

## I Cannot Deny What I've Been Shown

I am compelled to tell you.....  
How God Gave Me Confirmations  
of the Coming Rapture  
Not the Second Coming yet



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## Part 1

# Confirmations First!



In 2018 I began getting a prompting from the Holy Spirit to learn about the “Rapture.” I saw a Youtube video talking about this event. I didn’t really know anything about it. I had heard something about it somewhere along the way, some vague story about how God is going to take us away from the earth at His second coming. (That’s what I thought it was, but I was wrong.) I’d never really paid attention to it.

They didn’t preach the rapture in the LDS church. I left that church thirty years ago, again, prompted strongly by the Holy Spirit. This is not a slight against that church or its people. I moved on. I moved forward to have a beautiful relationship with my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and I have no regrets about that. Only joy. I know I did the right thing. I was following God’s path for me. I love Him, I serve Him, and I seek ONLY to do His will.

When I saw that Youtube video about the “Rapture” mentioned above, I scrolled right on past, but the Holy Spirit said, “No, go back.” And so I did. I listened to it and was flabbergasted by what I was hearing. It wasn’t vague and it wasn’t about the second coming of Christ. The information in the video was that the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ, were two separate events. The Second Coming would happen at the end of the seven year tribulation written about in the book of Revelation. The Rapture occurs *before* the tribulation begins. It is about Jesus coming in the clouds, and lifting us up out of the tribulation for, as God’s children and believers in Jesus, “we are not appointed to God’s wrath.” [1 *Thessalonians 5:9-11*] I was prompted and urged by the Holy Spirit to learn about the rapture. Study it. Read about it. Learn it.

The first part of this essay is about my personal confirmations. These confirmations are why I cannot deny, and it has nothing to do with me having faith in things I can’t see. It is about a knowing. Because Lord knows, I have little faith. If you were to look up an explanation of when Jesus says, “Oh ye of little faith,” it would have my picture next to it. I realize the irony of me having little faith and then asking you to believe what I’m about to tell you. I’m not really asking you to believe me. I’m asking you to listen, study and take it to the Lord yourself. Get your own confirmations.

I’ve learned over the years that when it’s God prompting me to do something, I can’t stop thinking about it. I become driven and focused on the thing He is asking me to do. Therefore, I dove in. I watched every video I could about the rapture. I did hours and hours of tutorials. Read books and papers on the subject. This was amazing and exciting to me, what I was learning. It was a fantastical event, but if it was true, I was also afraid. One of the things I learned was all the children, because they were innocent, would be lifted up out of the tribulation, regardless of what their parents did or believed. The innocent children and/or those who believe in Jesus are not appointed to God’s wrath, which he is about to loose on this country and the world.

I began to think of people whose children would simply be taken away, lifted up. That would crush most parents. The pain they would feel, I couldn’t even comprehend it. I didn’t even want to think about it. This was so terrifying to me and also so sad. Devastating really. Then I remembered, umm, I myself had turned my back on God at one point in my life, and when I did, I and my husband, we did a very convincing job of turning our own children away from God. What had we done!

As I learned more and more about the rapture and felt more and more the conviction of the Holy Spirit that this rapture was a real thing, that it was true, and that it really was going to happen, I

began to pray fervently every day for God to tell me how to fix this. How can I undo the evil that I did by *not* teaching my own children that God is real. Of course, I'd had to learn that myself first, so I give myself a tiny break and don't fully condemn myself. Now, I was finally learning and was about to learn so much more. God was about to show me that He is very real and does indeed answer prayers and interact with us and speak to us and is aware of each and every one of His children.

Back to this rapture thing. I learned all about it. What an amazing thing. I prayed and asked for some kind of confirmation that this was a real thing. I received three separate visions within a few weeks time. These visions were like watching a movie on the inside of my forehead. I could feel a vibration moving through me, I would close my eyes and see the vision.

The first vision was me in a car at a stoplight.

I wasn't paying attention and didn't see that the light turned green. Then suddenly, I was startled by a giant, round, green light that flashed right in front of my face and it had three words on it. "Time To Go."



The second vision, I was standing very close to a man. All I could see at first was just his chin. Then as the "pov" pulled away I could see the man had a beard and was wearing a headcloth, like a shepherd of old would wear, except he had fancy, gold braid around his head, over the cloth.

