

Rapture Facts From The Book Of Revelation—1 **“Who Are The Earth Dwellers During The Tribulation?”**

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The Earth Dwellers Have *Nothing To Do With Holiness and Righteousness*: Antichrist spirit

1. For as a snare shall it come on all them *that dwell on the face of the earth*. (Luke 21:35)

Answer: Seven Years Of Tribulation; testing By God, and finally judgment at the Great White Throne.

2. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try *them that dwell upon the earth*. (Luke 21:35; Rev. 3:10).

Answer: John is saying that though the Church (Elders) will escape the hour of Tribulation if they remain faithful, *those who dwell on the earth will not escape*, but will be judged according to their evils at the Great White Throne.

3. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on *them that dwell on the earth*? (6:10)

Answer: The Tribulation saints (born again in Tribulation period) *were martyred by these dwellers on the earth*).

4. *And they that dwell upon the earth* shall rejoice over them, and make merry and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. (11:10)

Answer: *They tormented and murdered God's appointed two witnesses* who ministered in Jerusalem 3½ years.

5. Therefore *rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell on them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and for the sea!* For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (12:12).

Answer: We see heaven vs. earth dwellers. *Earth dwellers will be judged* according to their evil deeds.

6. And *all that dwell upon the earth* shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (13:8)

Answer: *The earth dwellers will worship* the enemy of man's soul, satan himself.

7. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and *causeth the earth and them that dwell therein* to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (13:12)

Answer: *The earth dwellers were forced by anti-christ* to worship satan himself.

8. And deceiveth *them that dwell on the earth* by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to *them that dwell on the earth*, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live (13:14).

Answer: *The earth dwellers* were all under deception, causing them to make the image to the beast, satan.

9. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to *preach unto them that dwell on the earth*, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (14:6) .

Answer: Though they were ministered to by the angels, they remained hardened, and would not repent (16:7-11).

10. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and *they that dwell on the earth* shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Rev. 17:8).

Answer: Some interpret this to mean the antichrist *was* a historical person on earth, but is now dead, and in the future, will come up out of the abyss, remain on earth during the tribulation to finally be destroyed (see 19:20). But those dwelling on earth *will be enticed and deceived by the beast from out of the bottomless pit*.

11. With whom the *kings of the earth* have committed fornication, and *the inhabitants of the earth* have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (Rev. 17:2).

Answer: The kings of the earth have committed fornication with the great harlot and *made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of the great harlot's fornication*.

Still doubt who they are *who dwell on the earth*? Then, maybe this will convince you:

11) “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12) **Therefore, rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea!** For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” (Rev. 12:11, 12).

Not one time in the New Testament did the Holy Spirit have anything nice to say about *all those who are dwellers on the earth!* Yet He saw it necessary *only one time*, to show His favor for *those who are the dwellers of heaven!*

Where then, is the spotless *Church*, soon to be named *Elders* after the rapture, then finally will be *His Bride* by the end of the seven year tribulation?

It's simple. She receives her crown, robe and throne in Revelation 4 at the Judgment seat of Christ—in heaven—and will be preparing for her majestic Marriage Supper of The Lamb—scheduled at the end of the 7-year Tribulation!

After that?

The bride returns to earth as a great army, with Christ, to be witnesses of the greatest war victory ever. **We win!**

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There is a *Trump of God or The Last Trump* (as Apostle Paul named in his epistles) ordering the rapture. One thing though—the timing is a secret. Even Jesus don't know exactly when yet. I'll tell you that the timing is God's alone—His Trump is named in Revelation 4:1,2; and the results of the Judgment Seat of Christ is named after that. Check it out. It's written for you:

1) “After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice I heard was as it were a trumpet talking with me. It said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. 2) And immediately I was in the Spirit as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, **Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.** 3) And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. 4) And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders *sitting, clothed in white raiment;* and they *had on their heads crowns of gold.*”...10) The four and twenty elders fall down before Him that sat on the throne, and worship Him that liveth forever and ever, *and cast their crowns before His throne,* saying, 11) “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (Rev. 4:1-4; 10,11; *emphasis mine.*)

NOTE: The *thrones, robes,* and *gold crowns* [not just diadems] in verses 4 and 10 show the Judgment Seat of Christ is over; the elders (church) have now received their rewards, in heaven.

Then...in chapter 5:9, 10, we see the elders rejoicing in the Lord for His great salvation: “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and *hast redeemed us* to God *by the blood* out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; 10) And *hast made us* unto our God kings and priests: and *we shall reign* on earth.” (Revelation 5: 9, 10).

Still confused about the last trump?

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