

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Pre-Tribulation Rapture

Pre-Tribulation Rapture - posted by ryanelijah, on: 2006/3/28 13:42

So I was curious to see what scriptures people quote who support pre-tribulation rapture. I can't find anything in the bible that supports this theory, but tons of scripture that supports the rapture happening after the tribulation. Let me know what you think

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture - posted by brentw (), on: 2006/3/28 13:50

UH OH...here we go ;-) I see it already 15,000 posts. :-P

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/28 13:52

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Ooops... I just showed you one!

Anyway, answer my question first, then I will answer yours.

Up until a couple months ago I held a neutral position on this, but I am now firmly pre-trib.

Krispy

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture - posted by Sentry (), on: 2006/3/28 14:13

I tend to be pre-trib. Why?

Well, I don't have the time to go into that right now.

However, as a Christian, I would like to think I'm somewhat (at least) in tune with the Spirit.

My heart...tells me pre-trib.

My Intellect: "whatever-trib"

I guess I'm trying to say that whatever happens, I want to be prepared, and know HIM. That's what is important.

Mark

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 14:13

Kristy,

Is the pretribulation rapture going to be secret (i.e., the world will not see Jesus coming) or will the pretribulation rapture be visible to the world?

You are right though, as Christians we are not going to suffer the wrath of God. However, is it possible that God can punish the wicked and shield the righteous at the same time?

Didn't he do something similar in Exodus 12?

12For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

13And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 14:14

Quote:

-----I guess I'm trying to say that whatever happens, I want to be prepared, and know HIM. That's what is important.

My advice to you, if you are unsure, is to prepare for a post-tribulation rapture and pray for a pre-tribulation rapture.

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/28 14:16

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Those who disbelieve already have the wrath of God on them.

Quote:

-----He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Why do I quote that? Well does it not mak a case that believers are already on earth side by side with those upon whom God's wrath abides. So if the tribulation is an outpuring of greater wrath on unbelivers there is no logical reason to believe we can't be here at that time. paslm 91 would certainly allow for believers to have all sorts of calamity round about them but not coming upon them.

Perhaps there are other reasons to believe that Christians will be removed from the earth before the tribulation. But I don't find that argument convincing in and of itself.

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 14:26

JaySaved.... it's Krispy, not Kristy. Kristy is my wife's name, ironically.

Anyway... No, I believe the rapture will be known very well. And I believe that the chaos that ensues will be the catalyst that puts the anti-christ into power.

If you read the scriptures, there is no way you can be on earth and not be effected by what happens in the tribulation... especially when it comes to buying and selling.

Those who refuse the mark will be killed, those who take it will have no way of turning back. Thats plain and simple.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 14:30

Sorry about that Krispy.

Quick question about what you wrote:

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Is this God's Wrath or Man's wrath?

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 14:31

Quote:
-----Those who disbelieve already have the wrath of God on them.

No they dont. Sorry, Taco, but thats bad theology. Read John 3:16. As long as an unbeliever has breath in their body they are not experiencing God's wrath. I believe if you're unsaved and still alive it's because God is being patient with you and doesnt wish to see you perish.

God's Word says He wishes none should perish but that all should come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Thats not wrath.

God's wrath is death. In the end it is eternal dying and torment in hell, where "the worm dieth not". Unbelievers have it pretty nice right now.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 14:34

JaySaved... The tribulation is God's wrath. How could it be man's wrath? Man's wrath against what? Who are we that we should take out our wrath on the world? We're nothing...

Krispy

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/28 14:49

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-----No they dont. Sorry, Taco, but thats bad theology.

Yea I guess you are right. john 3:36 is a bit spurious.

Sorry about that.

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 14:59

Krispy, you said

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The buying and selling you mentioned is the antichrist and his forces wrath against those who do not accept the mark of the beast. The death from not accepting the mark is punishment the antichrist and his forces inflict...not God.

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This is my point.
The tribulation is God's wrath against sinful man, those who are unbelievers. You believe that since Christians are saved and shall not feel the wrath of God this means we will not be around during the tribulation.

However, the 'tribulation' you say will happen to Christians during this period is actually coming from the antichrist and his followers...not God.

God's wrath is not upon Christians during the tribulation, we are protected from that...however we still have to deal with the forces of evil in this world.

Quick question: Would God ever allow wicked man to hurt a Christian?

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/28 15:03

Quote:
-----The buying and selling you mentioned is the antichrist and his forces wrath against those who do not accept the mark of the beast.

The fact that there are "those who do not accept the mark" seems to suggest that there are those who are following God at this time. Again this would seem to knock Krispy's premise that God won't pour out his wrath on the earth at the same time as those who follow him are there. It matters little if you call them "tribulation saints". If this is the wrath of God - and these people are followers of the will of God how can Krispy's argument stand?

Re: - posted by 5nva (), on: 2006/3/28 15:10

I would really like to see a good peaceful discussion on this subject. This is something that I have been questioning and would like to hear both sides of the debate.

One thing I have always thought about God's wrath though is that His wrath is not the tribulation but rather God's wrath is the final judgment of unbelievers. His wrath is eternal damnation is what I have always thought.

Is that not true?

Mike

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 15:15

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Read John 3:36, Taco:

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son **shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

Future tense. Shall not see... means in the future. I suppose one could argue the line right after that, but if God's wrath abides on the unbeliever, then the unbeliever can shake it off... by believing.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 15:18

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I tend to agree with that. I do see God's wrath against unbelievers during the tribulation and afterwards on the day of judgment.

I also agree that this needs to be a peaceful discussion. We can all disagree on this topic and all go to heaven. When we get there we will ask Jesus who was right and who was wrong.

I believe in a post-tribulation rapture. I have believed this for about 3 months now. I spent 20+ years on the pre-trib side and a part of me wishes they were right...because I don't want to go through the tribulation period at all...however I do want to be faithful to the word of God.

In my study, I see no evidence of 'two' events in which Christ returns to the earth. There is a Second Coming of Christ... not a Third.

Re: - posted by brentw (), on: 2006/3/28 15:22

WOW!! Page 2 in about an hour... :-o

I think everyone is just waiting for the next post ;-)

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/28 15:22

Quote:

-----but if God's wrath abides on the unbeliever, then the unbeliever can shake it off... by believing.

Absolutley I have done that myself :-)

You are missing my main point however.

(Abideth is present tense by the way)

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 15:23

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If God cannot pour out his wrath on the earth at the same time as those who follow him are there...then that means one of two things:

- 1) God will never pour out his wrath on the world
- 2) There will be no such thing as a 'tribulation saint'

I think we can all agree that both options are impossible and unbiblical

So, what makes us Christians in this present age of grace immune to tribulation and why aren't the 'tribulation saints' as fortunate?

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 15:24

Quote:
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..not God.

This is referring to people who are saved during the Tribulation.

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Foxe's Book of Martyrs.

So far no one has brought forth any scripture about any of this other than me... just a lot of conjecture and opinions about stuff. Unless we're gonna discuss what the scripture says, then I think I'll leave y'all to your opinions.

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 15:28

My eyes were opened to the posttribulation rapture by 2 Thess. 2.

Read this chapter and see that Paul shows the coming of Jesus and our gathering together to him take place at the same time. This he refers to as the 'day of the Lord' (or Christ).

Paul then says that this day will not come until the apostasy and the antichrist (during the tribulation).

Also, Jesus spoke of 1 return: Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

You might say that he is just referring to the Jews...if so why is he telling HIS disciples who would start HIS church?

If Jesus spoke of only 1 return and Paul speaks of only 1 return...why do we believe in 2?

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 15:31

Quote:
-----So, what makes us Christians in this present age of grace immune to tribulation and why aren't the 'tribulation saints' as fortunate?

I'll answer this before I leave this discussion...

We are not immune from tribulation. But the tribulation that is coming at the end is not just ordinary "troubles" we all have day to day. It's not even the tribulation of those living behind the Iron Curtain of the Cold War. It is a time of God's wrath. Your comparing apples to oranges.

Secondly, the "Tribulation Saints" are those who come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ after the rapture. They are stuck in the Tribulation because they refused Christ before the Rapture. Even though God forgives us we still suffer the consequences of our sin. Just read about King David.

That's it for me...

Krispy

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/28 15:32

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You mentioned one verse that seems to you (your conjecture) to mean that God won't pour out his wrath on this earth when his followers are there. Others have pointed out counter examples and now you bail out?