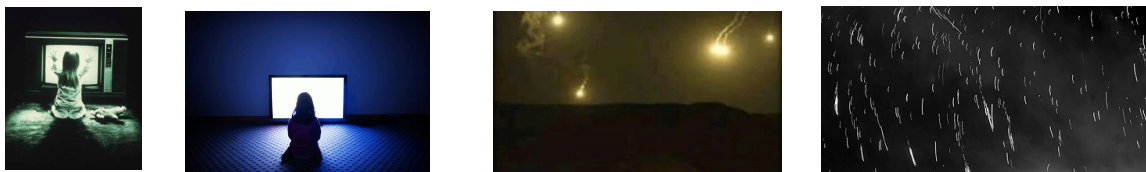


The man was blowing a shofar, and as I looked up at him, he looked right at me, in my eyes, as if acknowledging me personally. As if to say, "Yeah, this is a message for YOU."





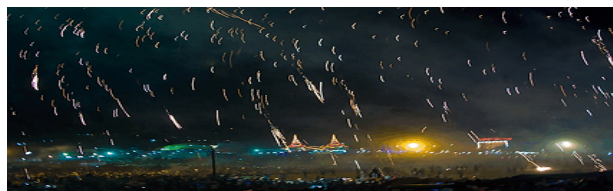
The third vision was a little girl with long blond hair sitting in front of a TV screen. It reminded me of a scene from the movie *Poltergeist*, though in my vision, she wasn't watching static, she was watching a missile flying up into the air and then bombs raining down in a night sky like the stars were falling from the sky.



She was distressed at first, and then smiled and turned from the TV, lifted a wedding veil that had been sitting nearby, put it on her head...

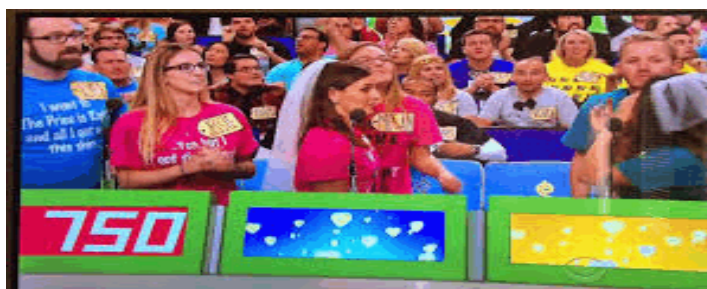


...and then disappeared and there was nothing left but the TV with bombs streaking downward.



When that third vision happened, I was sitting in a little office made in a back room of my home. I bowed my head and prayed. "God, if you are really trying to show me that this rapture thing really IS going to happen, please give me some kind of confirmation that these visions really are from You."

I then walked out to go tell my husband (my second husband) about what I'd seen. My husband was handicapped and had certain shows he enjoyed, and watched routinely. He was watching *The Price is Right* as usual for that time of day. I looked at the screen, and there were women with wedding veils on their heads. I took a picture of the screen.



As it turned out this *Price is Right* was a rerun of one that was a special for newlyweds and many of the women were wearing veils. This was my confirmation. The rapture really was going to happen. I started learning about the rapture in January of 2018 and I had that third vision and confirmation in August of 2018.

You might be thinking, what's all this about wedding veils? Let me explain these visions for anyone not understanding what they mean.

1 - The first one, the giant green light abruptly appearing before my face, startling me, and the words *TIME TO GO*. It seems obvious that it was telling me it will soon be time for this rapture event to happen. In the vision I didn't notice the light had turned green. That means to me that the signs are there but we're not seeing them. Then God flashed the giant green light right in front of my face. Only then did I see it. Because I didn't see the first regular green light, the big one startled me, so I need to be watching and be more aware of the smaller signs. It also tells me the rapture will happen quickly, suddenly, but I will be warned because a green light itself tells us when it's time to go. So, there will be signs.

2 - The second one, the Jewish looking man blowing a shofar. A shofar is a large, curvy trumpet sort of thing, as in the picture on page two above.

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

*"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. 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. Therefore encourage one another with these words."*

*Joel 2:1*

*"Blow a trumpet in Zion; Sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near."*

*Isaiah 27:13*

*"In that day a great trumpet will be blown...etc... you get the picture. There are hundreds of these scriptures.*

The blowing of the shofar is a trumpet in biblical times. The trumpet sounds, time to go.

3 - The third vision has several telling things. First, it is a timeline. "When the bombs come down, we go up." I have learned that many people have had rapture confirmations with those words. The wedding veil, represents the "bride of Christ."

