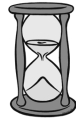


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“... the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; ...”

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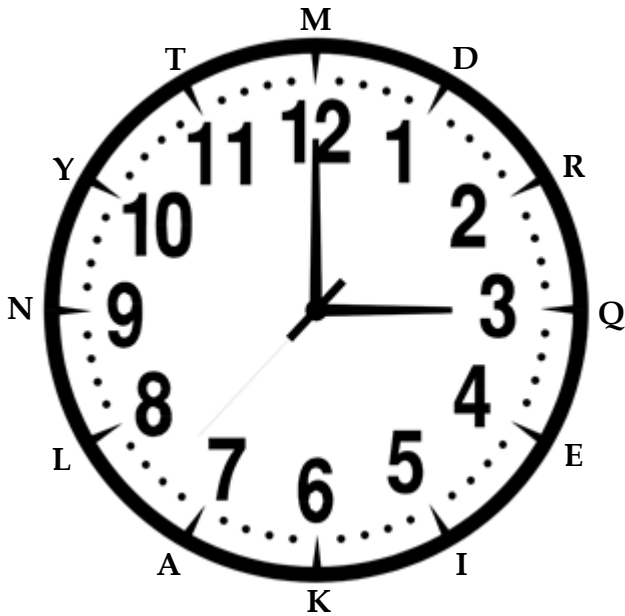


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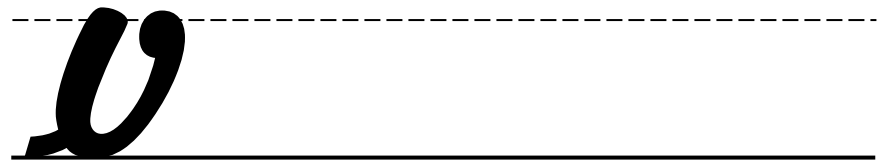
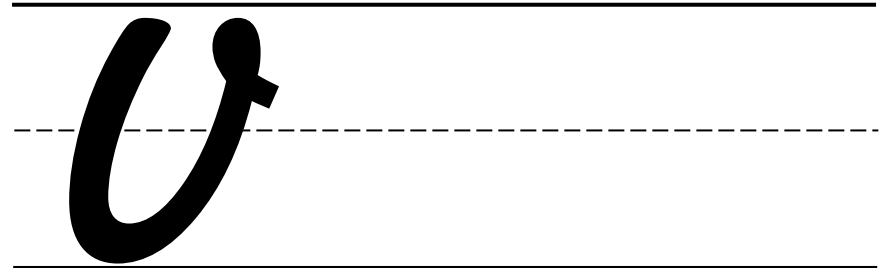


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...Verily, I say unto you,  
That there be some of them  
that stand here, which shall not  
taste of death....

Mark 9:1

Jesus was talking to a large crowd. He told them that some of them might not see death because He (Jesus) was coming back to get them and take them to heaven. There were two people in the Bible, Enoch and Elijah, who never died and God took them right to heaven.


Jesus talked many times about coming back to earth. Read John 14:3. This event is called the rapture. Just like Enoch and Elijah, those are saved when Jesus comes again will not die, but will go right to heaven.

### Here are some questions we will answer about the rapture:

- What is the rapture? Who is going with Christ?
- When is it going to happen? How fast will it happen?
- Where is it going to happen?

### What is the rapture?

The word "rapture" means "to be caught up." In *I Thessalonians 4:17* it says, "Then we which are a \_\_\_\_\_ and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to m\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."


 Jesus is in heaven with God the Father right now. Someday He will come and we will be caught up in the air with Him. Think of it as a powerful magnet that is a few inches above a bunch of metal and plastic paper clips. All the metal paper clips are caught up with the magnet, while the plastic paper clips stay. That is what the rapture is like.

When we are caught up with Christ, we will also receive a perfect body. *I Corinthians 15:51*, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all s\_\_\_\_\_ (die), but we shall all be changed,"

### Who is going with Christ?

The person who has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior shall go with Christ when He comes. All the believers in the world will be taken, **dead** and **alive**. Those Christians who died and are buried will go first then we which are alive go next.

*I Thessalonians 4:16-17*, "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 d\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ shall rise f\_\_\_\_\_: Then we which are a\_\_\_\_\_ and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to m\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord in the a\_\_\_\_\_: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

 The Lord knows who is saved. *II Timothy 2:19*, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord k\_\_\_\_\_ them that are h\_\_\_\_\_ ..."


### When is it going to happen?

Everyone likes to guess, but no one knows except God the Father. *Mark 13:32*, "But of that day and that hour knoweth **no** m\_\_\_\_, no, **not** the a\_\_\_\_\_ which are in heaven, **neither** the S\_\_\_\_, but the Father."



Be ready at anytime. The Lord could come at the most unexpected time, just like a robber in the night. *II Peter 3:10a*, "But the day of the Lord will come as a t\_\_\_\_\_ in the n\_\_\_\_\_;"

### How fast will it happen?

 In just a quick moment! *I Corinthians 15:52*, "In a m\_\_\_\_\_, in the twinkling of an e\_\_\_\_, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." *Luke 17:24* says, "For as the l\_\_\_\_\_, 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 d\_\_\_\_\_."

It will be as fast as lightning or the blink of an eye. There will be no time to get saved when the trumpet blows. It will happen so fast that, *Luke 17:35-36* says, "Two w\_\_\_\_\_ shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two m\_\_\_\_\_ shall be in the f\_\_\_\_\_; the one shall be taken, and the other left." There is no time for a second chance for the rapture. Once it is done it is gone. We do not have to worry about missing it if we are saved. It will be the quickest thing that has ever happened to us!

### Where is it going to happen?

Jesus is coming back in the clouds. *I Thessalonians 4:17*, "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the c\_\_\_\_\_, to meet the Lord in the a\_\_\_\_\_: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Can't you just see it! Christ coming in the sky, bringing all the Christians with Him. I hope Christ does not come d back when we are doing bad things, though. That would be embarrassing. So, do right all the time!



*Mark 13:34-37*, "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his w\_\_\_\_\_, and commanded the porter to w\_\_\_\_\_. Watch ye therefore: for ye k\_\_\_\_\_ not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you s\_\_\_\_\_. And what I say unto you I say unto all, W\_\_\_\_\_."