Stick with it please explain why you believe believers won't be here for the tribulation. You sound solidly convinced. Out with it :-D

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 15:33

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Quote:
-----This is referring to people who are saved during the Tribulation.

Are people saved during the tribulation considered Christians?

Also, I am glad we agree that Christians can be persecuted by non-Christians...so is it impossible to believe that Christians can be persecuted during the tribulation?

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/28 15:41

Krispy,

Let us both pray about this topic. I know where you are at...I was there not long ago.

I want more than anything to believe that Jesus will come and take me out of this world before the tribulation. The problem is, I can't find that in scripture.

1 Thess. 4 talks about Jesus coming to get the dead saints and the alive saints. We will meet him in the air and be with him forever.

2 Thess. 2 deals with the error that the day of the lord has already come. Paul refers to this day as, "the coming of our Lord and our gathering together to him". He says not to worry about missing this day because this day will not happen until the antichrist is revealed and the apostasy (falling away) occurs.

Interesting that in 1 Thess 4 Paul refers to 'according to the Lord's own words'. When did Jesus refer to his coming? Matt. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. When did he say it would happen? Immediately after the tribulation.

But don't take my word for it. Study the scriptures and ask God to reveal the answer. Don't come in trying to prove your position, but read and ask God to reveal the truth of the matter.

God Bless.

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 15:54

Quote:

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I'll consider jumping back in... maybe tomorrow. I felt that everyone was heading toward an opinion debate w/out scripture as a base, and I am beginning to have a real distaste for that. On top of that, I could feel a real argumentative spirit rising up in me (called flesh) and when that happens I know it's time to take a break. Could just be my mood today. Someone stopped by the house last night who needed some counseling and didn't leave until 1 am, and then my two yr old son got in bed with us sometime during the night and proceeded to kick my wife and I for about 2 hours before I finally threw him into his own bed.

So... probably not in the best mood today.

I'll take a look at the thread later on, and if I feel there is something I can add to it, I'll consider jumping back in.

Krispy

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2006/3/28 16:00

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As for examples in scripture of God protecting His people while dealing with the world around them, look at Noah, and his family. Not saved from the wrath but through it. Look at when God wiped out the cattle etc of the Egyptians in Exodus, yet nothing happened to Israel.

Either way, there are far more important things to put our hands to. :-)

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2006/3/28 16:09

hi, i base my belief on daniel. the hebrew children were told to bow down and worship the image and said our God is able to deliver(rapture)us from the o king but if not we will not bow down. this enraged the king so he heated the furnace up 7 times hotter so that his people suffered(wrath). how many did we put in the furnace?3 but there are 4 and the fourth is like THE SON OF GOD. DELIVERENCE..through the tribulation not from it... although i walk through the valley of the shadow of death... the position of this story in the scriptures is also verry interesting to me... then daniel was thrown into the lions den...delivered through tribulation and wrath repeated. Jesus prayed to be delivered from the bitter cup but had to endure the wrath ,caused by my sin, for the joy set before Him.i don't know how or what cause i cannot do anything to change or influence what God is going to do;so i am going to live for Jesus today.jimp

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/3/28 16:45

Quote:

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I just about spit my drink out when I read this Krispy.....YOU were neutral until a few months ago.....I thought you were firmly pre-trib (just didn't debate that particular topic) many years ago while on RR? :-P Blessings in Him, Cindy

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 17:01

If Daniel's 70th Week Was Fulfilled Without a Gap,
Why is the Destruction of Jerusalem (40 years after the cross)
Inserted in the 70 Weeks?

(<http://mikeblume.com/nogap.htm>) No Gap

Re: - posted by ryanelijah, on: 2006/3/28 17:09

I wanted to see what people said and that's why I posted this thread. I'm sorry but pre-tribulation rapture is not going to happen. Matthew 24:16 "let those of Judea flee to the mountains." He is saying this to anyone who reads the bible. If Christians were gone at this time, why would he say something like that in Matthew, Mark and Luke? God never, ever contradicts himself and neither does Jesus. I'm sorry but Jesus explains pretty clearly in the gospels Mark 13, Luke 21, that we will all be here for the tribulation and won't be taken until after it is over. The thing about pre-tribulation, other than being wrong and unsubstantiated, is that I think it is an idea probably created by Satan just like Roaming Lamb said. If people believed so strongly in pre-tribulation rapture and it doesn't happen, which it won't, millions of people are going to question God and their faith and that's very frustrating. We need to take a stand against this theory because it is not biblical by any means, and will cause many people to fall away from God when the tribulation begins.

Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2006/3/28 20:01

Luke 21:36 "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."

This verse sways me away from pre-trib. A lot of people I respect sway toward or stand pre-trib. I agree that the words I read in Scripture lean me away from this popular theology. I would like to hear both sides, though.

Is there a belief that some people will be resurrected to go through the tribulation (besides the two witnesses)? I thought I heard about this from somewhere.

Please continue to discuss this, I am trying to take a more firm stance on this subject.

Re: Generations, on: 2006/3/28 20:51

It is amazing how many people do not see the present tense of what Jesus was saying. Yet, I do understand because I was there in that same blindness. I was a Post Tribulationnist, but not any more.

Jesus said,

Matthew 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Now, we automatically take this generation and flip it into the unknown future. Now the word generation is used many times in the New Testament, do we assume as well that when Jesus uses this word to mean that these verse apply to our future????

Jesus is speaking present tense 2000 years ago,

Matthew 23:36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon **this** generation.

So who gives us the authority to remove the present tense of THAT day to some unknown future??? hmmmmmmmmmm

Matthew 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.

Again is this generation, another generation that He is talking too?? When Jesus is speaking to these people was He really talking to another people for some unknown future?

Matthew 12:45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. **Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

Is He talking about another generation? or that generation?

Oh we love to pick and choose our doctrines and pet teachers, don't we??

Here is another one, Did Jesus die at the end of the world, or is the end of the world still in our future?? hmmmmmmmmmm

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: **but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.**

The world will never end, and it won't be renovated either. And the kingdom of God will not come by observation.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Ephesians 3:21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Re: - posted by brentw (), on: 2006/3/28 22:34

post-trib...pre-trib...all-trib...omni-trib?

I am a pan-man...it will all pan out in the end :-P

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/28 22:43

Quote:

ryanelijah wrote:

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I'm with you because there ISN'T ANY SCRIPTURE TO SUPPORT IT ... as of 1985 and nine years believing in pre-trib I started to look through the Old Testament and New for any verses to back up what we believed and THERE AREN'T ANY TO BACK IT UP.

Sorry, just basically quoting Tim Lahaye again, where he said it's can't be proved scripturally but another view has every verse/chapter in the 'whole' Bible to back it up ... it's WE'RE GATHERED AT HIS COMING.

At the last trump, as He descends ... and every last day writing in the 'whole' Bible backs that up.

Just stick with your own Bible ... if you are open to what IT says, you'll find it.

But lotsa folks want to get outta here ... so do I but ... BUT I had to accept what the Whole of The Word says. Just made me squeeze in closer to The King to be READY FOR ANYTHING.

Lord Bless. :-)

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 23:11

I have always been pr-trib but now really unsure. The scripture is not clear about a rapture of the church, so it's hard to say this is in concrete. Of course I'm really careful about who I discuss this topic with, don't want to sway someone who's not sound in their doctrine and be the reason they are swayed since I'm unsure myself. I have enjoyed the different OPINIONS on this though. Although, I have not seen anything on any post, that could be concrete evidence that a rapture will take place, or won't. Leonard Ravenhill said that he believed that only 5% of the church was truly born again, so if a rapture does take place and his theory is right, it won't be as cataclysmic as many books and movies have portrayed. Jesus will be coming "as a thief in the night" and a thief comes and gets something without anyone knowing it. Right? He gets his goods and is out the door, many times the people don't even miss it until they go to get it and it's not there. Which makes me think it will not be as big an ordeal as Hollywood and the recent books make it out to be, IF IT HAPPENS.

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 23:21

Brother J-bird.

LGB started a thread (https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id6767&forum36&83) Last Days Doctrine that never did get finished cuz I for one, have to weigh out my strength here on the board cuz a health reason, and the thread did get a bit side tracked toward the end-ish, but someday I'm sure someone may want to add to it. I would like to also, as things permit.