*Revelation 19:7-9*

*"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God.""*

We, believers in Jesus, are his bride, and He is the bridegroom, and He is coming for His bride.

*Ephesians 5:22-33*

*“22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”*

In the vision, the girl was anxious at first, but then she remembered it's okay. Time to put on her bride veil, symbolizing the bride of Christ is leaving.

Okay, so, that three part vision was the first confirmation I was given about this rapture thing.

I said “this rapture thing” because I was still having a hard time with it. I mean, come on, it's a pretty big thing to happen. It was so hard to believe.

If I have this in the right order, the next thing that happened as far as the Lord giving me confirmation of the rapture, was what I call an “all-night-tutorial.” I've had a few of these tutorials about a few different subjects. Each time, it was nothing that I asked about. It simply came to me. I would dream about something, wake up, think about what I'd just dreamed, go back to sleep and have the same dream again. There would be audible whisperings, knowings while having these dream tutorials. This would happen all night. I've had three of these all-night-tutorials so far in my life. One was about abortion several years ago. This one I'm about to tell you, and there was another recently, a few months ago, when God finally explained to me over and over [why I was told to write the In Jesus' Name series.](#)

So, actually, the “all-night-tutorial” about the rapture, I cannot publicly disclose the message it contained. It was directed at my family personally. I will tell you that I was given a scripture in Nehemiah that I never would have related to the rapture or to my family, and when it was disclosed, it was so beautiful and so comforting. Even though I don't feel like I can disclose this tutorial, keep in mind that it was significant, it lasted all night, and it was a positive confirmation about the rapture.

Moving on. So, even after all of this. I was still having a hard time that this rapture thing could really happen. (That's the me of little faith coming through.) Millions, maybe billions of people who are believers in Christ suddenly disappearing? That's pretty hard to believe, right? So, one night, I prayed about it again. I prayed, “*Father, please forgive me for having such a hard time believing that this rapture thing is really going to happen. I'm sorry I have such little faith, but will you please give me another confirmation? I mean, please understand, if this rapture thing actually happened it*

*would be a show of power bigger than the parting of the Red Sea. It would be the most amazing show of power. Billions of people disappearing. **It would be the greatest thing to happen in human history.** Forgive me Father, but it's sooooo hard to believe **this event** will really happen."*

The very next morning after I prayed that prayer, I woke up and checked Youtube, as I usually do, because since learning about the rapture I'd been following a lot of the people who keep up with end of world type things. One of them was a channel called *Swift Passage*. To be honest I don't usually watch his channel very often. I have personal reasons for that and I don't want to disparage him. Still, the Lord used him. I saw he had a new video up titled, "*Jesus Spoke Moments Ago.*" It was only 47 seconds long. I started to scroll on by, but something nudged me to go ahead and listen to that video, so I went back to it. "Okay," I thought. "It's only 47 seconds. Let's see what the Lord spoke to this man."

Here is what the video said:

*"I was driving down the road and the Lord spoke. He said, 'My son, **the glorious appearing will be the greatest event ever in human history.** This is what I heard shortly ago. God bless you all."*

I was astounded and overjoyed. I couldn't believe God had answered my prayer so quickly. Yet it was too much of a coincidence for me to hear that Jesus spoke to this man using my **exact same words**. I could not deny that this had happened. God showed me something using my own words so that I couldn't deny. It was beautiful. [Here's the video.](#)

Of course, I shared these things with my husband. He'd always believed in God, but never really talked about Him or prayed or displayed his belief. He was raised a Baptist, I believe, but didn't really wholly believe or live his religion, until, when he started to lose his eyesight, he asked me if I would read the Bible to him. Of course, I immediately agreed. It changed him. *He asked me.* Not the other way around. The more we read, the more he got into it. It wasn't me saying, "Okay, it's time to read." It was my husband saying, "Come on, grab some coffee, let's get to reading."

So, one morning after reading, we were talking about the rapture, and Larry said, "I wish God would give *me* a confirmation about this rapture thing like he did you."

"Well then, let's pray and ask Him to do that," I suggested. And we did that very moment.

Later that evening, before we went to bed, my husband did something clumsy, I can't remember what he did, but I quoted, "You broke my cookie you big ox."

He said, "I hear you guys (my family) use that quote a lot. What's it from?"

