

What the Rapture Means for Israel in the End Times

How does the rapture connect to Israel?

Discussing the end times significance of the rapture, Amir Tsarfati explained how certain Scriptures about the end times, the tribulation and the rapture deal with specific places and future events that will happen in Israel. This includes even the meaning of who the 'elect' are in the Bible.

"The word 'elect,'" Tsarfati says, "it is referring in the gospels sometimes to Israel and sometimes to the church."

One of the pivotal end time prophecies of Matthew 24:15 describes a place of desolation. This place, Tsarfati says, is in Jerusalem.

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"Where is the abomination of desolation going to be? In the temple court. Of what city? Salt Lake City? No, it's going to be in Jerusalem...you see, this whole portion is Jesus telling His disciples of the things that will happen to Israel during the Tribulation," Tsarfati says.

What's more, when Tsarfati broke down Matthew 24's detailing of the end times even further, he discovered something fascinating.

"The first portion is speaking about Israel. But isn't that interesting; elect is also the church," Tsarfati says.

The time of Jesus' return is also connected to the Feast of the Trumpets, which is a core celebration for the Jewish people.

“The fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets for Israel is when He will return with us and every eye will see and every knee will bow,” Tsarfati says.

Israel’s connection to the end times goes even further as described in Daniel chapter 9 where 70 weeks are about victory for Israel.

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“The tribulation is for Israel’s salvation,” Tsarfati says.

When it comes to the return of Christ, Tsarfati believes the ultimate Feast of Trumpets will sound.

“When we return with Him, the Jews will blow the trumpet on the Feast of Trumpets. And the whole world will see Him returning with us. But when we go up [in the rapture] nobody will see us. We will be gone like that,” Tsarfati says.

Whether you believe in a pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation or post-tribulation rapture, one thing from Tsarfati’s message is clear: the end times isn’t just about Christians, but it is also about the Jewish people as God continues to fight on behalf of His chosen nation.

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