

# The Season of the Rapture: 12 Typologies That Point to the Spring

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QUESTION: Apart from foreshadowing the catching away, what is the one thing that all of the Bible's rapture typologies have in common?

Answer: All are connected to the spring season.

- Grain, symbolic of the Church, is harvested in the spring (Lev. 23:17 Ruth; John 4:35).
- God's people are redeemed from bondage in Egypt and Babylon in the spring (Ex. 12; Ez. 7; Neh. 2).
- The Israelites enter the Promised Land in the spring (Josh. 4:19-22).
- The Israelites ascend the walls of Jericho with a trumpet blast and a shout in the spring (Josh. 6:5; 16-20).
- God's trumpet is sounded in the spring (Ex. 19: 16, 19, 20).
- Moses ascends Sinai to meet the Lord in the spring (Ex. 19:19, 20).
- God's people are married or betrothed in the spring (Israel: Sinai; Church: Acts 2).
- All Israelite males appear before the Lord in Jerusalem in the spring (Deut. 16:16).
- Labor pains end, and birth occurs in the spring (Job 39:1-14; Israel: Sinai/1948; Church: Acts 2).
- Resurrection and ascension occur in the spring (Matt. 27:51-53).
- The latter rains associated with Jesus' return occur in the spring (Song 2:10, 11; Hos. 6:3; James 5:7-9).
- The shepherd comes to gather and spirit away his beloved Gentile maid in the spring (Song 2:11-13).

Harvest, redemption, marriage, birth, resurrection, ascension, and a gathering before the Lord: all of these themes point to the Rapture, and all are connected to biblical events that occurred in the spring! If we believe that God works to patterns and uses typologies to reveal His plans, we have to believe that spring is a viable time—perhaps the most viable time—for the Rapture.

“Concerning the times and seasons, brethren, you are not in darkness...” (1 Thess. 5).