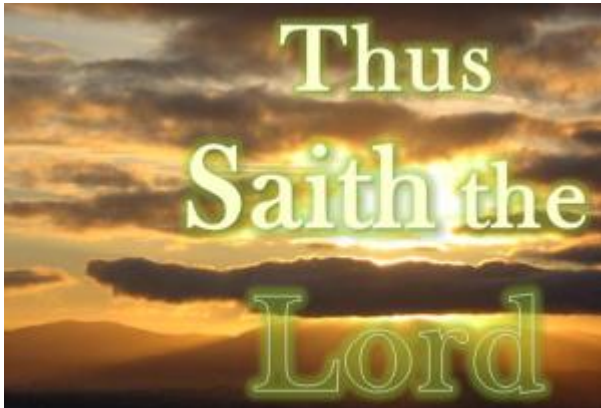


# How Many Times Does the Bible Say “Thus Saith the Lord”?



As my wife Tess and I were reading together during our daily devotions the Book of Jeremiah, we noticed how often “thus saith the Lord” is repeated in that book. She asked me to do a study on it. Here it is.

“Thus saith the Lord” appears only in the Old Testament. It occurs exactly 415 times in 413 verses and 161 chapters. In two verses it’s repeated twice. In the 39 Books of the Old Testament, it occurs in 19 books. The Book of Jeremiah wins hands down with 148 occurrences! After that Ezekiel has 126 occurrences and Isaiah has 35 occurrences.

By the way, this study and all the Bible studies on my website use the [King James Version](#) which I believe to be the most accurate of all English translations. Notice I wrote, “most accurate” but not perfect as some think it to be. I don’t believe any translation can be perfect. Why do I believe that? I had 11 years of experience working as a professional translator/proofreader from English to Japanese. Something is always lost in translation due to cultural differences.

Book	Number of times
Exodus	10
Joshua	2
Judges	1
1 Samuel	3
2 Samuel	5
1 Kings	13
2 Kings	20
1 Chronicles	4
2 Chronicles	8
Isaiah	35
Jeremiah	148
Ezekiel	126

Amos	13
Obadiah	1
Micah	2
Nahum	1
Haggai	4
Zachariah	18
Malachi	1

It's interesting that Jeremiah, the least heeded prophet, has the most occurrences of thus saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.

And after him, the prophet Ezekiel, was not heeded. The children of Israel didn't like him very much either, and especially their rulers.

Ezekiel 3:7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.

May the Lord help us all to listen to His Word, and heed and obey it for our own good and the good of our loved ones and associates!

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## [What is the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24?](#)



The words "great tribulation" appear three times in the King James Version of the Bible. But are they all referring to the same event?

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Revelation 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into **great tribulation**, except they repent of their deeds.

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of **great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I don't think these three Scriptures are all talking about the same event. You may dispute that. But this article is specifically about the tribulation Jesus was talking about in Matthew 24:21.

What do most evangelicals today teach about the Great Tribulation of Matthew 24? Some teach it's a *future* event of God's judgement on the wicked, and God's people will escape it in the Rapture. Correct me if I'm wrong but I think this is what John MacArthur teaches.

Others say the Great Tribulation is about the *wicked persecuting the saints*! They say this because they do not believe the Bible teaches a pre-tribulation rapture. I think so too. But is this really what the great tribulation of Matthew 24 is all about?

I hope you agree with me that the Bible is its own best interpreter. If that is true, shall we not look at what the two parallel passages of the other two synoptic Gospels in Mark and Luke have to say?

Mark 13:19 For in those days shall be **affliction**, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

Mark 13:19 is similar to Matthew 24:21 but rather than say "great tribulation" it says "affliction". Affliction on whom? Let's see what the Gospel of Luke has to say.