I told him it was from the old TV show, *Happy Days*. I explained what was going on in the scene and actually found the scene on Youtube and played it for him. Sounds insignificant, but wait. The very next morning, I woke and again checked to see if there were any new videos I needed to watch. There was one posted by a young guy, a kid really, who didn't post very often, but only when he got messages from God. This was a short video. The message was, "Oh happy days, oh happy days, I AM coming for my children."

I was blown away and immediately shared it with my husband. The message wasn't, *oh happy*

*day...* It was, *oh happy DAYS*, like the show and the song. I knew it was an answer to our prayer. Some may write this off as a simple coincidence, but there is no such thing. There is a reason for everything. God's universe is not random. It is ordered. It is not chaos. It is calm. If you deny the wonders and signs God gives you, He will stop communicating with you.

All of these confirmations happened several years ago. For a long time I went with those beautiful confirmations. I shared a few of them with a few of you. They were real and I cannot deny them. I don't dare deny them. And yet, being "me of little faith," this past April/May of 2024, when I was traveling out in Arizona, the night after the amazing auroras caused by the CME and subsequent solar storm, I felt a need for another confirmation because it had been years since I'd been given a rapture confirmation.

Don't get me wrong, I had definitely been in touch with Jesus during those years. I've felt closer to Him than ever before once I got home in 2021 from a three month hospital stay where I was in a coma and experienced an NDE and lost my husband while in that coma because of the pandemic. Since that time, Jesus has been working very closely with me to have me write the [In Jesus' Name book](#) series. He has been communicating with me daily, giving me daily supernatural confirmations. It has been a wonderful time for which I'm so very grateful.

However, those communications were not about the rapture. So, while out there in Arizona, at the time of the auroras, I prayed again. I didn't really ask for a rapture confirmation. I asked what is going on in the world and are we about to finally see Him again. I prayed this because I was feeling a desperation in my spirit. Here's what happened:

I was awakened in the middle of the night, which would've been the wee hours of the morning the night after the auroras. I was awakened by the voice of Jesus. It was His actual audible voice. And I thought He said, "Don't be disappointed."

The next day I told my eldest and youngest what I'd heard. They asked me what I thought it meant? They asked, what do I think Jesus is saying to not be disappointed about? They speculated that maybe He was telling me that the rapture is not gonna happen after all. But I said no, that couldn't be what He's saying because He's already been so powerful about teaching me about the rapture and giving me sooo many confirmations about the rapture. He wouldn't do that and then turn around and say, "No never mind, don't be disappointed it's not gonna happen." Still, I admitted, I didn't know to what he was referring.

Throughout that day, we actually made jokes about it. Light-hearted joking, not being ugly. For example we would talk about dinner. "What do you want for dinner, Mom?" I would say humorously, "it doesn't matter, whatever you make, I won't be disappointed, because Jesus doesn't want me to be."

Sometime around midday, my youngest son and I were helping to paint a large shipping container that was being used as a storage container out in the desert wilderness where they are homesteading. I was painting the low parts and my son was up on a very high ladder, painting the top of the container. Suddenly we heard a loud crashing sound. Now keep in mind, we're in the middle of nowhere, in a desert wilderness. No cars. No traffic at all. But it sounded like a giant car crash. My son, because he was high up on the ladder, could see over the low trees and he said, "Wow

that's the biggest dirt devil I've ever seen."

Dirt devils are very common out there, so we really didn't think another thing about it until we went that direction the next morning, when we went out to let the dogs run. (A giant White Pyrenees, two smaller Pyrenees mixes, and my little Shih-tzu/Maltese mix, whom by the way, thought he was very special getting to run with the big dogs!) On the other side of those trees, there were a couple more shipping containers that had these heavy metal slats that are used in some sort of industrial type buildings. These slats had been simply lying across the top of the two containers to make a shelter of sorts between them. You can see that in the pictures that I'm inserting below. When we came upon them lying on the ground we realized, *that* was what made such a loud clashing sound the day before. That dirt devil had blown those very heavy metal strips off the shipping container. Interesting that it wasn't all of them, just enough to make the figure that it made. I'm emotional again as I write this, it was such an amazing thing that happened.

So, what did it make? It made the symbol, the Aleph and the Tav. The same symbol as in the paths of the eclipses (see pics below). It seems that it would be impossible for a dirt devil to blow those metal pieces down so perfectly and intricately. First, they are very heavy. Secondly, well, look at how perfectly they are lying there! We have to recognize divine intervention when we see it.

