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Why Are the Kingdom Saints Snatched Away?

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Why are the Kingdom saints snatched away to meet the Lord in the air when He descends from the celestials at the end of the Great Tribulation (the end of the 70th week of the Pre-Millennial Kingdom)?

We were taught that the snatching away was Christ coming to take away the One Body to Heaven to be with Him, in order to escape the seven-year tribulation period – even though there is NOT any Scripture that agrees with this erroneous teaching, NOT even in the passage where it sits.

The I Thessalonians passage was written while the Kingdom was still being offered to the nation of Israel, during Paul's Acts ministry, when the middle wall of the barrier (CV), or partition (KJV) was still separating the Jew from the Gentile. Therefore, the snatching away CANNOT pertain to the One Body of Christ of this current "Administration of the Secret," where there is NO distinction between Jew and Gentile (Ephesians 2:13-15).

So, let's build the case. WHY are the Kingdom saints snatched away to meet the Lord in the air when He descends from the celestials to return to the earth as the tribulation is being brought to a close?

There must be more understanding as to why. Surely there is further corroboration somewhere in God's Word. These very words had to be written with purpose; therefore, if we search, we should discover that God's Word will produce Scripture association.



Let's look at portions of Scripture that are at the heart of this question.

For this we are saying to you by the Word of the Lord, that we, the living, who are surviving [the Great Tribulation] to the Presence [G3952, Parousia, physical presence] of the Lord, should by no means outstrip those who are put to repose [the believers who didn't survive], for the Lord Himself will be descending from Heaven [G2597, katabainō, to go down, come down] with a shout of command, with the voice of the Chief Messenger, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall be rising first. Thereupon we, the living who are surviving, shall at the same time be snatched away together with them [those NOT surviving, now raised] in clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And thus [as a result] shall we always be together with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:15-17, CV).

Parousia – The physical coming and presence of Israel's King, Jesus Christ. With His coming He is to

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- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
- the "preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret in ages past" (Romans 16:25);
- the epistles of the present Secret Administration being Ephesians & Colossians (Ephesians 3:2, 9; Colossians 1:25);
- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice,

misunderstanding and fear (Mark 7:7, 13);

- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
 - total freedom from sins (Colossians 1:14);
 - union in His death, burial and resurrection and ascended seated position among the celestials (Ephesians 2:6);
 - adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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rightly assume the throne of David and to judge the world. *Parousia* is more than a physical coming and presence. The term also denotes that the one coming is coming to fulfill a specific purpose.

... so that we ourselves glory in you in the ecclias of God [in that era], for your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and the afflictions with which you are bearing – a display of the just judging of God, to deem you worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you are suffering also, if so be that it is just of God to repay affliction to those afflicting you, and to you who are being afflicted, ease, with us, at the unveiling [revelation] of the Lord Jesus [descending] from Heaven with His powerful messengers, in flaming fire, dealing out vengeance to those who are not acquainted with God and those who are not obeying the evangel of our Lord Jesus Christ – who shall incur the justice of eonian extermination from the face of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength – whenever He may be coming [G2064, erchomai – to come from one place into another] to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all who believe (seeing that our testimony to you was believed) in that

day (II Thessalonians 1:4-10, CV).

In that future day, the Day of the Lord, Christ's physical presence upon the Earth is necessary in order for Him to fulfill that which is assigned to Him.

Now we are asking you, brethren, for the sake of the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ and our [the complete collection of the tribulation saints] assembling to Him [at the snatching away as He descends from the celestials and comes to the Earth], that you be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be alarmed, either through spirit, or through word, or through an epistle as through us, as that the day of the Lord is present (II Thessalonians 2:1-2, CV).