Luke 21:22-24 For these be the **days of vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be **great distress** in the land, and **wrath upon this people**. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

I hope you can see from the verses in Luke 21:22-24 that this is talking about the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD. It's talking about the wrath of God through the Roman army on the unbelieving Christ-rejecting Jews. How do I know that only Christ-rejecting Jews are the ones who are afflicted and slaughtered by the Romans? Because Jesus told His followers to flee Jerusalem and Judea when they see the Romans coming!

Luke 21:20-21 And **when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies**, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. {21} **Then let them which are in Judæa flee to the mountains**; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto.

And by the way, "Jerusalem compassed with armies" is the same thing as the abomination of desolation of Matthew 24:15!

Matthew 24:15-16 **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:) {16} Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

I hope you can see clearly that the parallel passage of Matthew 24:15-16 is Luke 21:20-21, It clearly defines the abomination of desolation as the armies of Rome. Rome was an abomination to the Jews and its armies made their capital city of Jerusalem desolate. It clearly tells Jesus' disciples what to do when they see the armies coming: To flee Jerusalem and Judea and run to the mountains. All the Christians who knew believed and obeyed Jesus' commandment were saved from slaughter by the Romans. The Christ-rejecting Jews believed the false prophets that they would be saved by running into the temple. They were all killed by the Romans! And this is all confirmed by secular history and the writings of Josephus.

To sum up: The great tribulation of Matthew 24 occurred in 70 ad. It was God's judgment through the Romans for rejection of their Messiah, Jesus Christ. It was a past event that will never happen again! Why do I think so? Because Jesus said so!

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, **nor ever shall be**.

Mark 13:18-19 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter. {19} For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, **neither shall be**.

Jesus told the high priest that he will see the Son of Man at the right hand of power.

Matthew 26:64-65 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, **Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.** {65} Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

When do you think the high priest saw Jesus sitting at the right hand of power? It must have been when the high priest was still alive! I believe it was most likely during the attack on Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. It was 40 years later and the high priest was most likely still alive. When he saw Jesus up in the clouds, how could he not help but think God was punishing him and his people for rejecting Jesus of Nazareth as the very Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah!

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## [Dr. David Martin: Who “They” Are, “The Names and Faces” Behind the Criminal Coronavirus Conspiracy](#)



Dr. David Martin Exposes the Names and Faces of the People Who Are Killing Humanity  
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## **Introduction:**

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Red Pill Expo is the major public event of Red Pill University. "Red Pill University is a coalition of individuals and organizations that share a common problem – and have a common understanding of the solution. The problem is that peaceful, law-abiding citizens are experiencing ever-increasing control over their lives by governments and corporations. " – Quoted from <https://redpilluniversity.org/take-the-tour/>

The purpose of this talk is to de-mystify the "they" of the COVID War.

## **Excerpts from the talk by Dr. David Martin to the Red Pill Expo**

"How many of you are familiar with the company, Anser? I love having this moment. Do you know they are the single largest contractor in the entire COVID terrorism campaign?...

"The companies on the right, that you think are the ones running this show [Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Merck Ridgeback, Gilead Sciences], are in fact a front [for the companies on the left, Anser, Fors-Marsh, Palantir, Publicis Sapient].

"And you know what a front organization is? They're the ones that are supposed to take the flack and take the heat. The ones on the left are the ones that actually got the money. Operation Warp Speed went to Anser.

"You didn't know that, because you were told by the media that it went to Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and all that kind of stuff. That's not true. The prime contract of Operation Warp Speed went through Anser, a company none of you had heard of!

"And you didn't hear about them because the contract was signed by ATI, a company based in South Carolina, a company whose history has been government defense contracts for the purposes of propaganda! I wish I made that up. The prime contractor selected to run Operation Warp Speed was a propaganda expert for the US Department of Defense...

"Anser is the way for the Federal Government never to be liable for the criminal conspiracy they know they ran. They are now one of the top ten Federal Contractors in history, below Lockheed-Martin, Raytheon and all those guys.

