## Timing of the Rapture in the Context of World Empires The Believers' Deliverance is Solid, Stable, Guaranteed

- **Revelation 22:7** I am coming quickly
- Matthew 24:34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.
- **Daniel 2:32-33** The head of that statue *was made* of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.
  - 40-41 Then there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron; inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters all things, so, like iron that breaks in pieces, it will crush and break all these in pieces. In that you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it will be a divided kingdom
  - 43 And in that you saw the iron mixed with common clay, they will combine with one another in the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, even as iron does not combine with pottery.
- Daniel 7:2 Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea.
  - 3-4 And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had the wings of an eagle.
  - 5 And behold, another beast, a second one, resembling a bear. And it was raised up on one side
  - 6 After this I kept looking, and behold, another one, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird; the beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.
  - 7 After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrifying and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.
  - **8** While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.
  - 15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit was distressed within me, and the visions in my mind kept alarming me.
  - 19-20 Then I desired to know the exact meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others ... and the meaning of the ten horns that were on its head and the other horn which came up, and before which three of them fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth uttering great boasts

- 24 As for the ten horns, out of this kingdom ten kings will arise; and another will arise after them, and he will be different from the previous ones and will subdue three kings.
- **25-26** He will speak out against the Most High
- **Daniel 9:26** Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be eut off and have nothing, executed, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.
  - 27 And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,
  - 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.
  - **3** Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction.
- I Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.
  - 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel with archangel with archangel with archangel with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
  - 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up {literally, "raptured"} together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
- **Revelation 3:22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'
- **Revelation 4:1** After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."
  - **4** Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.
- Hebrews 6:18 we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.

  We who have fled to refuge have strong motivation to take hold of the certainty established in our future.
  - 19 This hope This certainty we have as an anchor of the soul, -a hope both sure and steadfast a certainty both solid and stable and one which enters within the veil,

Romans 12:2 Be transformed by the renewing of your mind

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