Don't be Left Behind Perhaps one of the most bizarre doc-

trines of Biblical Christianity is the Rapture as depicted in the painting below by an unknown artist: "For the

wind." 2 Kings 2:11

I Thess 4:17

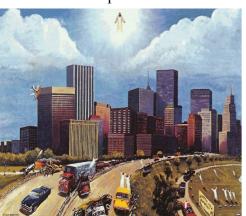
the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one an-

Actually the idea is not so strange as there are seven raptures in the Bible:

other with these words." 1 Thes 4:16-18

Lord himself will come down from

heaven, with a loud command...and



then he was no more, because God took him away." Genesis 5:24 2) The death of Moses was special ac-

1) "Enoch walked faithfully with God;

cording to Matt 17:3 and Jude 1:9, and according to Jewish history Moses was taken up in a cloud. 3) "...suddenly a chariot of fire...and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirl-

into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God." Mark 16:19 5) Old Testament Saints: "... The bodies of many holy people ...came out of

4) "...the Lord **Jesus**...was taken up

the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to *many people*." <u>Matt 27:52-53</u> 6) **The Church** (future): "...we who

are still alive and are left will be

caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever."

7) **The Two Witnesses** (future): "...the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror

"All you people of the world...when a trumpet sounds, you will hear it." Isaiah 18:3

struck those who saw them. Then they

heard a loud voice from heaven saying

to them, "Come up here." And they

went up to heaven in a cloud, while

First a trumpet everyone will hear:

their enemies looked on." Rev 11:11-12

The resurrection of Jesus is an example for us: "But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits...." 1 Cor 15:23 "Jesus Christ...the firstborn from the

dead..." Rev 1:5 "...we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." 1 John 3:2 So resurrection should happen for us like Jesus.

"...Simon Peter...saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen." John

20:6-7. Likewise for us, our earthly

clothes will be left behind and our new supernatural clothing will undoubtedly be white robes. (Rev 6:11, 7:9, 7:13-14)

Just imagine the stunning sight of a

fallen earthly clothing, clothed his new heavenly clothing. "Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father...". John 20:17 So Jesus did not

resurrected person standing next to his

immediately ascend into heaven after being resurrected, but stayed around a while. Similarly, the Old Testament saints that were resurrected stayed

raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people." Matt 27:52-53 So similarly, under the leading of the Holy Spirit, when we are resurrected in the Rapture, at least some of us may be able to speak to our unsaved relatives and friends to explain to them what has happened and what they need to do

I would expect also that maybe some

of us could stop our car, or land a

plane so that many would not be de-

nied the opportunity to repent instead

of dying instantly in a disaster.

to be saved.

around a while: "... The bodies of

many holy people who had died were

lites can see even the arms and legs of a pedestrian, and can look into the past. There is already no place to hide. They monitor telecommunications for words like bomb, but just as easily could look for Jesus. "... forced all...to receive a mark... so that they could not buy or sell unless *they had the mark...* "Rev 13:16-17 Is it all a huge coincidence, or is it efforts by supporters of the New

World Order, to be used by the An-

tichrist?

From Facebook, Google, etc. they

have profiled your personal prefer-

ences. and could already identify you

as a Christian. High resolution satel-

Don't miss the rapture. The salvation of your soul is personal between you and God and does not depend on rites, clerics, traditions, good works, or belonging to any church or religion: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works..." Eph 2:8-9 No matter what kind of person you are or what Please pray like this with all sincerity: "Dear Lord Jesus, I confess I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died to forgive my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow you as my Lord and Savior. Please

you have done: "If we confess our

sins, he is faithful and just and will

forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 Pray to-

day to put your faith in Jesus Christ

alone: "For God so loved the world

that he gave his one and only Son, that

whoever believes in him shall not per-

ish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Then study the Bible to live pleasing

to God: "...if anyone is in Christ, the

new creation has come: The old has

gone, the new is here!" 2 Cor 5:17

guide my life and help me to do your will. In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, Amen." Please read this and share it

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