But it can blend with this thread now... that's neat.

Love you.
Annie

Re:, on: 2006/3/28 23:38

Thanks Sis Annie,

I'll check that one out. :-D

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/3/28 23:44

Pre-trib opponents should have thought this one through because any pre-tribulationist has the same right to say, "Nowhere in the Bible does it directly say the Church will go through the tribulation."

Jesus did say, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). The only time frame I can think of when we believers would not be expecting Jesus to return would have to be before the tribulation.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/3/29 0:15

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In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/3/29 0:24

Quote:
-----I would really like to see a good peaceful discussion on this subject. This is something that I have been questioning and would like to hear both sides of the debate.

I hope we can take these words to heart and really have an prayerful, thoughtful discussion on this important subject that much of the new testament epistles speaks of. I would also encourage people to not vex or strain themselves to prove or rather understand this over the time of a few discussion thread posts. But rather this could be a part of the progressive revelation of God's truth to some people. I am still prayerfully looking over this doctrine, though I am beginning to side more with the pre-tribulation rapture.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 1:45

brethren

Christ is returning for a bride without spot or wrinkle so we will go through the refiner's fire coz as raggedy as we are, we better not be kidding ourselves thinking we're waltzing into heaven in this state...no way. now whether that means we'll be raptured pre-trib, mid-trib or pos-trib is of no consequence really because if we find ourselves here, then the Lord will surely give us grace to endure. that being said, the idea that we will escape any sort of persecution be it suffering during the tribulation or otherwise is a lie from hell itself to get us to rest on our laurels.

there will be some saints however who will be around during the tribulation, some of them will be saved after the rapture and i think there will be a few who have to stay behind to help tend to them. from them will come the overcomers mentioned in revelation chapt 14. so either way there will be some believers around through the tribulation. they will not suffer the wrath of God but they will surely suffer the wrath of the enemy.

bro roaringlamb said this

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bro the Lord had been showing me the same thing!!!praise God i'm not crazy after all!!!when this tribulation gets going there will indeed be many Christians left behind who will jump ship because it's too hard on them and this whole idea of being raptured unscathed has been so taught and believed many will reject the faith as a result and this i also think is a part of the great falling away.

bro Phillip you wrote:

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-----I hate to be the bearer of good news, but the word of God clearly states that believers will escape the tribulation bloodbath. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thes 5:9). "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev 3:10).

yes the believers will not suffer God's wrath but we will suffer the enemy's wrath. because we are covered by Christ's blood we will not suffer the Father's wrath upon the wicked but the enemy will indeed try us. the Lord's preservation of this Church (note He only said this to the church at Philadelphia, not to the other 6 so to apply this to the whole Church is erroneous) is not being whisked away from it all but being given grace to endure it all for His glory.

in truth i'm not afraid of persecution or death for the Faith. at one time i was though coz i thought i'd have to do it of my own strength. When i realized that the Lord's Holy Spirit will be whatever is required to endure the persecution and martyrdom which the Lord has shown me, it's been all gravy. i don't know about the rest of y'all but i'll be here, maybe a good number of you will be here too, either way the Lord will be whatever we require to see His work through.

ain't God good y'all?

yeah, we serve a mighty God!!!

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/3/29 3:25

1Jo 2:13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

1Jo 2:14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1Jo 3:12 Not as Cain, was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

1Jo 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

Quote: "the wicked but the enemy will indeed try us."

How if the wicked one toucheth us not, how can he try us unless God try us in submission to Himself in Christ.

1 John 5:19-20 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 1 John 5:19-20 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

If Christ be in us, then Christ will have to go through the Tribulation with us. I think we would all have to fall away and be separated from Christ for this to happen, but since this is impossible or we were not saved in the first place; or we would

put Christ on the Cross again and crucify Him, which is impossible also.

But this is true. 1 John 5:19-20 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

"Jesus is come," And He Lives in brethren, as we are son's of God, Legal and Birthed by Incorruptable Seed. It is no longer we who live but the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for each one that are His, given by the Father.

Galatians 2:16-17 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

If we go through the tribulation with Christ in us then we are ministers of sin and must be tried by Satan as you say, what is the tribulation for and who are there? Who can overcome Satan without Christ in Him? He overcame the world we did not or cannot. Pre trip takes care of all this and puts us in our proper place that is being prepared for us by Him that is in us. Jhn 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, ye may be also. He is not in the tribulation and only those that are alive and left after the rapture will be in the tribulation. Jesus does not come to the earth in the tribulation until the end and we are with Him.

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 6:49

I think it's good that this brother who started this thread had asked for Scripture for our beliefs.

First, our differences come from our sights of what is tribulation vs. wrath.

"The Vials", which come 'after' the Trumpets (where I believe we are resurrected at the last or 7th trump, with those who are dead being raised first and then us with them, meeting them in the air, as He descends with the dead who get their glorified bodies then, and then the vials are poured out, as we are meet them "in the air" with our "descending" Lord, coming down with a shout and the voice of the archangel.)

So one can be Post Trib but pre-wrath.

The "wrath" ...

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever.

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

We were taught, that if God says something 3 times, it means, sit up and take notice. It's for a reason.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 7:25

Quote:

Christinyou wrote:
Pre-trib opponents should have thought this one through because any pre-tribulationist has the same right to say, "Nowhere in the Bible does it directly say the Church will go through the tribulation."

Jesus did say, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). The only time frame I can think of when we believers would not be expecting Jesus to return would have to be before the tribulation.

Brother, your verse corresponds with the "thief in the night" verses but look at what Jesus meant as He spoke through Paul, Peter and John here ...

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.
1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
1Th 5:4 **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.
2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

In other words ... that day will be only be a surprise to those who are 'not' Watching. And by "watching", He meant that He's "told us everything of the signs of those times to be "watching for" as to His Timetable.

The Elect "will" be watching and expecting at a certain time for His return based upon them knowing the signs of the time and being "awake" as He's said many times.

As far as no Scripture of us going through the Tribulation. There are tons that I posted on that thread link I left here but will post more here later.

Lord Bless.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 7:52

Quote:
-----I just about spit my drink out when I read this Krispy.....YOU were neutral until a few months ago.....I thought you were firmly pre-trib (just didn't debate that particular topic) many years ago while on RR? Blessings in Him, Cindy

Yea, I've gone back and forth between pan-trib (it will all pan out... as Brent said... he stole my line!) to being pre-trib. The reason I never debated it much was because I wasn't fully convinced either way. But I am now.

Being convinced tho doesn't mean that one is able to accurately articulate one's position. I'm still learning.

But I believe that Christ is going to rapture the church previous to the Tribulation because I believe that scripture teaches that the Tribulation is God finally giving the world what it wants... life without God.

Someone help me out here, I can't find the verse... but scripture speaks of the anti-christ not being able to take over unless the thing that restrains it is removed. Anyone know what I'm talking about?

Anyway, there are those who believe it is the Holy Spirit and some believe it is the church... either way, you can't have a church without the Holy Spirit. So one is removed, or they both are, but the church is definitely gone.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 8:00

Let me ask you this... you would think that if God's people were still here during the Tribulation that someone would have the spiritual discernment to recognize the anti-Christ for who he is, right? At that point, how is Christ's return as "a thief in the night"? All we'd have to do is back up and look at when the anti-Christ came on the scene and signed the peace treaty in the middle east... and start counting. There is no surprise in that. We could then determine... ok 7 years and Christ is coming back.

The other thing is this. We're gonna be caught up in the air, right? This is scriptural. How are we caught up in the air when Christ is returning at the end of the 7 years to set up His 1000 year reign on the earth? When are we caught up in the air? Chronologically it has to happen BEFORE Christ sets up His kingdom.

We come BACK with Christ at the end of the 7 years to rule and reign with Him. We have to go up before we can come back down.

It's just simple logic.

I know we all like to fancy ourselves as being strong enough to go thru the Tribulation. But I personally think that thinking is akin to the Purgatory thinking of the RCC... we have to go thru fire in order to win God's favor. I'm not saying you post-tribbers are thinking like that, just saying that to me that way of thinking is similar to it.

