

RAPTURE – SAVED FROM WRATH: Examples from the Old Testament

GOD'S WORD CLEARLY TEACHES A PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE. That the Church will be "caught up" or raptured before the great tribulation is very deliberately taught in type in the Old Testament and in clarity in the New Testament."

OLD TESTAMENT PICTURES:

1). ENOCH - Genesis 5:21-24

- Enoch was a preacher of righteousness in a very wicked world that was heading for a deluge of the wrath of God. (Jude 14-15).
- Enoch knew the wrath of God was coming and he proclaimed the coming of judgment. BEFORE the wrath was poured out on the wicked world, God removed Enoch, "God took him."

2). LOT

- The valley cities of Sodom and Gomorrah had sinned so grossly that they were to be exterminated. But before God could pour out His judgment of wrath upon these wicked cities, believing Lot and his family had to first be removed.
- The angel sent by the Lord to destroy the city could do nothing until Lot was taken out of Sodom and safely brought to another place. *"Hurry, escape there," the angel said, "for I cannot do anything until you arrive there.""* Genesis 19:22

THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE WE SEE TYPIFIED IN ENOCH AND LOT IS THAT GOD FIRST REMOVES THE OBJECTS OF HIS LOVE AND GRACE FROM THE SPHERE OF HIS JUDGMENT AND WRATH!

- Abraham stated this principle eloquently:
"And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ...Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"" Genesis 18:23,25