And saying these things, while they are looking, He [Jesus] was lifted up, and a cloud took Him up from their eyes. And as they were looking intently into heaven at His going, lo! two men stand beside them in white attire, who say also, "Men! Galileans! Why do you stand, looking into heaven? This Jesus Who is being taken up from you into Heaven shall come thus, in the manner in which you gaze at Him going into



Rightly Dividing Israel's Prophetic Kingdom – With Special Emphasis on the Overlooked Pre-Millennial "Kingdom of the Heavens" (A Comprehensive Compilation)

Editors: Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., André Sneidar

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There are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled. Most believers simply follow some version of Christendom's eschatology, futilely attempting to force the enormity of Israel's prophetic scene into a few extremely abridged time periods. From this shallow vantage point, it is believed that more time has passed in God's ages than remains. This couldn't be further from the truth. Multiplied millennia remain, more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of all of the glorious plans that God has revealed in His Word. Far from being near the "end" of something prophetic, the span of God's eonian plan is immense, and

our placement is early in its timeline. Much more of God's prophetic program remains than man's feeble eschatologies allow.

The intention herein is to present an alternative view to the confusing message of the traditional Evangelical concept of prophecy, thus opening the door to a consideration of the idea of a Pre-millennial Kingdom as the fulfillment of many of God's promises to Israel to have their kingdom in the Earth.

All of the material in this book, taken together, is a wonderful resolution to the confusion of the conventional religious theology that has muddled the minds of sincere Bible students for centuries. While we may live in the Secret Administration, that doesn't necessarily mean that God's Word regarding His plans for Israel must be a mystery to us.

Heaven." Then they return into Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem a sabbath's journey (Acts 1:9-12, CV).

Behold, a day is coming for Yahweh, And your loot will be apportioned among you. Yet I will gather all nations to Jerusalem for battle, and the city will be seized, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished. And half the city will go forth into deportation. Yet the rest of My people shall not be cut off from the city. Then Yahweh will go forth and fight against those nations, And His feet will stand in that day on the Mount of Olives, which is adjoining Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives will be rent in its half from east and to west by a very great ravine, and half of the mountain will remove northward, and half of it southward (Zechariah 14:1-4, CV).

This just may be a display of Christ's power and might and glory. Yes?

And out of His mouth a sharp blade is issuing, that with it He should be smiting the nations. And He will be shepherding them with an iron club. And He is treading the wine trough of the fury of the indignation of God, the Almighty. And on His cloak and on His thigh He has a name written: "King of kings and Lord of lords" (The Unveiling 19:15-16, CV).

There will be none on the Earth at the beginning of the Millennium reign of Christ except for those who

are acquainted with God and those who obey the evangel of Jesus Christ.

and to you who are being afflicted, ease, with us, at the unveiling of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful messengers, in flaming fire, dealing out vengeance to those who are not acquainted with God and those who are not obeying the evangel of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Thessalonians 1:7-8, CV).

The saints who are raised at the snatching away will be raised in mortal bodies, to reign with Christ in the Kingdom on Earth. It adds to the glory of Christ that His saints accompany Him as He returns to assume His rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. That is to say – the Kingdom dead in Christ are raised, and they, with the surviving, are snatched away to meet Christ in the air – then they will return with Him to Earth at the appointed time.

At Christ's Second Coming (*Parousia*) there will be a couple of things that transpire.

First, Christ's *Parousia* entrance – with the subsequent snatching away – will be very visible and demonstrative on the world stage. What will make it so spectacular is that His coming will demonstrate His wisdom, glory and might.

Second, the manner of His coming to Earth shows the world (not just Israel), that He is King of kings and Lord of lords. At the unveiling of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with His powerful messengers (II Thessalonians 1:7), His power is unchallenged. The



Figures of Speech Used in the Bible

by — E.W. Bullinger

Bible students have made serious blunders through the inattention to figures of speech, clouding the real meaning of many important passages of Scripture. Bullinger's work, first published in 1898, clarifies 217 distinct figures of speech used in the Bible. In systematic order, this classic gives the proper pronunciation of each figure of speech, its etymology or origin, and a number of Scripture passages where the figure of speech is used, giving full explanation of its use in each context. It cites nearly eight thousand Bible passages and includes five appendices and seven indexes, making it even more valuable as a reference tool. No other work approaches the scope and detail of this field of study. *New edition: Re-typeset and formatted, with errata incorporated.*



snatching away is just part of His demonstration of wisdom, power and glory.

