

Seven Resurrection Events Of “The First Resurrection” (Seven Raptures Of The Bible In Chronological Order)

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1. ENOCH - Genesis 5:21-23 and Hebrews 11:5-6
 2. ELIJAH - 2 Kings 2:1-11
 3. JESUS – Matthew 28:6-7 and Acts 1:9-11
 4. CHURCH – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, Revelation 4:1-4
 5. MID TRIBULATION SAINTS - Revelation 7:9-17
 6. 144,000 JEWS – Revelation 14:1-5
 7. TWO WITNESSES – Revelation 11:1-12
- (Unclear which of these last two is resurrected 1st.)*

Q. Will the born-again Christians who are out of fellowship with God - those who are lukewarm or carnal- be caught up in the Rapture (the 4th resurrection event)?

A. Hilton Sutton (www.Hilton-Sutton.Org): Some controversy surrounds this very interesting question concerning the catching up of the Church. The answer, I'm sorry to say, is that they won't be. This viewpoint is based on the story of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 and on the description of the lukewarm church in Revelation 3. With careful examination of the story of the ten virgins- five wise and five foolish- you will discover that the wise went into the marriage chamber with the bridegroom. Studying the book of Revelation, you will discover that the marriage chamber is in heaven, not on earth. Revelation 19, beginning with verse 1, clearly establishes that the Wedding and the following Marriage Supper of the Lamb, again, takes place in heaven, not on earth. The foolish virgins had everything the wise ones had, including oil. Their lamps burned, but were going out, because they hadn't kept themselves ready for the event. The foolish virgins did not go into the marriage chamber. The wise virgins- those who were ready- did. This means that the wise virgins made it to heaven. From this we see that the Church must be taken to heaven. Revelation 3 describes the Laodicean church which was neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. Lukewarm Christians have lost their first love and are spiritually bankrupt. They are much the same as the foolish virgins who simply were not ready for a prophesied event. Strong statements are made about both groups. The foolish virgins did not go into the wedding chamber with the bridegroom. The lukewarm Christian is "spewed out" of the mouth of the Lord! (Rev. 3:16) So, you see, it is possible for a born-again believer to miss the Rapture. However, for this to happen, one has to become careless about his daily walk with Jesus Christ and become a lukewarm Christian, unprepared for the Rapture of the Church. The foolish virgins had the same opportunities as the wise. Missing the Rapture is not equivalent to being lost, but it does mean going through part of the Tribulation.