"Those names you know. You don't know Anser, the single company that, by

COVID rose – the highest-ranked rise in the history of federal contracting; the highest single-year rise, ever was Anser – and none of you know who they are!...

“Anser Corporation, they’re the ones running Operation Warp Speed and they’ve been set up to shield these manufacturers from ever taking the financial liability for their willful misconduct. And one day, everybody’s gonna go, ‘Let’s sue Pfizer! Let’s go sue everybody else! And the only problem is when we go to sue them, they say, ‘Hey! It wasn’t us!’ And they’re right and all of us were asleep. And I’m talking to a woke crowd, here and all of you were asleep.

“Don’t tell me you’re awake if you’re still sleeping, because if you didn’t know who Anser is, you’re still asleep!

### **IT GETS WORSE...**

“It gets worse. Fors-Marsh, anybody know Fors-Marsh?...They’re the branding agency that branded COVID. They’re the ones who make sure we find hospitals that are overrun with people. They’re the ones who find kids that died of COVID right before the FDA needs to vote on giving kids injections. They’re the ones that go around the world, making sure every message is always the same: ‘We will not return to normal until we have a vaccine.’ Thank you, Justin Trudeau! Where’d you get the script? From Fors-Marsh! And how many of you knew that? None of ya!

“How about Palantir? Hey, that’s a weird one, isn’t it? Peter Thiel, who has successfully run a company that has lost \$200 million plus, every year for about seven or eight years, goes public in the middle of COVID. Isn’t timing interesting? Isn’t it fascinating that a company that’s done nothing but lose billions of dollars goes public in the middle of the worst economic cycle we’ve had? Isn’t that funny? And did you actually go back and read their public offering? Hah! Funny! I know you didn’t, because there really wasn’t one, that’s why you didn’t read it!

“Because they went public in this very bizarre, backdoor way of actually selling founder’s stock into the market, so we got personally-enriched – personally-enriched – using the public market as the laundering facility. Isn’t that brilliant?

“But let’s look at what they did for our COVID scandal. They actually came up with a thing called Gotham Data Tracking...you know what that does? That’s making sure that every time you turn your phone on, when you get off the plane, when you cross the state line, it gives you a little tag that goes, ‘Hey, do you want a COVID alert in your neighborhood?’ You know why? Because you are being monitored. Your phone is being monitored. Your transactions are being monitored, your credit cards are being monitored, your health behavior’s being monitored, your vaccine status is being monitored and it’s all done under the contract run by Gotham Data Sciences, the company that went public during COVID – and none of you knew about this.

“And you’ve been to Red Pills! And you still haven’t taken the Red Pill! And

by the way, I'm not even to the good slide, yet. So be depressed! 'Cause it's getting worse!

"Publicis Sapien, the Health and Human Services' IT contract. Have you ever wondered how the data never seems to add up? Somebody always has allegedly the same reportable data?

"Publicis Sapien has the Health and Human Services' IT contract to consolidate all of the data, so guess what happens? Everybody has the same number of COVID cases to report, when somebody from the media calls and says, 'Hey, how many cases do we have?' 'Oh, 40,000'. 'Oh, round number, 40,000'...

"When, in the course of human history has a round number involving the word 'thousand' ever happened? There's never been a 10,000 heart day, there's never been a round number day – until you actually control the Department of Health and Human Services' entire IT platform and not one of you knows that that's a single contract, run by Publicis Sapien...

"You've been focused on the right hand side the whole time and the left hand side is doing the dirty work.

## THE COVID PIRATES

"Now, why do I call them 'privateers'? How many are familiar with the difference between a pirate and a privateer? Pirates go rape and marauding and stealing and...a privateer is the same thing, that has permission to do it by a government that's gone corrupt. That's what these are (points to the slide of COVID contractors). They're the privateers. But hey, since we have privateers, it feels only appropriate that if we have a world of privateers, we should also...have a world of pirates. And here's our pirates."

