

## Chapter 7    **Easy to believe!**

The Bible mentions seven “raptures”.

- 1) “Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”  
Genesis 5.24.
- 2) “Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” 2 Kings 2.11.
- 3) Jesus “was received up into heaven.” Mark 16.19.
- 4) Paul was caught up to heaven. 2 Corinthians 12.2.
- 5) The apostle John was called up into heaven. Revelation 4.1.
- 6) At the end of this church age, all believers, worldwide, will be caught up to heaven. 1 Thessalonians 4.17.
- 7) God's two end-time witnesses will “ascend to heaven” Revelation 11.12.

Two of those events are yet future - (1) a global rapture of all living believers, with simultaneous resurrection of all deceased believers; (2) the end-time witnesses.

Notice how this worldwide rapture of the living is *easier to visualise* than raising long dead corpses!

But Michael Crichton's novel, *Jurassic Park*, tells of prehistoric creatures brought back to life by using a mere piece of information - their DNA! Perhaps this fictitious story shows that all God needs to resurrect departed believers is just pieces of information - plus, no doubt, a bit more! So if resurrection is easy to picture - and rapture even easier! - God expects we won't have trouble believing what he intends doing very soon.

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**“We shall not all sleep (die), but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.”**

**1 Corinthians 15.51-52**

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