

# The Great Escape!

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## Thesis:

Aide Others by Introducing Them to the Great Escape from God's Wrath and Judgment by Faith in Christ

## Introduction:

Video  
and

My Favorite Interests in Scripture: Prophecy

Western Mind View of Prophecy:  
Prediction and then Fulfillment

Jewish Mind View of Prophecy:  
Pattern Makes Prophecy

Pattern Makes Prophecy is one of the guidelines for studying Jewish writings (scripture).

Consider the Midrash Principle...

## I. Historical Pattern Makes Prophecy

### Examples:

1. Enoch pulled out of the World before the Flood
2. Noah and Family saved in the Ark before Flood
3. Lot and family saved from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
4. Moses and Israelites saved from persecution of the Egyptians and God's judgment on them.
5. Rahab and family saved from destruction of Jerricho
6. Ruth protected from the famine by Boaz

What Pattern Do You See in these Historical Events?  
Salvation from Catastrophic Events!

What Catastrophic and Prophetic Event is Next to Come?  
The Great Tribulation Period

What Will Save People From this Horrific Event?  
Faith in Christ, Salvation!

## II. The Great Tribulation and the Great Judgment

### The Great Tribulation Period

#### (Matthew 24: 15 – 22)

15 “So when you see the abomination that causes desolation, spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place” (let the reader understand),

16 “then those in Judea must flee to the mountains!

17 A man on the housetop must not come down to get things out of his house.

18 And a man in the field must not go back to get his clothes.

19 Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days!

20 Pray that your escape may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.

21 For at that time there will be great tribulation, the kind that hasn't taken place from the beginning of the world until now and never will again!

22 Unless those days were limited, no one would survive. But those days will be limited because of the elect.

### The Great Judgment Day

#### (Revelation 20: 11-15)

11 Then I saw a great white throne and One seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from His presence, and no place was found for them.

12 I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books.

13 Then the sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead; all were judged according to their works.

14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

15 And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

**T.S.** Historically God Rescues Those Who Believe in Him from Great Catastrophy. Prophecy Makes This Clear Too!

### **III. Aide Others by Introducing Them to the Great Escape!**

#### **(Isaiah 26: 19-21)**

19 Your dead will live; their bodies will rise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust! For you will be covered with the morning dew, and the earth will bring out the departed spirits.

20 Go, my people, enter your rooms and close your doors behind you. Hide for a little while until the wrath has passed.

21 For look, the LORD is coming from His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth will reveal the blood shed on it and will no longer conceal her slain.

#### **(I Thessalonians 4: 14-16)**

14 Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

15 For we say this to you by a revelation from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord's coming will certainly have no advantage over those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel's voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

#### **(John 14: 1-6)**

1 "Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.

2 In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you.

3 If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

4 You know the way to where I am going."

5 "Lord," Thomas said, "we don't know where You're going. How can we know the way?"

6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

#### **Conclusion:**

As Believers in Christ We Have the Assurance of Avoiding the  
Great Tribulation and the Great Judgment Day

Help Others to Know Christ Personally, so They Too Will Be Saved  
From His Wrath to Come!

Show Them the Way to the Great Escape!

#### **Optional:**

Don't be like the ones in the movie theatre that is on fire pushing and climbing your way out as you leave others to die inside. Instead help others out the doors since you know the way of escape.