I've inserted the pics below at the end of Part 1.

When we looked down and we saw this design that the metal slats had been blown into....(I'm still amazed as I write this) I said, "That looks familiar. I've seen that before. That looks like the eclipse paths that I've seen pictures of. I think somebody said they were Hebrew letters of some kind." That's what I said, so someone ran a picture of the formation through an AI program and it came back as, several options, but the one that stood out to me was of course, "This is a combination of Hebrew letters, Aleph and Tav, the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega." I was flabbergasted by this. I think the others were too.

My time for visiting came to an end and I drove home the next week. So, I got home and because there had been so many solar flares that caused the auroras, I had started watching a particular YouTuber called *Suspicious Observers*, who only spoke about the sun on his YouTube videos. All the titles of his YouTube videos usually have something to do with the sun like, *New CME Coming Our Way*, or, *Solar Watch*, ... you get the idea. What caught my attention is what he titled this one video, it was the only video titled like this and it said, *The King is Coming Again*. Now, what he was referring to were the sunspots that caused the solar flares, that caused the amazing auroras, were coming around again. But what he said in the video, I know I was meant to hear this particular sentence. He said, "watch this... you **won't** be disappointed," emphasizing the word "won't". I knew immediately it was a message for me, because the words resounded loudly in my head. **You WON'T be disappointed**. Jesus was correcting me. He didn't tell me, "Don't be disappointed." He said, "You won't be disappointed." When you put the odd title and that sentence together, it is quite a confirmation. "The King is Coming Again. You WON'T be disappointed."

I knew He was answering my prayer that I prayed that night. He was telling me to go back to my home in Georgia. Things are about to happen. "You won't be disappointed."

Strangely, *coincidentally*, right after I watched that video, you know how suggestions for other



videos pop up? The one that came up had a thumbnail of the Aleph and the Tav, which caught my attention, of course. First it was confirmation that I was right about the message I'd just received.

I turned on *that* video. It was a video by a “watchman.” They call themselves watchmen, from the scripture:

*Ezekiel 3:17–19*

*“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.”*

I'd seen a few of this guy's videos before. I don't watch him too much because, well, to be honest, I don't like him very much. I mean, I don't like his personality. He doesn't speak very well but that's not the problem. I can get past that. He's harsh and degrading of others, though in more recent videos, he's softening some. Still, I felt like I was being pointed to watch his videos and so, I've begun listening to him daily by putting the playback speed on 2X. God has different people working for Him. I recognize that. We don't have to like them all. I have to admit he does a good job of keeping everyone informed about signs of the coming rapture. He's arrogant, and haughty, but he has good information about what's goin' down in the world behind the scenes that other countries know about but we in America don't, because we are kept in the dark because Satan owns our media. I do believe though, that when people are doing God's work, they should try to emulate Jesus' good and holy ways. Be humble and kind and not so full of anger and condemnation. Still, he does a good job of warning people.

Now, what I'm getting to about all of this is, I believe this rapture is coming. I know it sounds crazy, but I simply cannot deny the things God has shown me. Recently, I've had several more visions, out of the blue, showing me the rapture. One had a green light in the night sky and angels descending down from the sky and lifting people up. Some of the angels had swords and were fighting off demons. Another was of the kingdom where we will be living. It was beautiful.

So, the faith I'm showing, and it is scary, is to actually tell other people, tell you, all about this, and actually put myself out there. I have had a bunch of supernatural occurrences in my life, and it's time to step up.

God sent an angel to me to tell me to write a series of books. Yes, a real angel visited me. Recently, this past June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, He finally disclosed to me why He is having me write the books. You can learn about [that here](#). Part of that disclosure was about the fact that the rapture, the catching away, this lifting up, is not the end of real life. You will still have your children, raise them, things will continue. Everyone thinks that when we are raptured, then it's all over and we'll just lie around playing harps and praising God. That is not how it's going to be. He told me this. Most people don't really know how it's going to be. They are only guessing. Jesus has given me a little insight. Clearly not everything. But He did tell me, lying around, no family, no children, does that sound heavenly? No. We will continue down the path that God has given us and we will continue learning and growing and raising our children and become his true warriors. I don't know it all. I just know that



we will continue. The evil will be gone, but there will still be obstacles. That means our freewill remains intact and we will have to choose what to do to overcome those obstacles. What are those obstacles? I'm not sure, though I feel they are personal things for each of us and are different depending on what we need to learn. They are things to overcome on the path to wisdom.

