



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

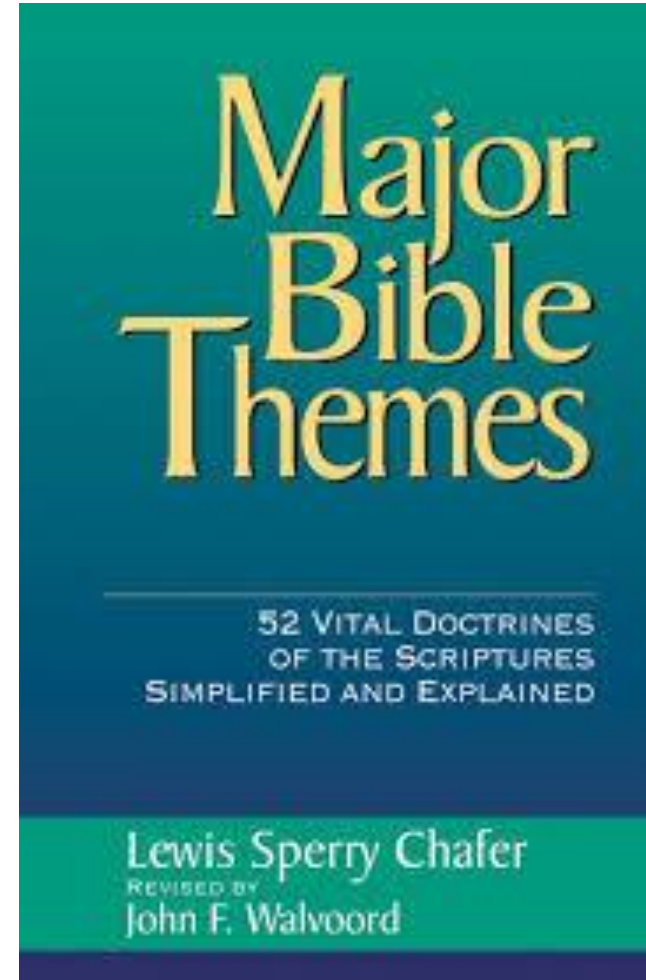
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Chapter Twelve: God the Son: Coming for His Saints

MBT Chapter Twelve Outline

Step # One

Find the Outline



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B. Prophecy of the Rapture

C. Contrast between Christ coming **for** His saints and coming **with** His saints

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Understand It



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A. Unfulfilled Prophecy

The student should be reminded that prophecy is God's prewritten history and is therefore as credible as other parts of Scripture. Almost one-fourth of the Bible was in the form of prediction when it was written. Much has been fulfilled, and in every case its fulfillment has been the most literal realization of all that was prophesied.

Although the end-time events, which occur after the rapture of the church, are given in many prophecies in both the Old and New Testaments, the truth that Christ would come for His church first was not revealed in the Old Testament and is distinctly a New Testament revelation.

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B. Prophecy of the Rapture

The first revelation that Christ would come for His saints before end-time events were fulfilled was given to the disciples in the Upper Room the night before Christ's crucifixion. According to John 14:2-3, Christ announced to His disciples, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

In writing to the Thessalonians concerning their questions of the relationship of the resurrection of the saints and Christ's coming for saints living on earth, Paul gives the details of this important event (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

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B. Prophecy of the Rapture (Cont'd)

Further details are given in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. Here the truth of Christ's coming for His church is declared to be "a mystery," that is, a truth not revealed in the Old Testament but revealed in the New Testament.



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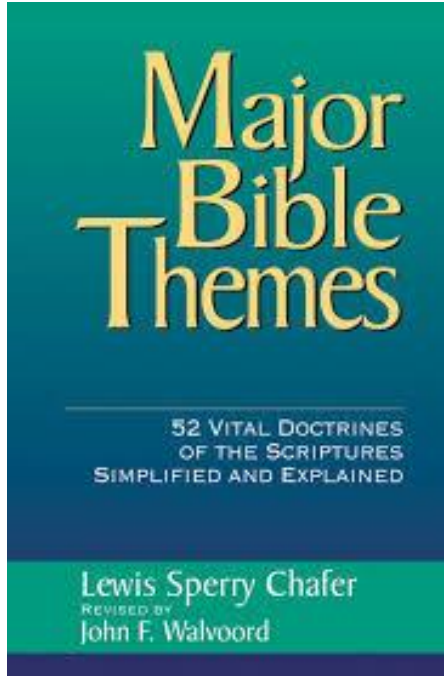
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C. Contrast between Christ coming **for** His saints and coming **with** His saints

The view that the rapture occurs before end-time events is called the pre-tribulational view, in contrast with the post-tribulational view which makes Christ's coming for His saints and with His saints one event. The question of which of these two views is right depends on how literally prophecy is interpreted. A number of differences can be seen between the two events:

The next principle is to build a physical file cabinet



Mike Borland

What does the Bible teach about the Son coming for His Saints?

Chapter 12 :

God the Son-

His coming for His Saints

Using Major Bible Themes write a study explaining the coming of His Son for His saints

God the Son: His Coming for His Saints

A. Unfulfilled Prophecy

B. Prophecy of the Rapture

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To file it...



Write it Down



Underline Main Words...