The new slide shows the universities who've been involved in the COVID War: UNC Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt, Emory, Johns Hopkins, University of California System, MIT, NYU Langone, DZIF, Imperial College, IHME, Erasmus Medical Center.

"Pirates. UNC Chapel Hill, I talked about that. That's the guy who actually made the weapon, Ralph Baric. Since 1999, \$100 million to weaponize the particles of coronavirus. Over \$100 million. You've heard about \$3.7 million going to Wuhan – ohhhh – 3.7 million, that feels like a bad number.

"And how 'bout \$28 billion of that coming from DARPA for their bioweapons initiative? Anybody heard of \$28 billion that went through Anthony Fauci at NIAID? Anyone hear about the \$20 billion that went directly to UNC Chapel Hill, that weaponized spike protein?

"You haven't heard about that, you haven't heard about that because we've been talking about \$3.7 million going to Wuhan. Stop being distracted by the cover story!... Because the distraction is where the interesting thing is.

"UNC Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt, Emory, Johns Hopkins and the University of California: those are the pirates that have made the most money on federally-granted, disclosed money going into the university sector. I'm calling them 'pirates' for a very good reason. They justify all of this in the name of



science and education...

"I don't even care whether these people pretend to hide behind the 'It's an academic research project' to try and get out of the bioweapons definition. The bioweapons definition says that if you enable a foreign entity to build something known to harm humanity, you have already created a felony, you are going to jail for the rest of your life and you are liable for a \$100 million penalty.

"So guess what? Welcome to Hell, all five of these universities! Because they're all felons! All of 'em!

"And how 'bout the right-hand side? MIT, New York University Langone – hey, by the way, Langone? Where did that name come from? Ken Langone? Anybody? Oh! I'm not supposed to say that name out loud, Ken Langone, except I just did, didn't I? Ken Langone...

"They're actually putting their name on the letterhead and you don't know who to look for! You're still being told, 'Oh, it's the Rothschilds and it's the Rockefellers!

"No, it's not! It's the guy who put his name on the facility! How many of you know who Ken Langone is? Guess what? Look it up! Because that's a pretty big thing that you should be aware of and unfortunately, you're not aware of it, for a very good reason because he hid it in plain sight, in the name of the medical center. New York University Langone, like that's a really hard thing to find.

"DZIF Charité...you've heard of Dr Christian Drosten, the Crazy-in-Chief in Germany who's kind of Anthony Fauci and Ralph Baric's evil stepchild, Imperial College, the criminal conspirators who came up with the fear porn of how many people were going to die, IHME, the University of Washington program, but the one I want to bring your attention to is the one at the bottom, Erasmus Medical Center.

"Bart Haagmans...In 2002, Bart Haagmans was an interesting dude, because he actually figured out a way to build a bunch of patents around the vaccines for the coronavirus. Mysteriously, the European Union in 2012 started giving him massive, massive grants to run a thing called Zapi.

"And Zapi was the zoonotic disease transmission laboratory for the European Union. And Bart seemed to always get the money. Now, this is fascinating because Bart was also the one who decided to patent MERS. The Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome, remember that one? The one that never really happened but kinda happened in 2012-13? Bart was the one that patented MERS...

"Erasmus Medical Center, actually, in their public statement, when they were confronted with the lie, where they said that they hadn't filed a patent on the actual genome – kinda like the CDC said in 2007 – when confronted with the lie, they said in public – and you can't make this sh!t up, People, it's so funny! They said, 'Well, what we said was not entirely false in all jurisdictions in the world.'

## THE COVID ORCHESTRA

"But this, Ladies and Gentlemen is the slide you wanted to see. This is actually the names and faces of the people who are, in fact killing humanity. And that's ALL of them. Now, here's the bad news: There's a lot of people on that slide, aren't there? Here's the better news...I'll actually give you all this slide, because why not? Let's make sure that we don't ever forget the names and the faces of the people who decided to kill us...