I Corinthians 1:26-27 talks about not many wise, not many mighty, not many noble being called by God. Wouldn't you agree that it's significant that Christ's presence on Earth with this motley assortment of people will be a spectacular exhibit to the world? For the stupidity and the weakness of the world God chooses, that He may be disgracing the wise.

As already stated, Christ will take vengeance on those who know not God and who obey not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Their punishment will be eonian destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

and to you who are being afflicted, ease, with us, at the unveiling of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with His powerful messengers, in flaming fire, dealing out vengeance to those who are not acquainted with God and those who are not obeying the evangel of our Lord Jesus Christ – who shall incur the justice of eonian extermination from the face of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength – whenever He may be coming to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all who believe (seeing that our testimony to you was believed) in that day (II Thessalonians 1:7-10, CV).

This eonian justice takes place at Christ's Second Advent, which will transpire at the end of the Pre-Mil-

lenniary Kingdom, BEFORE the Millennium begins. Therefore, the unmitigated truth is that there will NOT be a human being left to enter the Millennial Kingdom except those who know God. Those who know God are those who will be snatched away to meet the Lord in the air. And since the Lord is wielding out vengeance, the conclusion to be drawn is that the Kingdom saints will be snatched away into the air to be protected from said vengeance.

All of this will find the Earth purged BEFORE the Millennium begins. For it is only those aforementioned believers who are spared. These resurrected and surviving tribulation saints are those who know God and who have obeyed the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Millennial rule of Christ will be in righteousness.

The Adversary is bound at the beginning of the Millennium and is not loosed until the end for a time of testing upon the earth, identified in Scripture as "a little season" (Revelation 20:1-3).

There is a time of testing before the Millennium and a time of testing after the Millennium. It is the testing before the Millennium that we believe coincides with the purpose of the snatching away. **BSN**

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Firstborn: Exposing the Myth of Pre-existence

(A Synoptical Examination)

Steve Martin, Compilation Editor

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Chapter 9 (of 10): Consequences and Contradictions of Pre-existence

The doctrine of Jesus' pre-existence sounds lofty, but once you test it against Scripture, it unravels quickly. Instead of elevating Christ, it ends up diminishing His faith, undermining His humanity, and creating contradictions that make the Bible look incoherent. Worse yet, it imports pagan philosophy into the gospel story.

Let's take a closer look at what happens when we cling to this tradition.

A Wedge Between Christ and Humanity

If Jesus were the so-called “*God the Son*,” or some preexistent celestial being, He wouldn't be anything like us at all.

- **A Hybrid You Can't Relate To:** How do you imitate a God-being disguised as a man? You



can't. That makes Jesus unrelated – *vastly different from any of us*. Hebrews 4:15 says that He was tempted like us in every way. That's meaningful only if He was fully human, facing fear and limitation, growing in wisdom, and learning obedience.

- **Prototype or Pretender?** If He was a hybrid, He couldn't serve as our prototype. But as a real Man, He blazed a trail we can actually follow.

Contradictions and Absurdities

Once you insert pre-existence into the story, Scripture becomes tangled in contradictions.

The Genesis of Jesus: Matthew 1:1 calls Jesus' story “*the book of the genesis of Jesus Christ*.” If He had a beginning at conception, He didn't exist beforehand.

- **The Dying Logos Problem:** If the Logos was Christ Himself, then when He died the Logos died – which means that creation should have unraveled for three days. Clearly absurd.
- **God's Glory Compromised:** God says He *alone* created and doesn't share His glory (Isaiah 44:24; 42:8). Even if Jesus helped just a fraction, He'd deserve part of the glory. But God insists that He shares none.
- **Logical Impossibility:** If all things, including Jesus, were created through the Logos – and if Jesus is the Logos – then He created Himself. A logical impossibility.
- **Incarnation Nonsense:** What happened to the “pre-existent one” when Jesus was conceived? Did God create Him twice? The whole idea collapses under its own weight.