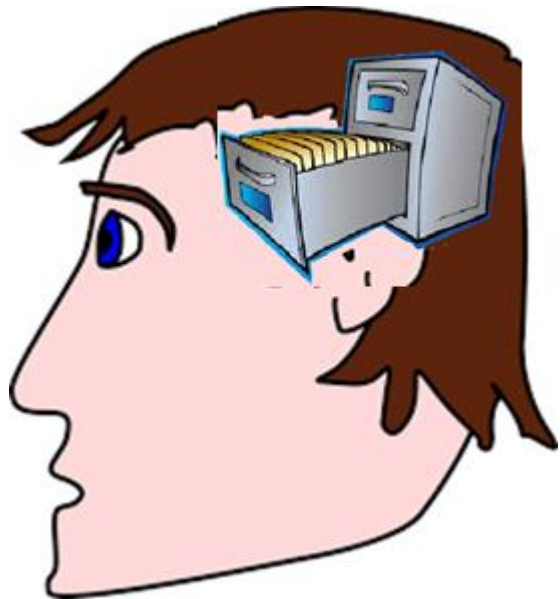
Memorize it

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His Saints...



A. **Unfulfilled Prophecy**

B. **Prophecy of the Rapture**



C. **Contrast** between Christ coming **for** His saints and coming **with** His saints

Here is an Acrostic to help you...

Christ's coming is a...



C **Contrast** between Christ coming **for** His saints and coming **with** His saints

U **Unfulfilled** Prophecy

P **Prophecy of the Rapture**

Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



A. Unfulfilled Prophecy

This same Jesus Prophesied

Act 1:11 *and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? **This Jesus**, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."*

The first revelation that Christ would come for His saints

John 14:2-3 *In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.*

The disciples were totally unprepared for this prophecy. They had been instructed in concerning the glorious return of Christ to set up His kingdom.

Mat 24:30 *Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with **power and great glory**.*

Important Passages on the Rapture

1Th 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

1Th 4:14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

1Th 4:18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1Co 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

*1Co 15:54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:
"Death is swallowed up in victory."*

1Co 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

“A mystery,” is a truth not revealed in the Old Testament but revealed in the New Testament

Rom 16:25 *Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the **mystery that was kept secret** for long ages*

Our new bodies will be sinless

Php 3:21 *who will transform our lowly body to be **like his glorious body**, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*

The resurrection of saints who died before Pentecost, or who die after the rapture, is at Christ's coming to set up His kingdom

Dan 12:1-2 *"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who **sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake**, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Rev 20:4 *Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.***

The wicked dead, however, are not raised until after the thousand year reign of Christ

Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead (unsaved) did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Thessalonian Christians were instructed "to wait" for his Son from heaven

1Th 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Their hope was not survival through the tribulation, but deliverance from the wrath of God

1Th 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rapture is a purifying hope

1Jn 3:1 *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

1Jn 3:2 *Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that **when he appears** we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

1Jn 3:3 *And everyone who thus hopes in him **purifies himself** as he is pure.*

Rapture is a blessed or happy expectation

Tit 2:13 *waiting for our **blessed hope**, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Write the verse on paper or put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter 12:

God the Son: His coming for His Saints

1. What proportion of the Bible was prophecy when it was written?

Almost one-fourth of the Bible was in the form of prediction when it was written.

2. What is the significance of the fact that many prophecies have already been literally fulfilled?

We can depend on others being fulfilled?

3. What is the distinction between Christ coming for His saints and Christ coming with His saints?

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2. At the rapture, living saints are translated but at the 2nd coming saints remain on earth

4. What important events will occur between these two events?

Events of the Tribulation

5. When did Christ first announce the rapture of the church, and what did He reveal about it?

To His disciples: He was preparing a place and He was coming for them

6. Why did the disciples have difficulty understanding the first mention of the rapture?

They didn't understand His death and resurrection

7. Describe the order of events for Christ coming for His saints as given in I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

The order of events for Christ coming for His saints begins with the Lord leaving His throne in heaven and descending to the air above the earth. He will give a shout - literally, "a shout of command." This will be accompanied by the triumphant voice of the archangel Michael and the sounding of the trump of God. In obedience to the command of Christ (John 5:28-29), Christians who have died will be raised from the dead.

Describe the order of events for Christ coming for His saints (cont'd

The souls of the dead have accompanied Christ from heaven as indicated in 1 Thessalonians 4:14 - "them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him" - and will enter their resurrected bodies. A moment after the dead in Christ are raised, living Christians "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." In this manner the entire church will be removed from the scene of earth and will fulfill the promise of John 14 of being with Christ in the Father's house in heaven.

8. Why does Christ bring the souls of Christians who have died with Him from heaven at the time of the rapture?

To reunite them with their glorified bodies

9. Why is the truth of Christ coming for His church declared to be a mystery in I Corinthians 15:51-52?

It wasn't revealed in the Old Testament

10. What additional facts concerning the rapture are brought out in I Corinthians 15:51-58?

It indicates that the event will take place in a moment of time, "in the twinkling of an eye," that the resurrection bodies of the dead which will be raised will be incorruptible, that is, will not grow old and will be immortal, not subject to death (1 Cor. 15:53).

11. What kind of bodies will those translated or raised from the dead receive?

Bodies like Christ's glorified body

12. If Old Testament saints will not be raised at the rapture, when will they be raised?

When Christ stands upon the Mount of Olives

13. When will the wicked dead be raised?

At the end of the thousand years

14. In view of the teaching of Scripture on the subject of rapture and resurrection, why must the view that all people are raised at the same time be rejected

It must be rejected because there are so many contrasts

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16. In the light of these contrasts, what arguments can be advanced in favor of the pre-tribulation rapture as opposed to the post-tribulation rapture?

The rapture is immanent, the second coming has preceding signs. We are not appointed to wrath. Until the restrainer is taken out of the way the Anti-Christ can't be revealed

17. What practical application of the truth of the rapture is made to our lives in Scripture

It is our comfort and hope