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 8:38

bro Phillip

Quote:
-----If Christ be in us, then Christ will have to go through the Tribulation with us. I think we would all have to fall away and be separated from Christ for this to happen, but since this is impossible or we were not saved in the first place; or we would put Christ on the Cross again and crucify Him, which is impossible also.

and therein is the problem. part of the falling away is in that this rapture will not happen as is commonly taught so people will be disillusioned and reject the faith. What should we say then about the saints who went before us? did Christ not suffer with them during their trials? did Christ not bear this burden with them till the very end? yes He did else they wouldn't have been able to endure all this and praise His name and preach the Gospel.

Quote:
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but bro this passage in revelation chapt 13 says to me there *will* the saints here during the tribulation. i mean this is sma

ck dab in the thick of the tribulation when the enemy makes war with the saints. of course this war has been going on ever since Christ came. the tribulation is for the Lord's judgement on the wicked and also a period of purification for the Lord's saints during which the saints who are there will indeed suffer at the enemy's hands (as did the saints of old) for the Lord's glory. now who indeed can overcome the enemy but he who has Christ, we have Christ in us so what's the problem?

it seems to me that there is a reluctance by the saints, or should i say those who call themselves saints to sacrifice for the Lord in any way much less suffer persecution. i think this makes for fertile ground for the idea that we will be whisked away before it comes. my contention is that how can we be whisked away in this sorry raggedy state? Christ is coming for a bride without spot or wrinkle so it stands to reason that we will have to be tried and cleaned up first. so if He comes to get us before, during or after the tribulation we need to get cleaned up and cleaning up is not going to be a cakewalk...we will go through a tribulation of our own first. no way Christ is coming for a raggedy bride such as this, no way. if Christ suffered so much for our sake, you best believe that we too will suffer for His and if it is to suffer at the enemy's hands throughout the whole tribulation then so be it. the point is that if we find ourselves here during that time, the Lord has given us grace enough to endure. i don't see what there is to fear about going through the tribulation anyway unless you think God's grace is not sufficient for you. The Lord has me in a place now where i look forward to it all, not coz i like pain (well i'm a rugby player so i have been accused of being a glutton for pain), i don't but rather because the Lord has shown me that He will see Himself glorified in me and through through this and other ways so it is out of a desire to see the Lord glorified and exalted that i look forward to all this and the crown of martyrdom.

i was reading watchman nee's study on the revelation and in it he speaks of there being i think 4 raptures, 2 involving 144000, the first being 144000 Jews, and the second 144000 virgins then 2 more i believe. this study was really eye-opening. it confirms for me that there will be saints here in that time who will receive the martyrs' crown and it is these ones among others who will rule with Christ during the millennial reign.

the study is here

<http://ministrybooks.com/books.cfm?id=%23%25ZMU%0A>

here is that portion of revelation 13, some saint will be here so if one of them is you, seek the Lord's grace.

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name F17 of blasphemy. 2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. 3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded F18 to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? 5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue F19 forty and two months. 6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If any man have an ear, let him hear. 10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/29 8:46

Healingwaters,

This is a post to you, following your questions about 'generation'.

YLT says: Ephesians 3:21

to Him the glory in the assembly in Christ Jesus, to all the generations of the age of the ages. Amen.

NKJV:

21 to Him glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Isn't it difficult to support 'world without end' (It's a bit like saying 'O king, live for ever'.... nice thought, but impossible.) in the light of

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Mark 13:31

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Here are more verses. I freely admit I didn't spot them on my own, but, maybe you have not given them any thought in the same context as the other verses you quoted.

(KJV) Matthew 1:1

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

(NKJV) Matthew 1:1

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Since adoption, what is our genealogy?

Romans 8:17

and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with that we may also be glorified together.

Genesis 5:1 (KJV)

This the book of the **generations of Adam**. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

YLT Genesis 5:1

This an account of the births of Adam: In the day of God's preparing man, in the likeness of God He hath made him;

Genesis 2:4 These **the generations of the heavens** and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

What does 'generations' mean in Gen 2:4?

are completed, and all their host;

In these verses following, is it possible that Jesus is referring both to those whose generation is the first birth, and just as much to His brothers- and sisters-to-be - His 'generation' - that is regenerated by the Holy Spirit into second birth?

(KJV) Luke 11:51

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Luke 17:25

But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

Luke 21:32

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Matthew 27:25

Then answered all the people, and said, His blood on us, and on our children.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 8:47

There are those who will be saved during the Tribulation, IRONMAN... would these not be the saints you'r referring to? Say the rapture happens today (I hope!), there will be a lot of people who are just filling pews that will suddenly wake up and get saved, but they are stuck here till the end. I believe these will be those saints you're talking about.

Krispy

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/29 8:55

Dear Phillip, you said,

Quote:

-----Jesus does not come to the earth in the tribulation until the end and we are with Him.

I know and love you 'Christinyou' logo, but, how do you normally deal with this:

Ephesians 2:6 KJV

And hath raised up together, and made sit together in heavenly in Christ Jesus:

NKJV

6 and raised up together, and made sit together in the heavenly in Christ Jesus,

unless it is a spiritual statement which is as valid as 'Christ in you'?

There is a study to be done on 'in Him', which is also valid.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 8:59

bro Krispy

you wrote

Quote:

-----Anyway, there are those who believe it is the Holy Spirit and some believe it is the church... either way, you can't have a church without the Holy Spirit. So one is removed, or they both are, but the church is definitely gone.

but bro how is it that the whole church is gone when the revelation says these things?

rev 16 vs 2

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

this says to me that some saints will be there because the vial is not poured out on all men but only those who have the mark of the beast.

rev 20 v 4

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

evidently these people were around during the tribulation and overcame the beast. it seems to me the issue of the rapture (the whisking away from trial bit which is so popular) is that it's not going to be a total rapture but a partial one and that the rapture of some will be martyrdom. now those that overcome the beast will reign with Christ for a thousand years. that is AWESOME to me!

also it seems that he who is holding back the antichrist is neither the Holy Spirit nor the Church because the Church to some degree is present during the tribulation and like you said, the Church can't be without the Holy Spirit of God. perhaps the thing that is holding antichrist back is an angel? i've been looking for that scripture and have been unable to find it. someone know where it is?

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/3/29 9:03

Ok Krisp, I had thought you were firmly pre-trib years ago. As for the passage concerning what "restrains", that would be II Thess. 2. The thing is that that "day" will not come----what day?our gathering and the coming of our Lord (1 event) until the falling away (defection from the truth-apostasy) AND the man of sin being revealed. The church WILL be here until those two events happen.

As for "who restrains", the church or Holy Spirit, it does not matter. The scripture does not say that the restrainer will be removed from the earth. "Something" is restraining the evil.....and when that restraint is moved out of the way (not taken away), then evil will be given the chance to take over. Moving out of the midst can mean to "move out from the middle to the side", kinda like watching from the sidelines, but not jumping in when it may look like a necessity.

In any case, the truth is that NOONE can be saved if they don't have the Spirit. For those who believe multitudes will be saved during a tribulation, how will they be saved if they are not "born again"? There's no indication anywhere in scripture that the working of the Holy Spirit at that time will be any different than what He has done and is doing now in the saints. Another point to remember is this: as long as there are saints upon the earth, part of the "church" is here (Eph. 1:22-23). The Body of Christ=the Church. The Church is not a "part" of the Body of Christ.

Blessings in Him, Cindy

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/29 9:08

Quote:

----- there will be a lot people who are just filling pews that will suddenly wake up and get saved,

May I refer you to this story told by Jesus? (I will quote it in full, for the benefit of those who may be unfamiliar with it, or who do not have a Bible.)

Luke 16:19 - 31 NKJV

" There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.

The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, **'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'**"

Aren't you just indulging in a fantasy, bro? Jesus is alive!

When you die, you *wake up*! The people who are **left** after the live saints join the newly awakened sleeping saints with Him in the air, will be in line for the full wrath of God! Where is scripture to support your theory?

That's why Paul wrote

14 Therefore He says: (NOW! - (is the day of salvation) -)

**"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."**

15 See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5 NKJV

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 9:14

Hi Krispy,

Here's the first section of 2 Thessalonians 2, covering your query.

(Young) 2 Thessalonians 2

1 And we ask you, brethren, in regard to the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of our gathering together unto him, 2 that ye be not quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled, neither through spirit, neither through word, neither through letters as through us, as that the day of Christ hath arrived; 3 let not any one deceive you in any manner, because--if the falling away may not come first, and the man of sin be revealed--the son of the destruction, 4 who is opposing and is raising himself up above all called God or worshipped, so that he in the sanctuary of God as God hath sat down, shewing himself off that he is God--.