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— Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr. / Steve Martin



Pagan and Philosophical Roots

The Bible *never* teaches incarnation – it comes from mythology and philosophy.

- **Greek Philosophy:** Plato elevated *logos* as a cosmic principle of reason. Later, pagan church leaders imported that concept into John 1. That's how God's "plan" became a "person."
- **Pagan Myths:** Incarnation is rooted in stories of gods becoming men – Zeus appearing in human form, Babylonian deities "descending." Early pagan Christianity borrowed these categories, dressing them in biblical language. But it's foreign to the Hebrew Scriptures.

The Temptation Problem

If Jesus pre-existed as a divine being, Satan's temptations make no sense.

- **Destroying the Seed:** Satan targeted the seed of Abraham and David because he knew the Messiah would *rise* from humanity – not *descend* from Heaven.
- **Meaningless Temptations:** If Jesus was omniscient and immortal already, temptation is pointless. He would have known He couldn't fail. That strips away the drama and makes His victory hollow.

The Grip of Tradition

Why do so many hold to pre-existence? *Not* because the Bible teaches it, *but because tradition does.*

- **Indoctrination:** Most of us are told what passages "mean" early on, and we never revisit them. Tradition trains us to see through tinted lenses.
- **Cognitive Dissonance:** When contradictions surface, most people suppress them. It's easier to conform to the group than to challenge long-held beliefs.
- **Authority Pressure:** Teachers who've shown us much truth can also pass on errors. Out of respect, many simply accept what's taught. But truth requires testing every claim against Scripture itself.

Clarity Restored

Pre-existence muddies the gospel. It confuses Jesus' humanity, diminishes God's role as sole Creator, and creates contradictions that God never authored.

But when we let Scripture speak plainly, the story is beautifully consistent:

- God alone created all things.
- Jesus began at conception.

(see [FIRSTBORN](#), next page)



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You Have a Wonderful Future Ahead

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by — Jeff Bohlender

That Man who died and rose in three days is an Omniversal being through Whom all creation now proceeds. The Creator, also known as the Placer, is now processing all creation through that death and resurrection, in this being Whose name means AM-WILL BE-WAS-SAVIOR.



When the Placer immerses you into this Man, you become a genuine offspring of the Creator, living and operating by means of His spirit and life. No one will be left out. Until your time comes, please do your best to be kind, loving and forgiving to all. You have a wonderful future ahead. The bad things are here for a good reason and purpose which will be crystal clear to all in due time.

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- His faith and obedience led to death on the cross.
- God exalted Him as Lord of all – the first glorified Man, the Prototype of what's coming for us.

That's not a *diminished* Christ. That's a *magnified* One. His glory isn't in *pretending* to be human – it's in *being* human, trusting God to the end, and being crowned with immortal life. **BSN**

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Minor: Christ's Faith; Paganism; Prototype

Eventually the bad will be put away for good. Yes, we all have daily miseries, and every misery is here on purpose for the eventual good of all. They are humbling, for one thing, and that is a very important character trait for the powerful beings we are destined to be. Love, peace and indissoluble life to all, in the name of that Man Who died and rose for all, including every celestial, terrestrial and subterranean in any *verse* [i.e., the whole UniVERSE].

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FILLING ALL, THIS IS WHERE

**ALL ARE HEADED, WORKING TO-
GETHER WITH SOURCE DESTINY.**

**AND ALL ARE WORKING TOGETHER
WITH HIM, EVEN IF APPEARING
TO WORK AGAINST HIM.**

— JEFF BOHLENDER

Prehistoric Creatures: *Chosen in Christ Before the Disruption of the World*

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This is a brief look at our place in God's plan: one that pre-dates "*the disruption of the world*" (Ephesians 1:4).