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Why will some be taken in the Rapture while others are left behind? The answer lies in the same reason why Enoch was taken, and others were left. Why Elijah was caught up to heaven, but others remained. God deliberately allowed these events to serve as patterns for us, foreshadowing the coming Rapture of the saints.

Starting with Enoch, the Bible already gives us the clear reason why he was taken. It tells us plainly that Enoch walked with God — he pleased God continuously for 300 years.

> *“And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”*
> *— Genesis 5:24, NKJV*

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These were not ordinary men. They lived lives that stood out — lives that truly pleased God, different from the norm. And so God, in His sovereign wisdom, deemed it better that they should not remain on earth until the end of their lives. Instead, He took them. This is how it will be on the Day of the Rapture.

Many imagine that a large multitude will be raptured, even those who live carelessly and take their salvation for granted. But Scripture teaches otherwise. Only a few will be taken — those who meet the criteria of walking with and pleasing God, just like Enoch did.

> *“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”*

> — *Matthew 7:14, NKJV*

> *“Then one said to Him, ‘Lord, are there few who are saved?’ And He said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.'”*
> — *Luke 13:23–24, NKJV*

That’s why, shortly before Christ returns, the Bible shows us there will be two types of believers. Jesus compares them to ten virgins — five wise and five foolish.

> *“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.”*
> — *Matthew 25:1–2, NKJV*

The wise virgins represent those who discern the signs of the times. Like Enoch, they prepare in advance, keeping their

spiritual lamps full and ready. Their eyes are fixed on heaven. When the time comes, God will recognize their faith, devotion, and spiritual alertness — and they will be caught up, suddenly and without warning, hidden from the coming wrath and the great tribulation.

On the other hand, the foolish virgins are those who claim to be waiting for the Lord, but their lives do not reflect it. They live divided lives — half for the world, half for God. To them, being saved and baptized is “enough” and there’s no need to pursue deeper knowledge of God or prepare for heaven. They treat the message of Christ’s return like an old fable. These are the ones who will be left behind.

Jesus warned us about this division:

> *“Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.*
> *Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.”*
> *— Matthew 24:40–41, NKJV*

Just like Elisha witnessed Elijah being taken, the lukewarm believers of our day will witness true Christians disappear before their eyes. The tears and cries will be real. They will realize they were close — attending the same church, praying together, singing together — yet unprepared.

Can you imagine how it will feel to see your godly neighbor suddenly disappear, the one who denied themselves daily and lived uprightly? Or your friend at church who vanishes mid-service? Or your spouse, who refused to compromise with sin, vanishing one night as you sleep beside them?

Think of the heartbreak when you realize your pastor — who warned you about immodest dressing, fornication, and worldliness — is gone. Then there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth for those who called themselves Christians but remained lukewarm.

The saddest part is that those left behind will be many. The world won’t even be shaken. News reports will speak vaguely of a “few missing persons.” People will continue with life as usual, assuming they will eventually be found. Why? Because it will be only a few — not multitudes — just like in Enoch’s time.

Only one man, Enoch, was taken among millions. Only one prophet, Elijah, was caught up among the multitudes of his time. So it shall be again: a very small remnant will be raptured from among the billions alive today.

This is not the time to focus on what your uncle, your aunt, or your pastor is doing. It’s not the time to say, “But so-and-so is also a Christian, and they’re not living that seriously.” You are not them. They are not God. You cannot be sure they will be taken. The only assurance you can work on is your personal relationship with Christ. That’s why I’m urging you — as I also urge myself — to prepare now.

The Rapture will not be a casual event.

Do not be deceived by the large crowd of foolish virgins in the church today. Let us keep pressing on toward Christ. He will be with us until the day of our redemption.

May you be greatly blessed.

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