ESCAPE GREAT TRIBULATION: BY RAPTURE OR WILDERNESS? (Bro. Elijah)

The Lord has never had to take people off the earth to save people from trouble. For example: Noah, Lot, Israel...

False prophets have taken this verse out of context to support the rapture theory and the word rapture is not even in the Bible one time. This scripture is dealing with the first resurrection, not a rapture. The dead and living that are righteous will be raised up at the last trump which is AFTER the Great tribulation. This verse has absolutely nothing to do with a rapture.

1 Thessalonians 4

King James Version (KJV)

- **13** But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- **15** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- **16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, **and with the trump of God**: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
- 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

The other place where most false prophets go to support the rapture theory is not dealing with before the Great tribulation, but rather AFTER the great tribulation! This proves that there is no rapture because the theory states that the Lord will return and "rapture" the saints before the Great Tribulation which is impossible since he only returns After the tribulation.

Matthew 24

King James Version (KJV)

- 40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- **29** *Immediately after the tribulation* of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- **30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall

gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

The Lord has to intervene in the affairs of man or else man would destroy everything:

- **21 For then shall be great tribulation,** such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- 22 And except those days should be shortened, **there should no flesh be saved**: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

If you have done the will of the Lord, the Lord will deliver you out of the Great Tribulation but if you do not hear and obey his word, then there will be no deliverance during this time, even if there was a rapture...

Revelation 3:10

King James Version (KJV)

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

What are the signs leading up to the Great Tribulation?

Matthew 24

King James Version (KJV)

- 3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?
- 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.
- **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (People think that as long as they believe on Christ, they have it made)
- **6** And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
- **7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
- 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

God's true servants will be afflicted and will be killed:

- 9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.
- 11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

The Saints Job is to spread the gospel!

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

You need the old testament to understand the major sign dealing with the Great Tribulation:

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"

If there was a rapture, then why would Jesus tell is to flee?

- 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:
- 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:
- 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.
- 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!
- **20** But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:
- 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
- **15** When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the **holy place**, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Where is the holy place? Jerusalem!

Ezekiel 21

King James Version (KJV)

- **21** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
- 2 Son of man, set thy face toward **Jerusalem**, and drop thy word toward the **holy places (holy and the most holy parts of the temple),** and prophesy against the land of Israel,

This is not talking about Antiochus Ephinaees - He did some of the same things but this is talking about the pope who will do much more damaging things.

Daniel 11

King James Version (KJV)

31 And arms (armies will be behind him) shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

The sign of his coming and the END of the world

- **40** And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north **(Pope in Western Europe)** shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.
- 41 He shall enter also into the glorious land (holy land), and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon (The Area of the Wilderness).
- 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall

not escape.

Rome will have control over the economy and resources at this time in an effort to rule the world.

- **43** But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.
- **44** But tidings out of the east (**Russia and her allies**) and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.
- **45** And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious *holy* mountain (**He will setup his throne in Jerusalem)**; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

Continuation of above: The Great Tribulation

Daniel 12

King James Version (KJV)

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. (Matthew 24:21, there can only be one time of trouble that the world has never seen in the past or will see in the future)

(The Resurrections as seen in 1 Thess 4):

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

The Great Tribulaton is 3.5 years, not seven. The saints/holy people will be persecuted. There is no rapture.

- **7** And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it **shall be for a time, times, and an half;** and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.
- **8** And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?
- 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. (Not dealing with Antiochus)

Who so readeth let him understand!

- **10** Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; **but the wise shall understand.**
- 11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a **thousand two hundred and ninety** days (It wil take 30 days to end the Daily sacrifice + 1260 Great Tribulation

when the holy place will be desolate).

45 days later: It will take Jesus about 45 days to kill all that he will kill. (1335-1290 = 45) If you are living after this time, you will not have to worry anymore:

- 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.
- 13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

Daniel 8

King James Version (KJV)

8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great (Alexander the Great) horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones (four generals) toward the four winds of heaven.

The pope or "little horn" came out of the Roman Empire, not the Greek empire:

9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

Alexander the Great's kingdom and four generals had to be plucked up to make way for Rome and the little horn

Daniel 11

King James Version (KJV)

4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, **even for others beside those.**

Little horn: He will magnify himself and stop the animal sacrifice in Jerusalem. The abomination of desolation will occur by the Pope stopping the daily sacrifice and setting up his spot in Jerusalem.

Daniel 8

King James Version (KJV)

- **10** And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.
- 11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of the sanctuary was cast down.
- 12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice **by reason of transgression**, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.
- 13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

The total amount of days it takes for the sacrifice and the great tribulation is

2300. 2300-1335 (Daniel 11:45) = 965

Therefore the daily sacrifice will last 965 days and the time from the Great tribulation to the Lord wipes out the World and cleans the sanctuary will be 1335 days.

