

If the Lord Jesus were to return today, every person would fall into one of three categories three spiritual “groups” that reflect how people relate to God’s redemptive plan. These groups mirror the lives of **Enoch**, **Noah**, and **Lot**. Understanding which group you belong to is crucial because your response to God today determines your future when Christ returns.

Many believe that simply confessing Jesus guarantees them a place in the Rapture. But the Bible teaches that not all who claim the name of Christ will be taken when He comes for His Bride (Matthew 7:21-23). These are sobering truths meant to awaken us to genuine faith and holiness in these last days.

1. The Group of Enoch The Raptured Church (The Bride of Christ)

Theological Context:

Enoch represents a group of believers who walk so closely with God that they are taken directly to heaven without experiencing death. In typology, Enoch prefigures the Church that will be **raptured** (caught up) before the Great Tribulation (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Hebrews 11:5 (NIV)

“By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death... For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.”

Genesis tells us Enoch “walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away” (Genesis 5:24, NIV). He lived in a corrupt world yet maintained a life of holiness and communion with God for 300 years.

In this present age, this group corresponds to the **faithful, watchful Church** those who walk in obedience and intimacy with Jesus Christ. These are the **wise virgins** in the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). They keep their lamps (lives) filled with oil (the Holy Spirit) and are ready when the Bridegroom returns.

Revelation 3:10 (NIV)

“Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”

These are the believers who will participate in the **First Resurrection** and rule with Christ in His Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20:6). Their eternal home is the **New Jerusalem** (Revelation 21:2), and they are described as kings and priests of God (Revelation 1:6).

2. The Group of Noah The Remnant of Israel Preserved Through Tribulation

Theological Context:

While Enoch was taken before judgment, Noah was preserved **through** judgment. He is a type of the faithful Jewish remnant that will be protected during the Great Tribulation. These are not raptured but are **sealed and preserved** by God through supernatural means.

God has not forgotten His covenant with Israel. Paul says:

Romans 11:25-26 (NIV)

"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery... Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved..."

The Book of Revelation describes **144,000** Jewish believers 12,000 from each tribe sealed by God and protected from harm (Revelation 7:3-8). They are later seen standing with the Lamb on Mount Zion (Revelation 14:1).

They will be taken to a place of safety, much like Noah's ark, during the time of God's wrath.

Revelation 12:14 (NIV)

"The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the wilderness, where she would be taken care of... out of the serpent's reach."

This group will survive the Tribulation and enter the Millennial Kingdom in their natural bodies (Zechariah 14:16-19), fulfilling God's promises to Abraham's physical descendants.

3. The Group of Lot Lukewarm Believers Who Miss the Rapture

Theological Context:

Lot was not taken before destruction like Enoch, nor preserved in a shelter like Noah. He was rescued only after heeding an urgent warning and **barely escaped** with his life. He represents **lukewarm or compromised Christians** those who believe, but are entangled with the world and spiritually unprepared for Christ's return.

Genesis 19:17 (NIV)

"As soon as they had brought them out, one of them said, 'Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!'"

Lot's wife, looking back at what she was leaving behind, was turned into a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:26). This speaks of those who hesitate to fully separate from the world.

Jesus warned of this:

Luke 17:32-33 (NIV)

“Remember Lot’s wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.”

These believers are the **foolish virgins** of Matthew 25 who lacked oil when the Bridegroom came. They knocked on the door after it was shut, but were not allowed in (v. 10-12).

During the Tribulation, they will face horrific suffering, and many will have to die as martyrs to prove their faith.

Revelation 16:8-9 (NIV)

“The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire... They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God... but they refused to repent and glorify Him.”

Even those who endure and refuse the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:16-17) will enter the Kingdom with **little to no reward**, having lost

everything like Lot.

So, Which Group Are You In?

If your heart is fixed on the things of this world...

If holiness, prayer, and obedience are not priorities in your life...

If talk of the end times doesn't interest you, but you get excited about financial or personal prophecies...

Then you are not walking in the path of Enoch.

Learn from Enoch. He walked faithfully with God, and God revealed to him the future judgment:

Jude 1:14-15 (NIV)

"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied... 'See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge it'"

Maran atha.

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