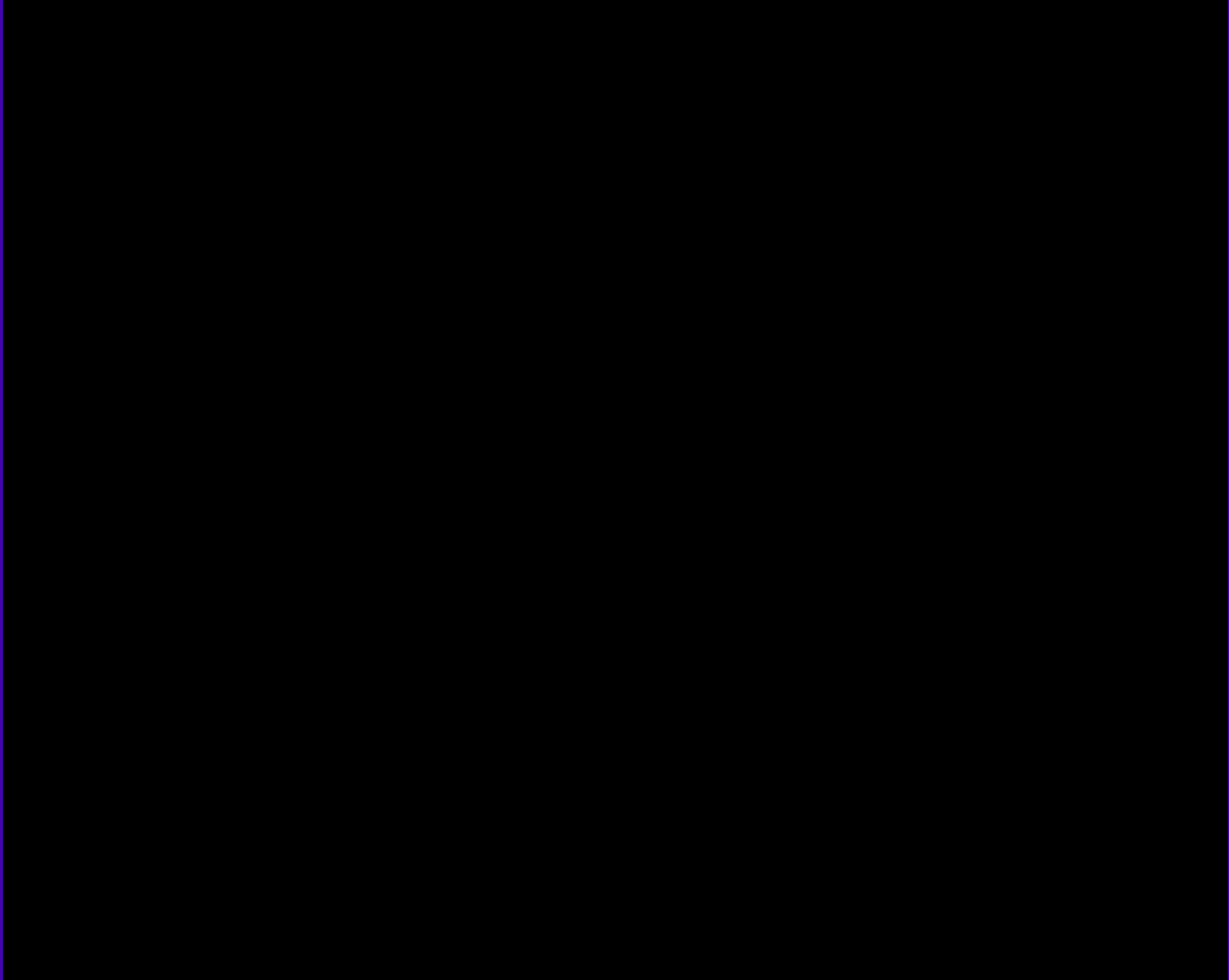


# Imminent

- Just what does the word mean?
- In simple terms, it means “now, this very moment”.
- Nothing in scripture needs to be fulfilled before the Rapture takes place.



It could happen even as  
we speak!





## How will it happen?

- “ 1st Thessalonians 4:16-18 tells us that, at the sound of a trumpet, we will be caught up into Heaven.
- “ Don’t bother to look for the word “Rapture” in the Bible, because you will not find it.
- “ What you will find is the English word “caught”.



## How do we know we will go?

- “ God has not appointed us to wrath. *“For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience”*
- This is what we were like before Jesus found us!**  
*Ephesians 2:3 - In times past, but not now*  
*Ephesians 5:6 - upon the children of disobedience.*
- Now we are children of God, the bride of Christ  
*Romans 5:9 - Justified by His blood*  
*Romans 13:4 – He is the minister of God to thee for good*





# Compare scripture with scripture

- “ We have looked at just a few of the scriptures that speak about the wrath of God. Spend a few minutes in your quiet time and search the Bible and discover the truth of His word.

*1st Thessalonians 1:10*

*“And to wait for his Son from Heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come”.*

*Revelation 3:10*

*“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth”.*



## Delivered us from the wrath to come

- “ This one thought should be in our minds and hearts continually.
- “ Jesus the Christ has delivered us, - not will, but has already!
- “ Our names are in the Lamb’s Book of Life.
- “ Our responsibility is to make sure He does not blot our names out of His Book of Life.
- “ See Revelation 3:5



## Now for the rest of the story

- 1st Corinthians 15:51 tells us of the change that will take place - but this verse does not speak about our being caught up at that time.
- In the book of 1st Thessalonians, we learn of the catching away of the saints, the Rapture of His bride, the Church.



## When is the Church taken up?

- 1st Corinthians 15:51 speaks about the change that will take place at the sound of the trumpet.
- The question before the house is, Are we taken up at that time?
- Look at Matthew 27:51 to answer this question.



## Four Prophecies Concerning the End Times

- 1. Re-gathering of the Jewish People
- 2. Re-establishment of the State of Israel
- 3. Re-occupation of Jerusalem
- 4. Refocusing of the World Politics on the city of Jerusalem



## What's the importance of these four points?

- They all speak of the return of Jesus Christ to the earth at the Second Coming.
- The Rapture will take place as much as seven years before the Second Coming.



Are you ready?

The Rapture is  
Imminent!