

Rapture Facts From The Book Of Revelation **“Who Are The Earth Dwellers During The Tribulation?”**

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Introduction: Earth dwellers, Inhabitants of earth. *All those who reside on earth during the 7-year tribulation period* are faithfully pinpointed to be those who are without the Kingdom of God. They have no desire to partake of the blessings of salvation. They have rejected Christ now, and will continue in their self-destruction throughout the tribulation without Christ Jesus. These will not inherit the Kingdom of God as taught in the following scripture references, not only in the Old Testament and New Testament, but even stronger in the book of “The Revelation Of Jesus Christ”; for they have no claim to holiness and righteousness.

1. Jesus said, “***For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.***” (Luke 21:35; 36 – My emphasis).

Response: Jesus separated those who dwell in heaven (The Church) from those who dwell on earth (the lost). The earth dwellers are appointed Seven Years Of Tribulation and testing By God, with final judgment at the Great White Throne if they continue to reject Christ. Note the conditions *for the Church*: She must be accounted worthy to arise to meet Jesus in the rapture. We must be walking in His Spirit during the Church Age. Those who are martyred during the tribulation period will be the same who are among the uncountable multitude receiving salvation *during the seven-year period*. The Church will be in heaven (see Revelation 12: 11, 12).

2. Jesus said, “***Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.***” (Luke 21:35;36; Rev. 3:9,10 – my emphasis).

Response: Jesus is saying that though the Church (Elders) will escape the hour of Tribulation *if* they remain faithful, *those who dwell on the earth will not escape*, but will be judged according to their evils at the Great White Throne (see Matthew 15:19; and Revelation 19: 21).

3. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on *them that dwell on the earth?* (6:10).

Response: The Tribulation saints (the uncountable number; those born again in Tribulation period) *were martyred (murdered) by these dwellers on the earth.*

4. *And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth.* (11:10).

Response: *They tormented and murdered God’s appointed two witnesses* who ministered in Jerusalem 3½ years; and raptured after three and one-half days lying in the streets of Jerusalem. These two prophets (Israelite Witnesses for Christ) are among the only ministries on earth; for the Church is in heaven as elders, soon to be designated as His bride.

5. Therefore *rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell on them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and for the sea!* For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time (12:12).

Response: We see heaven vs. earth dwellers. As already explained, while the Heaven dwellers are risen to meet Christ in the air at the time of the rapture, the *Earth dwellers will be judged* according to their evil deeds.

6. And all *that dwell upon the earth* shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (13:8 – my emphasis).

Response: *The earth dwellers will worship* the enemy of man’s soul, satan himself. They will be judged by **God Himself** according to their evils (my emphasis).

7. And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and *causeth the earth and them that dwell* therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. (13:12).

Response: *The earth and the dwellers of earth were made* to worship satan. The Church is **now** “elders”, in heaven.

8. And deceiveth *them that dwell on the earth* by [the means of] those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to *them that dwell on the earth*, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by the sword, and did live (13:14).

Answer: *The earth dwellers* were all under deception, causing them to build/erect the image to the beast, satan.

9. And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to *preach unto them that dwell on the earth*, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people (14:6).

Response: The most awesome thing about our God, is this: Though the earth dwellers remained hardened, continuing to hate and reject the Savior, The Lord Jesus commanded that they should be ministered to by the angels, yet the earth dwellers still refused to repent (9:20-21; and 16:7-11).

10. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and *they that dwell on the earth* shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Rev. 17:8).

Response: Some interpret this to mean the antichrist *was* a historical person on earth, but is now dead; and in the future, will come up out of the abyss, remain on earth during the tribulation to finally be destroyed (see 19:20). But those dwelling on earth *will be enticed and deceived by the beast from out of the bottomless pit*. Some believe this beast to lead the evil men to destruction.

11. ¹And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me (John), saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters. ²With whom the *kings of the earth* have committed fornication, and *the inhabitants of the earth* have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (Rev. 17:1-2).

Response: The kings of the earth have committed fornication with the great harlot and *made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of the great harlot's fornication*. Yet these “kings” believe they are the rightful rulers of earth. They will fight against righteousness and holiness for the duration (until Jesus returns to earth with His Bride riding along-side Him). Then Judgment.

A Point To Remember: When the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ takes place at the timing of the last Trump (not the seventh trumpet judgment, but the special trump designated by the God of hosts), there will be absolutely **NO** righteous persons left on the earth. In other words, ALL who are left on earth are called “dwellers of earth”, “earth dwellers, and earth inhabitants, or inhabitants of earth. These are the “Christ rejecters”, and have no interest in holiness or righteousness—and will be judged accordingly at the Great White Throne Judgment of God.

Every *true* Christian will be in heaven; but those who are “playing church” may not be qualified (see Luke 21: 35-36; and Revelation 3:9-10).

Therefore, we find that God has proclaimed through the witness of Apostle John, that an uncountable number will come out of the Great Tribulation (a number impossible for men to count) which is saved *during* the 7-year tribulation period. This uncountable number will include many who are to be martyred during the tribulation period.

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