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INTRODUCTION: having been in the Christian faith for over fifty years, I have heard many differing views concerning the rapture of the church. This study sets them all aside, and takes a deep dive into the most common New Testament Scriptures used to teach the Rapture, and with an open mind examine each verse in its entire context, to see what conclusion the entire study collectively leads us to.

In the book of Mark we read, of Jesus sitting on the Mount of Olives with Peter, James, John, and Andrew. They asked him when will the stones of the temple be thrown down. (Mark 13:3).

Jesus begins to answer saying:

- See no one leads them astray, for there will be wars and rumors of wars.
- Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be earthquakes and famines in various places.
- Believers will be delivered over to councils, and be beaten in synagogues, and the faithful will stand before governors and kings to witness.
- The Gospel will be proclaimed to all nations, and believers will be brought to trial.
- Brother will deliver their brother and father over to death, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.
- The faithful will be hated by all for because of their faith in Jesus.
- The abomination of desolation will stand where he should not to be, and pregnant women and those nursing infants will suffer.
- There will be tribulation greater than there ever has been, and if it was possible false christ's and prophets will lead the elect (the faithful) astray. (note, this shows that Christians are still on earth during this tribulation period).

After Jesus had told his disciples these things, he tells them, these events are not the end, but only the beginning of birth pains, for after these tribulations, he tells them the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken, and if the Lord had not cut short these days, no one would be saved, but for the sake of the faithful (i.e., the elect), he shortened the days.

Then we are told, they (i.e., all mankind including the elect) will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory for he will send out the angels and gather the faithful (i.e., the elect), from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, and that those who endures to the end will be saved. This clearly shows the faithful (i.e., the elect), are still on earth during the final days of tribulation.

AN OVERVIEW OF JESUS RETURN (MARK 13:4–28)

- **Mark 13:24–27:** “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they (all mankind including the elect) will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From these verses we learn the Lords return progresses in the following steps:

1. After the many tribulations previously mentioned (i.e., birth pains), the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
2. All mankind alive at this time will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.
3. God will send out the angels and gather his elect (all the faithful in Christ) from the four winds, meaning from all nations and countries, which shows Christians are still on earth during the final tribulation period.

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