

**Study One: An Overview of Two End Times Views –**

**The “Great Disappearance” Rapture vs The Resurrection of All the Dead**

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I. Introduction: How do we respond to the new book *The Great Disappearance* by Dr David Jeremiah in the light of what we believe Scripture teaches about the End Times?

II. Biblical Basics about the End Times:

A. According to the Bible, what is the defining event of the end of the world?

* **Matthew 24:29-31, 36**
* **John 5:25-29**
* **1 Thessalonians 5:1-4**
* **Revelation 1:7**

B. Why does God wait to bring the Last Day?

* **Matthew 13:24-30**
* **1 Timothy 2:3-6**
* **2 Peter 3:8-13**

*What is the place of Jews, ethnic Israel, in God’s saving plan? Does He have a separate plan for them? Or is God’s patience for people to be saved through Christ the same plan for both Jews and Gentiles?*

C. What is the “millennium”?

* **Revelation 20:1-7**

*Are the 1000 years to be understood literally and chronologically? Or is this to be understood symbolically as apocalyptic imagery?*

D. What is “the rapture”? (1 Thessalonians 4:17; Matthew 24:40-41)

* **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (“caught up”; Greek: *arpazo*; Latin: *rapiemur* => English “rapture”)

*When does this being “caught up” with the Lord Jesus happen? Does this text say?*

* **Matthew 24:39-41**

*What does it mean to be “taken” or “left”?*

III. The Two Main Views of the End Times

A. **Dispensational Premillennialism** (the rapture before a seven-year tribulation)

B. **Amillennialism** (The resurrection of all the dead at Christ’s coming to judge)