5 Do ye not remember that, being yet with you, these things I said to you? 6 and now, what is keeping down ye have known, for his being revealed in his own time, 7 for the secret of the lawlessness doth already work, only he who is keeping down now --till he may be out of the way, 8 and then shall be revealed the Lawless One, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the manifestation of his presence, 9 whose presence is according to the working of the Adversary, in all power, and signs, and lying wonders, 10 and in all deceitfulness of the unrighteousness in those perishing, because the love of the truth they did not receive for their being saved, 11 and because of this shall God send to them a working of delusion, for their believing the lie, 12 that they may be judged--all who did not believe the truth, but were well pleased in the unrighteousness.

13 And we--we ought to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, beloved by the Lord, that God did choose you from the beginning to salvation, in sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth,

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 9:20

Again, there will be those who are saved during the Tribulation.

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 9:22

bro Krispy

Quote:
-----Let me ask you this... you would think that if God's people were still here during the Tribulation that someone would have the spiritual discernment to recognize the anti-Christ for who he is, right? At that point, how is Christ's return as "a thief in the night"? All we'd have to do is back up and look at when the anti-Christ came on the scene and signed the peace treaty in the middle east... and start counting. There is no surprise in that. We could then determine... ok 7 years and Christ is coming back.

you would also think that we being Christ's Church would have learned from the disobedience of Israel and and not followed in her footsteps in terms of how we treat God...well we know what the deal with that is don't we.now Christ says no one knows the day not the hour but i think the saints will be on the lookout for Him because they know their redemption drawth nigh praise God. we'd know the year perhaps but not the day nor the hour...that is known only to the Father and not even Christ Himself.

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hey man, we could get caught up the instant before He returns, when He is on His way down to set His feet on the mountain of olives. that's still before He comes to establish the Kingdom, He's on His way, just not there yet.

Quote:
-----We come BACK with Christ at the end of the 7 years to rule and reign with Him. We have to go up before we can come back down.

check out revelation 20 vs 4, not everyone rules with Him, there have to be people subject to this rule. those which rule with Christ are the ones who were martyred for His witness. so then it is the martyrs who rule with Christ for this 1000 yr period, not everyone else.

Quote:
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personally bro Krispy, i'm a pan tribber, everything will pan out. i know i'm not strong enough to endure the tribulation yet the Lord said to me i'll be there. at first i told Him what i thought of that plan...then i realized that He was not looking for me to endure of my own strength coz i know and He knows i can't do that but by His own Spirit i shall be able to endure. that changed my perspective from "God, i think that's a bad idea" to "ok God lets do this!" it's not about trying to curry favour with God at all but it is because of the realization that the Lord has purposed to glorify His name in me and through me (as He has done and is doing in others) through persecution and martyrdom and that the Lord Himself will hold me up till it's done, i'm cool with it. i look forward to it. bro enduring trials shows the Lord's favour on a person as does anything else God does, if the Lord's favour wasn't upon the person there is no way he or she would endure. now there is reward for this but that's not what's driving me though.if the Lord has it for me to be front and centre in heaven lets say, then that's where i want to be, not in the second row centre or even front and one seat over from centre but front and centre. nothing more nor less. however this is a reflection of how much the Lord has glorified Himself in me and through me on this side so my desire is for the Lord to glorify Himself in me and through me exactly according to what He wants, all the way.

hey man, you can think that this is similar to the purgatory thing but i assure you it's not as far as i'm concerned, maybe for some though. i just want to see the Lord glorified to the measure He has purposed in my life, therein is my drive.

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/3/29 9:35

Quote:

-----Again, there will be those who are saved during the Tribulation.

Do you believe they are part of the Church/Body of Christ Krispy? In Him, Cindy

not trying to grill you to a krisp bro krispy :) - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 9:36

bro Krispy

Quote:

-----There are those who will be saved during the Tribulation, IRONMAN... would these not be the saints you'r referring to? Say the rapture happens today (I hope!), there will be a lot people who are just filling pews that will suddenly wake up and get saved, but they are stuck here till the end. I believe these will be those saints your talking about.

no doubt some of those people who wake up after the rapture will wake up upon witnessing it. i still don't think that the whole church will go though becuase not everyone who says they are a Christian really is one. these people will also need some saints who are more mature to help them along the way during this time and so there will be some of us left behind to tend to these saints and those who get saved even after that up till the very last possible moment. if the whole Church is swept away, who will be left to preach the gospel or even minister to the ones who are left behind.

it seems to me this whole rapture thing where the whole Church escapes is escapism or an attempt to bypass the cross or the suffering which comes with our faith to our own detriment. if we run around here thinking "eh, we're gonna be raptured so what the hey" then we will be sorely disappointed. we should be ready for the very worst which may well be death at the 11th hour and 59th minute and second, but guess what...that martyrdom means ruling with Christ over everyone else for a thousand years...if that's where the Lord wants you, then you'll be there.

still don't understand the trepidation over suffering, especially in light of this portion of Romans 8

Romans 8:31-39 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 9:44

sis Cindy

Quote:

-----Ok Krisp, I had thought you were firmly pre-trib years ago. As for the passage concerning what "restrains", that would be II Thess. 2. The thing is that that "day" will not come----what day?our gathering and the coming of our Lord (1 event) until the falling away (defection from the truth-apostasy) AND the man of sin being revealed. The church WILL be here until those two events happen.

whoa! hadn't even thought of that...this is the beauty of fellowship...the Lord's revelation to the individual and how it edifi

es the body!

Quote:
-----As for "who restrains", the church or Holy Spirit, it does not matter. The scripture does not say that the restrainer will be removed from the earth. "Something" is restraining the evil....and when that restraint is moved out of the way (not taken away), then evil will be given the chance to take over. Moving out of the midst can mean to "move out from the middle to the side", kinda like watching from the sidelines, but not jumping in when it may look like a necessity.

well i still feel that this restrainer is not the Church because not the whole Church is raptured and it's not Holy Spirit either because the Church needs Him, i suggested in an earlier post that it may well be an angel. i doubt it's the Church because rather than holding back evil, we are some of the biggest perpetrators of evil, we have blood on our skirts.

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also the word says "he that restrains" this rules out the Church for we are the Bride of Christ.

Re: Pre-Tribulation Rapture, on: 2006/3/29 9:55

Matthew 24:27 KJV
For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:37
But as the days of Noe , so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Matthew 24:39
And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Genesis 7:16
And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: **and the LORD shut him in.**

22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died.

Here's a thought I've never had before....

Could it be Satan who has the power to restrain the Lawless One, until he is ready to unleash or reveal the Lawless One's demonstration of evil power?

Re: Oh mannnn., on: 2006/3/29 10:01

Quote:
-----Krispy wrote:
Let me ask you this... you would think that if God's people were still here during the Tribulation that someone would have the spiritual discernment to recognize the anti-Christ for who he is, right? At that point, how is Christ's return as "a thief in the night"? All we'd have to do is back up and look at when the anti-Christ came on the scene and signed the peace treaty in the middle east... and start counting. There is no surprise in that. We could then determine... ok 7 years and Christ is coming back.

The other thing is this. We're gonna be caught up in the air, right? This is scriptural. How are we caught up in the air when Christ is returning at the end of the 7 years to set up His 1000 year reign on the earth? When are we caught up in the air? Chronologically it has to happen BEFORE Christ sets up His kingdom.

We come BACK with Christ at the end of the 7 years to rule and reign with Him. We have to go up before we can come back down.

It's just simple logic.

I know we all like to fancy ourselves as being strong enough to go thru the Tribulation. But I personally think that thinking is akin to the Purgatory thinking of the RCC... we have to go thru fire in order to win God's favor. I'm not saying you post-tribbers are thinking like that, just saying that to me that way of thinking is similar to it.

Krispy, right above this post was my post that answered this "thief in the night" question.

Your other question about "meeting Him in the air" is answered by Scripture only.
We "meet" Him as He "descends" from Heaven with the dead in Christ and as He's Coming again.
Only ONE Coming and only the First Resurrection found in Rev 20:4-6

The rest is answered by the Word too.
But for now, to just answer your thief in the night question.