Now, this is important: Don't be thinking that you don't want to be raptured. Don't cling to this world. Don't be *Lot's wife*. Don't be thinking that you want to continue on this earth. Satan is the current ruler of this world and the seven year tribulation is about to begin and you **don't want to be here**. You will have no freedom. Read Revelation. It ain't gonna be pretty.

The antichrist will save everyone from World War III and most of the ignorant will worship him. He will make you like him at first. You will see him as your savior of sorts because he ended the war and brought peace and equality. He will do many signs and wonders. You will think he is amazing. But after three and a half years he will show his real self. You will be under strict rules enforced by very bad people. You will recognize the beauty of the freedoms that you have lost. You will be forced taxed. You will not be able to buy food or anything without a mark (chip) in your hand or forehead. Receiving this mark will mean you worship this man who is the antichrist, who is the personification of Satan. If you take the mark, you will be condemning your soul to hell. If you don't take the mark, you will be tortured, or killed or simply starved. If all of this makes you finally believe in Jesus and realize that He was real, you will be killed. You don't want to be here. Open your heart and mind to Jesus. He is real. He was born to a virgin, the only begotten Son of the Father. He died on the cross to pay our sentence, to redeem us, pay our debt. His love is greater than anyone can know. He came back to life, He was resurrected and ascended into heaven. Accept Him.

No fear. Do not fear. If you have accepted Jesus, you will be lifted up. Be ready. Look up. The time is very near. I'm telling you all this not so you will be afraid, but so you will know what's coming.

There is no saving this world. Trump being elected won't save this world. They are not gonna let him win anyway, not in the long run. I am very surprised that we even had the election. He won, but it was too easy. I don't trust Trump. The evil, the politics, the real people running this world are too powerful. Their evil has seeped into every part of our existence, through every crack. That's why we need divine intervention. Currently, they all are orchestrating the war that's about to break out. It will not destroy the earth yet. It will be controlled demolition. But Trump can't help it and may be contributing to it, and who knows if he even gets inaugurated. Even if he does, he does not have the power to fix this world. Only Jesus has that power. Whatever Trump can do in four years will never be enough. Did we learn nothing from 2020? Only divine intervention can fix this world.

Jesus is coming for His bride. When the rapture happens it will throw the entire planet into complete chaos. The next seven years, the tribulation, will be the worst nightmare you can imagine. Again, read Revelation. Then, after seven years, Jesus will return for what is known as the **Second Coming of Christ**. This is when He will come with an army of His warriors, (us) and will fight the battle of Armageddon, and Lucifer will be bound. Then we will be with Jesus here on the New Earth for 1000 years. Still, even *that* is not the end.

There is so much more going on in this world than we can know with just our five senses. So

much we don't know or understand. The supernatural is real. I've been shown so many times and I cannot deny it anymore and I have to share it with you. Pray. Ask God. LISTEN! He WILL speak to you. Look for the signs. What many call coincidences. Ask for confirmations. Hurry.

Scroll down to see more of the amazing Aleph and Tav pics.



[Here you can see the two containers with the metal slats lying across the top between the containers, and see what was formed by a "dirt devil."]

