

A count down of events in scripture is always a signal of the Second Coming, not the rapture.

The Rapture is understood to be a surprise, which comes upon the world suddenly. This is clearly depicted in both of the references given by Jesus (Yeshua) that the time of his coming would be *exactly* as it was in the days of Noah and the Days of Lot. Interestingly, the judgment of God against Noah's world was by water; the judgment against Lot's world was by fire. (2 Peter 3:7 - - ***the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.***) Attributes can be enumerated that reflect particular characteristics of those times. It is more, a lot more, than the people were living ungodly lives.

We can measure the progress toward the time of Judgment mentioned above. There are growing signs indicating we are approaching the level of wickedness Jesus described, (See 1 Timothy 4 and 2 Timothy 3.) The amazing thing about Biblical prophecy is that it has been and is infallible. No the world is not getting better, safer, wiser, or more moral. The activities of churches is not furthering the conversion of a wicked and perverse generation except to a limited degree and with this comes the hatred and persecution of a God-hating world. The men and ministries that proclaim that the glorious church of the end times will convert and purify the human race are ignoring a lot of scripture.

The state of Christendom is more and more endangered by the doctrine of ecumenicism and tolerance and *inclusiveness* to any and all perversities. Paul speaks of a great falling away, and secondly, the coming of the Antichrist. Paul explains the great falling away more completely in Timothy . . . ” the Spirit expressly states that people will apostatize from the faith by paying attention to deceiving spirits and things taught by demons” (1 Timothy 4). He describes the rise of the Antichrist in Chapter 2 of 2nd Thess. But made very plain is this promise: *“But we have to keep thanking God for you always, brothers whom the Lord loves, because God chose you as **first fruits of deliverance** by giving you the holiness that has its origin in the Spirit, and the faithfulness that has its origin in the truth. He called you to this through our Good News so that you could have the glory of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.*

Therefore brothers, stand firm.” 2 Thess. 2.13. What are the first fruits of deliverance? The rapture. Who is it for? The brethren. The distinction is made very plain in Paul's letters to the Thessalonians.

The great Bible expositor, Sir. Robert Anderson, describes the confusion over the rapture and the second coming, or worse over concluding that the two events are one and the same. He writes: Common sense vetoes the suggestion that His coming as Avenger and Judge is the event described as “that blessed hope’ That the coming of the Lord as Savior is now confounded with the “day of the Lord, the day of wrath” is the error which the second epistle to the Thessalonians was designed to correct. But now it is the creed of Christendom. . . . Are we to believe that the Gentile converts were taught to live in expectation of the Coming, although, . . before that hope could be realised the people of God were doomed to pass through a time of horror unparalleled in all the ages? (Forgotten truths 70-71).

- **As it was in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot**, (read the details of both of these references in Genesis to gain particular insights into end time prophetic eschatology. There was a semblance of normal life (although the people were in the deepest sin and depravity.) This explains that before the “Judgment” fell there was a general sense of routine and normal life. This nonchalant attitude is present today where the unregenerate do not see the danger just over the horizon.

In Noah's time the people were obsessed with violence and evil continually. There is evidence that human DNA purity that came from Adam's lineage had become polluted and corrupted

with DNA of the Nephilim (fallen angels that interbred with human females).

(*Genesis 6*) There is evidence that secrets of science and technology were brought to earth by the “Watchers” and were known in large part in the pre flood civilization. Heros and demigod's were worshiped by civilizations that followed that we dismiss as mythology.

God brought the remnant of the human family into the “Ark” and shut the door. Those who remained upon the earth thereafter were destroyed in the flood of judgment. There are three types among the preflood patriarchs: Methusaleh died before the flood; Enoch, was taken (raptured) before the flood; Noah went through the flood to later repopulate the earth.

- **The days of Lot:** Pride, sensuality and sexual sin poisoned the cities of Sodom and Gomor'rah. God's time of final judgment was at hand. As in the above example of Noah, there was a sense that all were at ease and comfortable in their prosperity and sin. The angels came to Sodom and told Lot to gather his family and prepare to leave and not look back. The angel told Lot that he could not proceed with judgment (destruction by fire and brimstone) until Lot's family had been removed. (Genesis 19:22.) On the same day that they were in the city of sanctuary destruction fell upon the wicked. This again describes a routineness that said life as usual up to the very time of judgment. If we look at the picture of God's deliverance we see that the judgment came upon them as a snare and they could not escape. (see Luke 21:35) “For it will come as a snare upon all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.” This is a picture of the way judgment will strike at the time the “church” is removed preparing the way for judgment and the rule of the “man of sin.”