Quote:

MeAgain wrote:

.... the "thief in the night" verses but look at what Jesus meant as He spoke through Paul, Peter and John here ...

1Th 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

1Th 5:4 **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.**

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

2Pe 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 16:15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

In other words ... that day will be only be a surprise to those who are 'not' Watching. And by "watching", He meant that He's "told us everything of the signs of those times to be "watching for" as to His Timetable.

The Elect "will" be watching and expecting at a certain time for His return based upon them knowing the signs of the time and being "awake" as He's said many times.

As far as no Scripture of us going through the Tribulation. There are tons that I posted on that thread link I left here but will post more here later.

Lord Bless.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 10:04

Quote:

-----Do you believe they are part of the Church/Body of Christ Krispy? In Him, Cindy

Well, now we're getting into murky waters. This is why I usually dont get into these kind of debates. I dont think any of us can proove our thoughts on this...

Maybe I could go back to being pan-trib for the sake of argument, and hold to pre-trib privately! LOL

Krispy

Re: The restrainer, on: 2006/3/29 10:19

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

The tribulation starts over or with Israel and that word translated "stand" has multiple meanings.

left, 2
Gen_29:35, Gen_30:9

waited, 5
1Ki_20:38, 1Ch_6:32-33 (2), 2Ch_7:6, Neh_12:44

appointed, 10
1Ch_15:17, 2Ch_8:14, 2Ch_20:21, 2Ch_31:2, 2Ch_33:8, Ezr_3:8, Neh_6:7, Neh_12:31, Neh_13:30, Est_4:5

set, 44
Gen_47:7, Num_5:16, Num_5:18, Num_5:30, Num_8:13, Num_11:24, Num_27:19, Num_27:22, Jdg_16:25, 1Ch_6:31, 1Ch_22:2, 2Ch_19:5, 2Ch_19:8, 2Ch_23:10, 2Ch_23:19, 2Ch_25:13-14 (2), 2Ch_29:25, 2Ch_33:19, 2Ch_35:2, Ezr_2:6, Ezr_3:10, Neh_3:1, Neh_3:3, Neh_3:6, Neh_3:13-15 (3), Neh_4:9, Neh_4:13 (2), Neh_7:1 (2), Neh_13:11, Neh_13:19, Job_34:24, Psa_31:8, Isa_21:6, Eze_2:2, Eze_3:24, Eze_24:11, Dan_8:18, Dan_11:11, Dan_11:13

stayed, 9
Deu_10:10, Jos_10:13, 1Sa_30:9, 2Sa_17:17, 1Ki_22:35, 2Ki_4:6, 2Ki_13:18, 2Ki_15:20, 2Ch_18:34

still, 3
Job_32:16, Job_37:14, Jer_51:50

confirmed, 2
1Ch_16:17, Psa_105:10

ceased, 1
Jon_1:15

Etc. and because Israel is the focus of the end times drama, this would make sense that if he "standeth" in protection of these people, that if he moved in any way, at God's signal ... and then we see the "stuff" starts, that he is restraining.

If it's the Holy Spirit departing, that makes no sense at all ... because people will be getting saved and used by God during the Tribulation, as we see the "Saints doing exploits and winning many to righteousness".

Just a thrown thought.

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2006/3/29 12:03

Perhaps I am mistaken, but I have heard many Bible teachers state that the Holy Spirit will go up with the Church in the pre-trib rapture. If this is so, how are people saved? For the Spirit is the one who convicts of sin, righteousness, judgment. Also, if there happens to be a new dispensation in which people are saved some other way other than Christ's blood, and the conviction of the Spirit, is this not on the border of blasphemous?

Just so you know, I was involved in a movement that only allows for the pre-trib thought. So when I began to ask questions, I was told to agree or leave. So I know that this can be a touchy subject. SOO let's stay in the Spirit, and answer in love. :-P

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 12:14

isn't anyone who is saved a member of the body of Christ?

Quote:

-----Maybe I could go back to being pan-trib for the sake of argument, and hold to pre-trib privately! LOL

lol :-P

or maybe pre-tribbers need to reconsider their position. i'm pan trib i think, it'll all pan out and people will get raptured throughout, some in death though.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 13:15

Quote:

-----If this is so, how are people saved?

How did God create the world? We're fooling ourselves if we think we'll ever be able to answer all the questions. That's why more and more I am beginning to view debating as futile. I mean really... what are we accomplishing? Back and forth. .. back and forth... someone says this and someone counters it... then someone counters the counter... and etc etc... for what?

Krispy

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2006/3/29 14:05

Quote:

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Now now Krispy. I thought you knew the Bible better than that.

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

That means you have to make your interpretation public, right? :-P

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 14:15

Yea, I'm a little too public sometimes I think.

Krispy

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 14:25

sis Dorcas et al

sis dorcas you said

Quote:

-----Could it be Satan who has the power to restrain the Lawless One, until he is ready to unleash or reveal the Lawless One's demonstration of evil power?

i checked out the corresponding scripture which is 2 thessalonians vs 7. somehow for me the person/thing holding back the Lawless One or man of perdition couldn't be the Church because this person/thing is referred to as "he" being the bride of Christ i know that's not us and the Lord's Holy Spirit didn't fit here either for me because He is moving and shaking things as we speak yet the enemy does have much influence already. at any rate either way you cut this cake the Church is around because the falling away can only happen among the body of believers or those who say they are members thereof not among the heathen. when antichrist is revealed that is during the tribulation (though at the beginning) so the whole Church will be here at least for that. even so not everyone will be raptured because even up till the end there will be people being persecuted and martyred for Christ, the beheaded of which will rule with Him for 1000 yrs.

anyhoo i looked up the Matthew Henry commentary on this person and i think we'll all be pretty surprised (hey i know i was) at who this is.

His rise is mentioned, v. 6, 7. Concerning this we are to observe two things:—(1.) There was something that hindered or withheld, or let, until it was taken away. This is supposed to be the power of the Roman empire, which the apostle did not think fit to mention more plainly at that time; and it is notorious that, while this power continued, it prevented the advances of the bishops of Rome to that height of tyranny to which soon afterwards they arrived. (2.) This mystery of iniquity was gradually to arrive at its height; and so it was in effect that the universal corruption of doctrine and worship in the Romish church came in by degrees, and the usurpation of the bishops of Rome was gradual, not all at once; and thus the mystery of iniquity did the more easily, and almost insensibly, prevail. The apostle justly calls it a mystery of iniquity, because wicked designs and actions were concealed under false shows and pretences, at least they were concealed from the common view and observation. By pretended devotion, superstition and idolatry were advanced; and, by a pretended zeal for God and his glory, bigotry and persecution were promoted. And he tells us that this mystery of iniquity did even then begin, or did already work. While the apostles were yet living, the enemy came, and sowed tares; there were then the deeds of the Nicolaitans, persons who pretended zeal for Christ, but really opposed him. Pride, ambition, and worldly interest of church-pastors and church-rulers, as in Diotrephes and others, were the early working of the mystery of iniquity, which, by degrees, came to that prodigious height which has been visible in the church of Rome. 4. The fall or ruin of the antichristian state is declared, v. 8. The head of this antichristian kingdom is called that wicked one, or that lawless person who sets up a human power in competition with, and contradiction to, the divine dominion and power of the Lord Jesus Christ; but, as he would thus manifest himself to be the man of sin, so the revelation or discovery of this to the world would be the sure presage and the means of his ruin.

brethren there is so much yet to consider. Lord make it plain to us. AMEN.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/29 14:28

bro Krispy

Quote:
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well i think we all have so much to learn and scripture is deep and the Lord reveals this part to this one and that part to that one so that we are all edified. if we have to discard prior beliefs in light of scripture and revelation so be it.

love you bro and perhaps you're a bit too public ey :-P

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/3/29 15:33

Quote:

-----i suggested in an earlier post that it may well be an angel.

Yes, some people believe the restrainer is Michael, spoken of in Dan. 12:1 as it appears when he "stands up", great evil is allowed to occur on the earth. Blessings in Him, Cindy

Re: - posted by lastblast (), on: 2006/3/29 15:34

Quote:

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LOL..... :-P

That would be the safer bet, eh?? Blessings bro. In Him, Cindy

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/3/29 15:43

Hi Linn,

Quote: know and love you 'Christinyou' logo, but, how do you normally deal with this:

Ephesians 2:6 KJV

And hath raised up together, and made sit together in heavenly in Christ Jesus:

NKJV

6 and raised up together, and made sit together in the heavenly in Christ Jesus,

Before I was in heavenly places I was in earthly places with a deathly taskmaster and had nothing but separation from God available to me. Now I have a loving Master that is mine and I am HIS. He is seated in Heavenly Places and I am seated with Him. I am no longer the person I used to be. I am now a son of God living on this earth just passing through in this school house that is preparing me to live in the Father's House.