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Here is a list of all the people in that slide:

- Mukesh D. Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Industries
- Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees WEF
- Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action
- Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Canada
- Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the IMF
- Queen Rania of Jordan
- David M. Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Carlyle Group
- Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman, WEF
- Marc Benioff, Chair and Chief Executive Officer, Salesforce
- Thomas Buberl, CEO, AXA
- Laurence Fink, Chairman & CEO, BlackRock
- Orit Gadiesh, Chairman, Bain & Company
- Fabiola Gianotti, Director General, CERN
- L. Rafael Reif, President of MIT
- Mark Schneider, CEO, Nestlé
- Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Defense Minister, Singapore
- Robert Mercer, Renaissance Fund
- Larry Page, Google
- Al Gore, Environmentalist
- Angel Gurría, Secretary General OECD
- Paula Ingabire, Minister of Information Communication Technology, Rwanda
- Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist
- Luis Alberto Moreno, WEF
- Jim Hagemann Snabe, Chairman of Siemens and of Maersk
- Feike Sijbesma, Philco
- Zhu Min, Deputy Managing Director, IMF
- Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook/Meta
- Bill Gates, Microsoft
- Herman Gref, CEO, Sberbank
- André Hoffmann, Vice-Chairman Hoffman-La Roche
- Christine Lagarde, President, European Central Bank
- Peter Maurer, President, Red Cross
- Patrice Motsepe, Chairman, African Rainbow Minerals
- Julie Sweet, CEO, Accenture
- Heizo Takenaka, Economist
- Dustin Moskovitz, Open Philanthropy

David continues, "I want you to have some looks on there. Some are kind of interesting, like cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Did you hear me say that? Cellist, Yo-Yo Ma.

"How about the head of the Wellcome Trust? Not surprising, there, right? How about Princess Rania of Jordan? Ooh, that's weird.

"How about the woman who happens to be sitting at the helm of the leadership of the government of Canada but conveniently out of sight but running 100% of the money for the government of Canada.

"How about all of these interesting people like, Jim Hagemann Snabe, how about Zhu Min, Chairman of the National Institute of Financial Research in China?

"And what makes these individuals interesting is that when you look at them, you find out something very important. Almost none of them have sought public visibility. Isn't that funny? Which makes me pick on one of them. The guy I have here, at the bottom corner. And I have to give him credit. He has done so much to stay out of sight.

"I've got 12 minutes left. I've got to spend a couple of minutes on the guy who's paid every search engine optimization to keep his name out of search engines and I'm doing it so that it costs him sh!tloads to keep all of you silent.

#### **DUSTIN MOSKOVITZ: EDITING THE HUMAN GENOME**

"So let's get really clear on Dustin Moskovitz. Shall we, Dustin Moskovitz?...You little piece of sh!t! Let's talk about him for a minute. The Co-Founder of Facebook that you've never heard of...also the guy who founded Open Philanthropy, who was the actual check-writer for Event201. You were told that it was the World Economic Forum. You were told it was the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. You were told it was Johns Hopkins University. But the actual check that cleared for the program was signed by none other than Dustin Moskovitz...

"Now, I'm picking on him for a good reason. He's a felon, he's a criminal. He is one of the most sociopathic, psychopathic, crazy people walking the planet and he's paid to keep his name in private. So guess what? Don't let him! The reason why I want to give you this slide is because I want every one of them named. I want them all publicly named.

"Because it's time that we start going through the reality of saying, 'We the People are not going to let mass-murderers get away anonymously mass-murdering people. We are not going to allow that to happen! Not on our watch! And that's why you have this slide...

"But let's go back to Dustin. Isn't it interesting that Dustin conveniently decided to shroud this entire public health crisis in a self-serving, self-interested investment objective? He owns Sherlock biosciences. Sherlock Biosciences happens to be the company that owns the CRISPR technology that is the joint venture between the United States and China on gene editing the human genome...