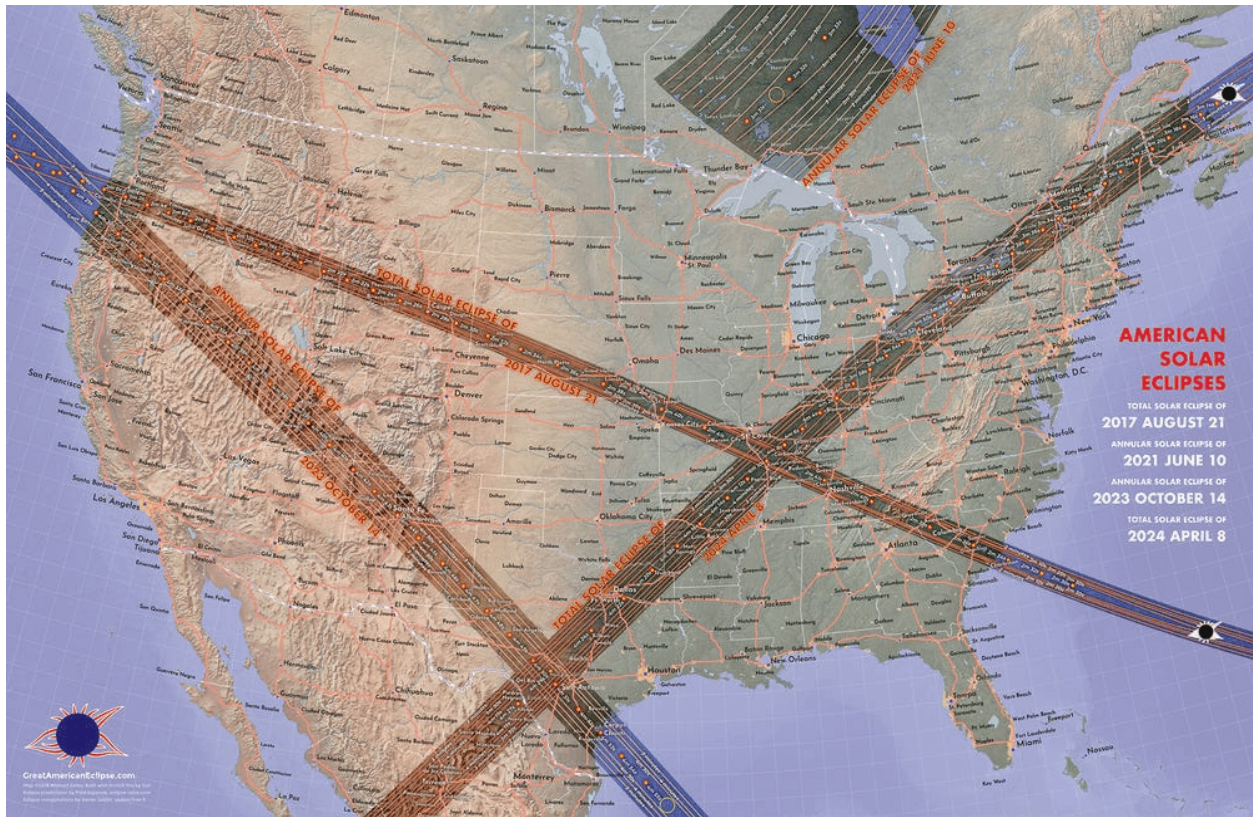






[The placement is so perfect, so precise, it is amazing.]





[The paths of the three eclipses over our country. Aleph and Tav-Alpha and Omega-Beginning and End]

## Part 2

### So, What is the Rapture?



About the rapture. I've taken a lot of this from a website called perhapstoday.org. They say it so much better than I can say it. I've changed only a little of it to put into my own words.

Many people will argue that the word rapture is not in the Bible. That's correct. The word rapture is from the Greek word, Harpazo, which means, catching away, or caught up and that IS in the Bible.

The rapture of the church is the event in which God "snatches away" all believers from the earth in order to make way for His righteous judgment to be poured out on the earth.

The rapture is described well in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 and 1 Corinthians 15:50–54. God will resurrect all believers who have died, give them glorified bodies, and take them from the earth, along with all living believers, who will also be given glorified bodies at that time.

"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. 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" (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

The rapture will involve an instantaneous transformation of our bodies to fit us for eternity. "We know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

The following verses provide encouraging information regarding Jesus' imminent return and the Rapture of the Church.

In these three verses, Jesus assures believers of a place in His Father's house and promises to return for them.

John 14:1-3

*"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

In these eight verses, Paul speaks of the resurrection, the transformation of believers, and the ultimate victory over death through Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

*"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."*

*"O Death, where is your sting?"*

*O Hades, where is your victory?"*



*The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

In these three verses, Paul describes the return of the Lord, the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the rapture of living believers to be with Him forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

*"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words."*

In these nine verses, Jesus warns that we don't know the exact time of His return and therefore we should always be ready and watching. He compares His return to the suddenness of the flood in Noah's time. No one believed Noah. They all thought he was crazy. Until the rain began.

Matthew 24:36-44

*"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

*"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.*

*"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."*

In this verse, Jesus promises not only to return for His followers, but that He has prepared a place for them to be with Him.

John 14:3

*"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

In this verse, Zephaniah warns of the imminent and intense nature of the "day of the Lord," where even the strong will be distressed.