I don't think of this as just a spiritual fantasy that I belong to. It says that I am dead to sin and alive unto God. I take this literally and believe that is where I am now.

Romans 6:8-14 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Reckon, a big word. 3049. logizomai

Search for G3049 in KJVSL

logizomai logizomai log-id'-zom-ahee

middle voice from 3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):--conclude, (ac-)count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

I am already there, and learning to be there, and some day in body I will be there.

Christ in you too: Phillip

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 16:38

Quote:

-----If we go through the tribulation

Now it is of absolute importance to find out where this so called so called tribulation period is in the bible.

I have been reading post after post, everyone is talking about something that is supposed to exist in scripture, but is not making any mention of where the doctrine originates.

Where is the proof of a 7 year tribulation period?

Jesus does speak of a tribulation period of 10 days in Revelation 2:10,

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

He gives a specific number here for this tribulation, but where is it in holy writ that mentions a 7 year tribulation in our future?

We need facts not assumptions.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 16:59

Quote:

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Debating is good, if it's done right. The purpose of debating is to either win those whom you are to convince and/or shut the devil up, for the accuser of our brethren has been cast down (so to speak)

Endless debates are those subjects that don't amount to a hill of beans such as, "Where did Cain get his wife", or the gap theory between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, or why did Moses marry a black woman, and the list goes on. But those things that might contaminate the church, like instituting law keeping, and private interpretations of the scriptures, these things must be debated, they must be laid on the table and picked over, because it's controversial and many are not settled.

One thing that we can all agree on because we are settled in this belief, that Christ came into the world to save sinners., that Jesus Christ is our LORD and Saviour. These are basic principles of our faith. Then we can all agree on water baptism, but then there is the other baptism of the holy Spirit, and this is where divisions begin.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2006/3/29 17:12

He will be revealed to the discerning Judeo-Christians by a seven year contract that allows the re-establishment of daily (blood) sacrifice by the Jews (Daniel 9:27).

Daniel 9:27 (NIV) He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven' but in the middle of that 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And one who causes desolation will place abominations on a wing of the temple until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Whoever is able to make the covenant (contract) that allows re-establishment of daily sacrifice is the Antichrist. At that precise moment in time, we will be in the Tribulation. The seven year clock of the Tribulation will have started.

Daniel 8:9-14 (NIV) Out of one of them came another horn, which started small but grew in power to the south and to the east and toward the Beautiful Land. 10 It grew until it reached the host of the heavens, and it threw some of the starry ho

st down to the earth and trampled on them. 11 It set itself up to be as great as the Prince of the host; it took away the daily sacrifice from him, and the place of his sanctuary was brought low. 12 Because of rebellion, the host of the saints and the daily sacrifice were given over to it. It prospered in everything it did, and truth was thrown to the ground. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to him, "How long will it take for the vision to be fulfilled--the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, the rebellion that causes desolation, and the surrender of the sanctuary and of the host that will be trampled underfoot?" 14 He said to me, "It will take 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the sanctuary will be re-consecrated."

<http://www.angelfire.com/ca/endtime/trib.html>

In Christ: Phillip

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 18:27

Quote:
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Thank you for answering my question.

Second question,

How do you know that "HE" in verse 27 is talking about an anti Christ?

Re: - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/29 18:41

One of the first questions that a Christian friend and work mate asked when I informed him that I had been saved was "Are you Pre-trib, or Post-trib". My immediate response was "huh".

I have spent a bit of time looking over the word of God since then, and my response now would be "neither". I offer up this insight for your thoughts.

****Dan 12:11** And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

There will be a seven year peace treaty agreed to between Israel and her Arab neighbors, that will include an agreement to let Israel rebuild the temple. At the same time a leader of the Ecumenical Church will make a public declaration that they no longer believe that Jesus is the only way of salvation.

For 1290 days (31/2 years) persecution will get worse and worse against the Bride, and the nation of Israel. After the 1290 days "all hell breaks loose" as the Bride, and Israel rise up against the anti-Christ.

Dan 11:33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

Dan 11:34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

Dan 11:35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

I think these verses are quite clear that believers are here and paying for their witness with their lives. The Scripture also teaches that the final, 70th week of Daniel is "cut short"

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

I believe that the Bible clearly teaches that the translation of the Saints happens EXACTLY 45 days after the "man of sin"

n" (anti-Christ) declares himself God from the newly re-constructed temple.

Dan 12:12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

The 70th week of Daniel has two parts. The first half is increasing persicution against those that follow God. The second part is the "Great Tribulation" When Satan unleashes all his fury against God's people, therefore God shortens the time to 45 days so that some could be preserved alive.

Just a few of my thoughts on the topic. Blessings to all, Greg :-)

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 19:48

Brother, my eyes are not focusing yet ... but I am so HAPPY that at least it's coming out that anti-christ's reign and the trib are only THREE AND A HALF YEARS and not seven.

Can't see to read yet ... but this thread is moving so fast ... I shouldn't have went to sleep - to keep up with it - HAA !!!

Glad THAT much came out so far and glad to see some last blasts in here.

Thank you .

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 21:00

Quote:
-----One of the first questions that a Christian friend and work mate asked when I informed him that I had been saved was "Are you Pre-trib, or Post-trib". My immediate response was "huh".

You said that you are neither, but your explanation says otherwise.

What is this so called peace treaty with Israel?

Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

It says that He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week, where is the peace treaty with Israel?

I know the other translations say peace treaty, but the KJV does not, (thank God)

Romans 15:8 **Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:** This verse fulfills the first part of Daniel 9:27, Jesus Christ is that "HE".

It doesn't say that He will make a peace treaty, it says that "HE shall CONFIRM the covenant"

When Paul spoke of this same confirmation of the covenant was Paul talking about a peace treaty with Israel?? Come on, my brethren, think!

Galatians 3:17 And this I say, **that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ**, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

All I ask is look into these scriptures, pray carefully and ask the LORD to reveal the hidden manna, do you think that I want to stick out like a sore thumb and be different on this subject? Man oh man, I want to have sweet fellowship and peace with all my brothers and sisters like the next guy, but somethings must not be left unsaid. I must speak up.

Think with the mind of Christ, let His mind be your guide, that mind will lead you and guide you into all truth, for you will know now what is that good acceptable and perfect will of God. We desperately need one another.

Re:, on: 2006/3/29 21:29

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Mike, you are a Preterist. Doesn't matter, partial or what, that still has to be put out there by you from the git go, so folks know 'where' you are coming from and as you said "somethings must not be left unsaid".

You wouldn't want to confuse a bunch of folks with a bunch of Scriptures here and 'not' post "Hey folks, I'm a preterist". We need to be upfront with folks.

I said from the git-go ... I'm Pre-Mil-Post-Trib-Pre-Wrath just so my cards are on the table and folks can decide if they even want to waste their time with me.

I don't mind you saying "you must speak up" ... I'm all for free speech, unless we just come on with quick blurbs of sarcasm, every now and then but we can have the Unity you desire, but give each other room to know where we are coming from from the git-go and if we still don't agree, leave it to God.

My Sheep know my Voice ... and only "IF it were possible the Elect would be deceived."
Besides, if the definition of "heresy" from the Greek is, "people choose to believe what they WANT to believe" it's all up to the individual, what they'll believe.

Let God judge who's right ... you or me ... HAAAA.

Love you Mike. Hope you don't mind me using your name ... You gave it with your link to your website.

Blessings and Good Will toward you.