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

This time period extends BEYOND Antiochus and the Greeks

- 21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.
- 22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.
- **23 And in the latter time** of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.

Holy people will be destroyed = No rapture

24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

The pope will be able to do magic and witchcraft as people do not believe in God anyway so if they want to see and worship the devil, the Lord will allow it. He will have policy and will claim peace but will cause war, and he will meet JESUS:

25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes (Jesus); but he shall be broken without hand.

The pope will be destroyed!

2 Thessalonians 2

King James Version (KJV)

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

Beware of false ministers like Jim Jones, David Karesh and Joseph Smith that declare false prophecies of the end before it takes place:

- 2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
- **3 Let no man deceive you** by any means: for that day **(second coming)** shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition **(desolater)**;

The Abomination of Desolation (Pope) will assume the role and title of God and sit in the temple (holy place). Therefore, the third temple has to be built in Jerusalem. Before the third temple gets built, the animal sacrifices will have to

begin.

4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Daniel 8:25 will be fulfilled when this takes place: The pope will do witch craft from Satan and The Prince of Peace will consume him without the use of hands!

- **8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- **9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

The holy temple (holy city) in Jerusalem (holy place) will be be occupied by the Pope for 3.5 years!

Revelation 11

King James Version (KJV)

- **1** And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
- 2 But the court (the court is not the most holy place but it is still holy) which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.
- **3** And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

The pope is the little horn (he is a little because he is a king but not a brute military king) that will magnify himself above the Lord, sit in the temple, and destroy the saints.

Daniel 7

King James Version (KJV)

8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, **and a mouth speaking great things**.

The Great Tribulation is 3.5 years and the saints will be destroyed (as a testimony to non-believers)

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Fulfillment of the above! The pope will have great power, will magnify himself, and wear out the saints!

Revelation 13:5-7

King James Version (KJV)

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and

power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to **make war with the saints**, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

The pope will have power to make the statue move (Dan 8:25) If you do not take the mark of the beast, you will be killed.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

The pope will have economic control by way of his empire Daniel 11:43

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

The Saints will be between a Rock and a hard place, because they will either die for not taking the Mark or receive eternal death for taking it! Choose the Rock (Jesus;)

Revelation 14

King James Version (KJV)

- **9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- **10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
- 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.
- 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

The Place of Safety (Wilderness)! Israel, the Woman, the Church will flee to the Wilderness during the 3.5 year tribulation!

Revelation 12

King James Version (KJV)

1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

The Dynamic, Powerful God will bring us into the wilderness like he did with Israel (beared them on Eagle's wings).

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is **nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

In the same manner that Pharaoh and his armies were swallowed up in the red sea, there will probably be an army trying to chase Israel but the Lord will destroy them with an earthquake.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is **nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

History will repeat: Israel fled from Pharaoh and they will flee from the Pope. God does not need to change his order because his order works.

Exodus 19

King James Version (KJV)

1 In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount.

3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Israel WILL be protected in the wilderness like the days of OLD.

Micah 7

King James Version (KJV)

14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of

old.

- **15** According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things.
- **16** The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

The Lord will meet his people that are safely protected from the spoiler!

Isaiah 16

King James Version (KJV)

1 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

Edom, Moab, and Ammon will be saved when the Pope is destroying the middle east because that is the location of the Wilderness setup for Israel (Daniel 11:41:

- **2** For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.
- **3** Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.
- **4** Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler **(the abomination of desolation)** ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

The Desert/Wilderness will become habitable and fruiful! The power of God will be seen by the middle east!

Isaiah 35

King James Version (KJV)

- **1** The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
- 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.
- **6** Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.
- **7** And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.

Forget about Egypt! The Lord will do something better! The beasts are gonna be glorifying in the Lord!

Isaiah 43

King James Version (KJV)

18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20 The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

The Lord will bring the remnant of Israel into the wilderness!

Ezekiel 20

King James Version (KJV)

33 As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:

34 And I will bring you out from the people, **and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered**, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.

36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.

God does not change! He will give us instructions and we need to follow them to save ourselves! He has given us examples as to how he operates and how he gives us a chance to to save ourselves if we obey him and watch for the signs!

Luke 17

King James Version (KJV)

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Just as Noah warned the people and got to safety by obeying the Lords instructions, we also must warn the people and obey God's instructions. However, the people will not listen once again, and get destroyed:

26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;

Just as Lot did the Lord's will and was saved from destruction, we must do the same and follow the Lords instruction:

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

Don't be scared to leave when its time to flee to the wilderness!:

- 32 Remember Lot's wife.
- **33** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

First Resurrection after the Great Tribulation!:

- **34** I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
- **35** Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- **37** And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.