Zephaniah 1:14

*"The great day of the Lord is near;*

*It is near and hastens quickly.*

*The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter;*

*There the mighty men shall cry out."*

In John 14, Jesus talked with His disciples in the Upper Room just four days before His crucifixion. His words were filled with comfort, instruction, and emotion. In the middle of that message, Jesus said: *Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 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 to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*

Take special note of these words.... "*I will come again and receive you to Myself.*"

That's Rapture talk. During one of the most comforting messages Jesus ever gave His followers, including us, the Rapture was at the forefront of His mind.

To give some context, our Lord Jesus opened His public ministry with the **Sermon on the Mount** in Matthew 5–7. Three years later, He closed His earthly work with the **Upper Room Discourse**, which is recorded in John 13–17. Remember, Jesus knew everything that was about to transpire: His arrest, the false accusations, the trial, His crucifixion, His resurrection, and His ascension soon after. The disciples, on the other hand, knew nothing about the chaos they were about to endure. Therefore, Jesus sought to prepare them and comfort them in advance.

As we read what happened in the Upper Room, it's apparent that the Rapture was heavily on Jesus' thoughts. In fact, He spoke eagerly and wistfully about His future absence and His eventual return.

He told His followers, "*Little children. . . . 'Where I am going, you cannot come' "* (John 13:33).

That disturbed the disciples, and Peter asked Him about it: "Lord, where are You going?" (v. 36).

In response, Jesus told them about His Father's house and its many rooms. He told them about preparing a place designed specifically for them, and for us. Then Jesus spoke those wonderful words: "*I will come again and receive you to Myself*" (John 14:3).

Shortly after, He prayed, "*Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am*" (John 17:24).

How Jesus loves us! How He loves you! Don't let your thoughts about the Rapture be confined to people vanishing or trumpets sounding. Instead, focus on the truth that Christ came and died to save you, returned to heaven to prepare a place for you, and is shortly coming to receive you to Himself. Why? Because He wants you to be where He is, to see and to share in His glory! Because we are family!

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The first recorded rapture was Enoch. The Bible says, “*And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him*” (Gen. 5:24)

The prophet Elijah was also raptured. Second Kings 2 begins, “*And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal*” (2 Kings 2:1). The Bible uses the expression “take up” to describe the Lord’s rapture of Elijah. The event is expounded upon a few verses later. The Bible says, “*And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven*” (2 Kings 2:11). Thus, Elijah was caught up and went directly to heaven without dying.

In the New Testament, after finishing all that the Father had given Him to do, the Lord Jesus Christ was raptured: “*And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven*” (Acts 1:9-11).

Jesus was raptured to heaven forty days after His resurrection. While the disciples stood and watched (probably with their mouths hanging open in amazement), two messengers from God appeared. God’s messengers said that Jesus would return one day in the same way. Jesus left by being “taken up” and was “received” by a cloud. Someday, Jesus will return to take up His bride into the clouds (1 Thess. 4:17) for their marriage in heaven (Rev. 19:11–16). Seven years later, Jesus will return to the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) to set up His Millennial Kingdom.

Philip was raptured after his encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch. The experience is detailed in the Book of Acts (Acts 8:25–40). Philip was led by an angel to meet with the Ethiopian eunuch. After the eunuch was baptized, God snatched Philip away (Acts 8:39). The Bible does not say whether Philip went up into Heaven and came back. It just says that he was snatched away and later found himself at Azotus.

The Book of Revelation details the future rapture of the two witnesses. At the midpoint of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will kill the two witnesses. He will leave their dead bodies in the streets of Jerusalem for three-and-a-half days, in which time all the population of the world will celebrate. The celebrations will stop when the two witnesses suddenly come back to life. Then they will follow the Lord’s command to “come up hither,” and they will be raptured to heaven (Rev. 11:3–12).

Also, in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John describes his own personal rapture. The Bible says, “*After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter*” (Rev. 4:1). Here, John is a type of church. He was told to “come up hither” just as the church will be called up to Heaven at the Rapture.

It is worth noting that the focus of the Book of Revelation changes after Revelation 4:1. Up to that point, Revelation was focused on the church, but there is no mention of the church again until

the end of the book (*Rev. 22:16*). The prophecies of Revelation 4–19 concern them that dwell on the earth (*Rev. 6:10*). There is only mention of “saints,” who are those who hear the Gospel and accept Christ during the Tribulation. The church is not on the earth during this period which is in line with the doctrine of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. John, who was one of the first true members of the church of Jesus Christ, is a fitting symbol of the church being taken out of the world before the Tribulation begins.

See you in the air!

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