"Dustin Moskovitz knew that if he actually tried to take this technology into the public, nobody would be willing to do it, particularly, given the fact

that it's a JV [joint venture] between him and the government of China. That's the reason why we'd have a problem with it. Because it feels like eugenics. Do you know why it feels like eugenics? Because it is eugenics, that's why it feels like it! That's why it feels like Cold Spring Harbor Labs...

"The only way we could get gene-editing technology approved was with an Emergency Use Authorization. Not surprisingly, once everybody was distracted on vaccines and everybody was distracted on RTPCR and everybody was distracted on everything else, Sherlock Biosciences slipped their Emergency Use Authorization application into the FDA – and got it. In other words, using the cover of COVID, which all of us are pretending to talk about, the editing of the human genome was approved and not one of us said a thing.

"Now, if you were going to edit the human genome, do you think you'd need a good cover story to actually hide what you're really doing? You'd probably find the guy who has the biggest financial interest in doing it and make sure, that while everyone is looking over at coronavirus and COVID and trying to figure out these Lab Leak Hypothesis – there's no Lab Leak Hypothesis, because there's no lab leak!

"So stop talking about lab leaks! there is no lab leak. This is the willful weaponization of a spike protein, that's what it is. It's an act of war, it's not a leak. We need to start calling it what it is. It's an act of war. It's an act of war against humanity.

"We stop pretending to take their bait and follow their stupid rabbit trails and follow stupid rabbit trails into stupid rabbit holes and wonder why there's a bunch of pee and piss and poo that smells like rabbit warrens. Well, it smells like it because that's what you find at the end of a rabbit trail.

"We need to be focused on the point and people like Dustin Moskovitz and this slide is going to be shared with everyone in this room because it is incumbent on you. Now you know. Now you must act. Because when we talk about the 'they', we empower the 'they'.

"But when we talk about the names of people, we humanize the sociopathic behavior. We humanize the fact that there are individuals and organizations that are willfully murdering the humanity that we know and love and we cannot let that happen on our watch. It is incumbent on all of us to get those words out."

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## [The Rapture Occurs On the Day of the](#)

# Lord!



This post is to add more information on what I wrote on [The Popular but False Doctrine of the Rapture.](#)

And why did I call the doctrine of the Rapture false? I am talking about how the majority of evangelicals define the Rapture:

A) The rapture doctrine purports that Christ will come back to this earth in two phases. First, He will come spiritually to “rapture away” believers who have been faithful to Him. This first phase of His coming is going to be silent or secret.

B) After the righteous are raptured away to heaven, a fierce antichrist power will appear on the earth and rule the world for a period of seven years. This seven-year period is popularly referred to as the tribulation period.

C) During this tribulation period, people who will refuse to go along with the new order of the antichrist will be brutally persecuted. However, amidst the great persecution by this satanic power, anyone who will believe and embrace Christ at this difficult time will have a second chance at salvation.

D) After the seven-year tribulation period, Christ returns visibly to destroy the antichrist power and dispense His wrath on the world’s nations. This is the general teaching of the secret rapture doctrine. (From:

<https://whitethroneministries.org/resources/lessons/the-secret-rapture-doctrine> )

None of the above are supported by Scripture! All of these statements are speculation, reading into the Bible what isn’t there, and based on a false interpretation of the [70th Week of Daniel](#).

Today, December 1st 2021, I saw for the first time that the prophecy at the end of I Thessalonians chapter four does *not* end with that chapter but it *continues on* with more information in chapter five! And that shows it’s a continuous event!

1 Thessalonians 4:15 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:1 **But of the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

If you keep in mind there are no chapter breaks in the original text, you will see the prophecy at the end of First Thessalonians chapter 4 continues on to chapter 5. And if you see that, I think you should see that the rapture of the saints happens the same day as the destruction of the wicked. Therefore it **cannot** be a secret event!

Another Scripture that confirms the rapture occurs on the Day of the Lord:

Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first the tares**, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat (the redeemed of Christ Jesus) into my barn.