

Should 2 Esdras Be In Your Bible ?

2 Esdras Quoted by Jesus

Compare 2 Esdras 1:30, 33

*“30) I gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But now, what shall I do to you? I will cast you out from my presence...33) Thus says the Lord Almighty: **Your house is desolate...***

Matthew 23:37-38 – NKJV)

“37) O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38) See! Your house is left to you desolate.

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2 Esdras Predicts Jesus Christ Coming to Die

2 Esdras 7:26, 28-29

“26) For indeed the time will come, when the signs that I have foretold to you will come to pass, that the city [New Jerusalem] that now is not shall appear...28) For my son the Messiah shall be revealed with those who are with him, and those who remain shall rejoice [within – KJV] four hundred years. 29) After those years my son the Messiah shall die...

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2 Esdras Read By Early Disciples

(Saint) Melito of Sardis

Early Church Father who developed the First Canon of the Old Testament wrote to Onesimus:

“Having made myself accurately acquainted with the book of the Old Testament, I have set them below:

...There names are as follows: ie. Genesis, Exodus, etc

... **Daniel, Ezekiel, Esdras**, dividing them into 6 books:

Where Esdras = [Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 Esdras & 2 Esdras]

The 6 books = **Daniel, Ezekiel, Ezra, Nehemiah,**

1 Esdras and 2 Esdras

Ezra Provided A Snapshot
Of Our American Presidents
Describing them as the First 14 Wings

<u>Wing</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Term in Office</u>
1	Herbert Hoover	1929-1933
2	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933-1945
3	Harry S. Truman	1945-1953
4	Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953-1961
5	John F. Kennedy	1961-1963 Short
6	Lyndon B. Johnson	1963-1969
7	Richard M. Nixon	1969-1974 Short
8	Gerald R. Ford	1974-1977
9	Jimmy Carter	1977-1981
10	Ronald Reagan	1981-1989
11	George H.W. Bush	1989-1993
12	Bill Clinton	1993-2001
13	George W. Bush	2001-2009
14	Barack Obama	<u>2009-2017</u>

Total = 88 Years

After the First 14 Wings
 Ezra Gives Us A Prophetic Message
 About 8 More Little Wings

SUMMARY OF THE 8 LITTLE WINGS

<u>Wings</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Verses</u>	<u>Time Period</u>
2	Clinton and Kane	11:25	2016
1	Trump	11:26	2016-2020
<u>1</u>	Biden	11:27	2020-2024
4	<i>(Kept for when time approaches)</i>		
2	President & VP ^c	11:28-30	2024
<u>2</u>	2 – <i>Kept for the End</i>	12:29	<u>2024-2027</u>
8			Total = 12 Years



Dome of the Spirits

Dome of the Rock

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Discover how one of Esdra's Three-Heads will soon arrive on the Temple Mount 3 ½ Years before the Second Coming of Christ and how the Temple Mount will soon take Center Stage on the World Scene.

Rapture Positions

- **Pre-Tribulation**
- **Mid-Tribulation**
- **Pre-Wrath Rapture**
- **Post-Tribulation**

Phased Rapture Position

It is important to point out that Jesus taught the doctrine of a “phased” Rapture of believers in both the earlier and later parts of His ministry. First, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught His disciples to **pray for deliverance** from the Tribulation period (Matthew 6:13). At the very end of His ministry when He gives His famous discourse on the Mount of Olives, He also instructs His followers to always **pray for escape** from the same Tribulation period:

“Watch, ye therefore, and pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man.”

(Luke 21:36)

Phased Rapture Taught by Jesus

Jesus chose to teach His disciples this principle of a “phased” Rapture because there is a **way to escape** the *great tribulation*. *The first time on the Mount of Beatitudes when He gave the famous “Lord’s prayer,” He tells us: “And do not lead us into temptation³⁹⁸⁶ but deliver us from the evil one (Matthew 6:13 – NIV). The Greek word for temptation is #3986 (peirasmos) which is the precise same term that Jesus uses in His promise to the Church of Philadelphia:*

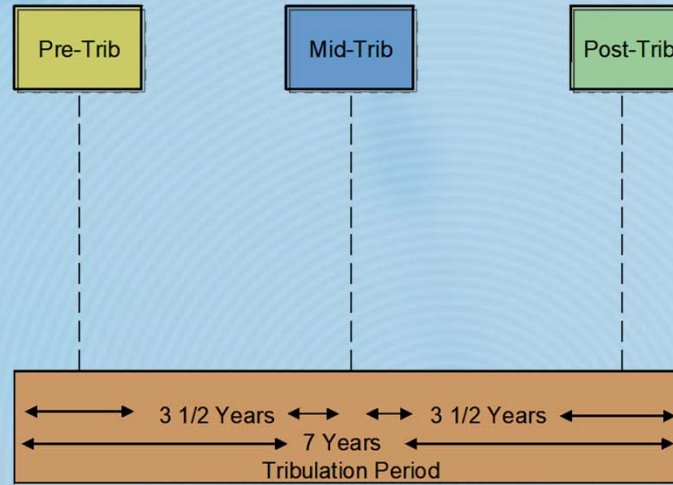
Since you have kept my command (“word” – KJ) to endure patiently, *I will also keep you from the hour of trial³⁹⁸⁶ that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth (Revelation 3:10 – NIV).*

Phased Rapture Taught by Jesus

In other words, in the **Lord's prayer**, Jesus is telling us that we should be praying for God to *deliver us from the coming trial of the Antichrist (evil one)*. This is the promise given to the Church of Philadelphia and it is also the same prayer mentioned above in His instructions on the Mount of Olives (*pray always to be accounted worthy to escape*).

Jesus would not have taught us to pray to escape the coming Tribulation if it were not possible to do so. So while *escape is possible*, please notice that it is also *very conditional*. We need to be accounted worthy to escape (Luke 21:36) and we need to be found keeping His word (Revelation 3:10) to escape the coming tribulation period.

Traditional Views Of The Rapture



Revised View Of The Raptures