Annie
:-)

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 0:55

bro Karl
the treaty with Israel will facilitate the rebuilding of the temple on the temple mount upon which sits the dome of the rock, a holy muslim site. this is the temple mentioned in rev 11 vs 1-2 which has the outer court trampled on for 3 and a half years (42 months) which is the latter or great tribulation period.

in daniel 8 vs 25 the word speaks of this man who will destroy wonderfully and with peace shall destroy many which is the tactic of signing all kinds of accords by which people are subdued and have their rights encroached upon and then taken away altogether.

this scripture here

Quote:
-----Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

seems to be talking about the redemptive work of Christ. this one who confirms the covenant is the same who was cut off after 62 wks in the preceding section which is the Messiah. so you are right in as much as this consummation of the covenant is through Christ before God.

the thing is though for the temple to be rebuilt so it can be later desecrated by antichrist, some sort of deal must be brokered with the arabs because they will blow up the world before they let the Jewish temple replace the temple mount. that's the treaty which we're on about.

Re: - posted by Smokey (), on: 2006/3/30 1:06

Healingwaters:

Just for the record I am a 45 days after mid- trib man.

I will get into my notes, and post the scriptures concerning the peace accord after I get a little shut eye.. My eyelids are a bit half mast. Nite all, I will check my research and post more conclusive text tomorrow..Greg

Re: - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2006/3/30 1:58

Wow, this topic really took off.

I am not as firm on this subject as others, so don't try to beat me up, I am just looking for answers and stating what I read.

After looking over Rev 20, I read that "they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." And then after this thousand years, Satan is loosed to compass the camp of the saints. I get the idea that the rapture has not occurred at this point. It does not speak of a meeting in the air, but a resurrection.

It seems that we would be "caught up" after this thousand years.

Tell me if anyone agrees or tell me I am way off:

- 1) Falling away, appearance of anti-Christ
- 2) Worldly Tribulation/mark of the beast, etc
- 3) Satan Bound
- 4) First Resurrection/millennial reign
- 5) Satan loosed, fire devours his army
- 6) Satan cast into Lake of Fire before the saints(is this the man that caused...)
- 7) Judgment Day
- 8) Death/Hell/Unbelievers cast into Lake of Fire
- 9) Rapture

I would agree with those who posted these thoughts, that it seems that God's plagues are poured out on the unbelievers, and that Satan's worldly powers are the ones going after the saints. God punishing unbelievers, Satan attacking believers.

What am I? Post-, confused, or what?

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 2:39

Ha, I love your humility LGB (Lord God Bless).

Only chop off number 9 cuz ya got that "rapture" word confused with the First Resurrection.

The Word Only talks about our Resurrection, from Old Testament to New.

We're Resurrected to meet Him in the air.

Once a ya put that small puzzle piece in ... then everything written - O.T. to N.T. falls right into place, even Matthew 13.

AT His Coming, we're changed to meet Him and those with Him - "the dead in Christ" - in the air and the battle is fought for Israel and the bad guys are killed or tossed. Bad day in Black Rock for those with the mark, etc.. They're just killed but judged at the Second Death.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Rev 20:5 *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. {the unsaved and those saved during the millennial reign}* This is the **first** resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **first** resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

The Second death: Final Judgment for all unsaved and reward of those who died in Christ after the First Resurrection/Millennial reign period, who were not deceived by Satan's reappearance vs 7-10.....

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

There will be folks, who have Not taken the mark who aren't killed at His appearing, that we will rule and reign over with Him and during the Millennial Reign, they will still have freewill.

Some will be or get and stay saved and is what verse 15 is referring to.

So just chuck #9 and you've got it man. :-D

Edited to add: and just switch 3 and 4. We're resurrected first to meet Him in the air, with those He's returning 'with' and then all heck breaks loose down here and Satan's dumped for the 1000 years.

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 2:54

You're letting me have fun. Thanks - good distraction from earthly things. ;-)

Let's keep a #9 ...

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Thanks LGB.

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 7:22

sis annie

it seems to me that those who rule with Christ are the ones who are beheaded for His witness. at first in reading that passage i thought it meant all the martyrs and upon reading it again i saw that it was specifically those who were beheaded who rule with Christ during this time over whoever is left alive and whoever is resurrected first.

Re: Jet Stream, on: 2006/3/30 7:31

Ironman, brother :-) your a literalist. I can't argue with a literalist. We are not even on the same footing. Literalist are on one plane, spiritualists are on another. For me to discuss this on your level, than I must become a literalist, which I am not.

So when I speak of spiritual matters and you rebut it with literal interpretations, than we have a problem. The problem being we will continue to debate until the cows come home because we are on two different planes. Your on a regular plane, I am on a Jet....zoom :-P

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Preterism is a past subject., on: 2006/3/30 7:45

Quote:

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Thats a mouthful!

:-P I am not Mike Blume. Mike is a brother in the LORD who runs that website, I used the link to explain better what I failed to do.

"You can call me sweetheart".....but Karl will suffice. :-P

Mike is a Partial Preterist, which means that he partially believes that all scripture is fulfilled except for the Rapture and the Resurrection.

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 7:47

Hia brother IRONMAN,

then that would make multiple "resurrections" if this is not the one and only resurrection of the just prior to the Millennial reign. Only verse 4 mentions them and 6 can spread it out more.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

This verse could not mean "just" those beheaded during the trib because that would mean we would have to wait till after the millennial reign and no verses can back that up. Only the unsaved have that time of the Second death to face. And those who die saved during the Millennial reign, who never received their glorified bodies.

According to all that is combined from the Old and New testaments, we only have one resurrection of all the Old and New Testament saints.

And this says "first" as compared to further in the chapter talking about the one after the millennial reign of the Great White Throne.

e Throne judgement.

On page 4 here, the link to the thread Last Days Doctrine in my post explains more about that there is only one resurrection of the just, that is considered the "rapture" by most ... so if this is the First ... and it's at the beginning of the millennial reign ... all references to "that day" of His Appearing or Return would be caught up in this resurrection ... despite that it doesn't mention all except as can be seen in vs 6.

If it's not so, then we all wouldn't be resurrected until 'after' the millennial reign and that doesn't jive with all other Scripture through-out the N.T. about "the Last Day" such as mentioned 4 times by Jesus in John 6, etc.

Those who die during the Tribulation, deserve a bit more honor, considering, it is the worst time that "ever was" as Jesus said.

I'd give them special mention too in at least one verse.

:-)

Re: Preterism is a past subject., on: 2006/3/30 7:49

Awww, HW, since you referred us there to his site and I thought someone called you Mike on another thread, then I thought you were he.

Pardon me HW. Is HW alright ? 8-)

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 7:55

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So what on earth is this all about ---- :-P

Are you Preterist or not HW ? Come on now, tell us what "Spiritualist Jet" you're on.

There MUST be a name for what your eschatological beliefs are Somewhere.

You led us to the partial preterist blog, so is that where you're at ?

That would simplify things tremendously for us.

And btw, no one can be a complete "literalist" with eschatology ... funny HW. 8-)

Re: Preterism is a past subject., on: 2006/3/30 8:07

Karl, you must be on a jet, it's hard to keep up here with ya. Ha. It's like a Chat Room.

O.K. now we know what "Mike" believes.

I know what all the different types Preterists believe, it's what you believe that I'm not sure of.

Sorry, was that clearer. :-)

Re: Chat room, on: 2006/3/30 8:33

Sermon Index is so big now that it needs a chat room desperately to handle the overflow. Paltalk is an option.

To answer your question, I will only say that I am Preterist, to be a Partial or Full is still up in the air because I am learning new truths (they are really old truths that are being re-discovered) every day.

For many years I held to a Post Tribulation teaching and I was very dogmatic about my position. If you knew me then, we would have blended in quite well together. Ironman, you would have adored me.

But now, I am dead to all that, I could never go back to that ignorance again.

Am I saying that you are ignorant? No I am not, you have to judge yourselves, I can't do that for you. But when I judged myself, I came to the conclusion that what I believed was false. Men, who got together less than 200 years ago conceived a doctrine that every church in the world has accepted as truth, that doctrine is "dispensationalism".

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 9:14

Hi Karl, well I may be ignorant but I ain't dispensationalist.

Actually, to debate Preterism, we'd need another thread, cuz that's so removed from answering the original poster's thread post.

If you'd like to do that one day, that would be fun, Oops, I mean, that would be interesting.

But you're coming at Pre - Mid & Post tribbers on here, so you want to be like the big gun that blows us ALL AWAY --- ha. :-D

Well, I'd rather talk to you about preterism on a different thread, or any other thread about any other subject too, but on this one, it sorta is difficult to factor it in.

Thanks for answering though. That helps all of us.

Thanks really.
Grace.
Annie

Re: - posted by GaryE (), on: 2006/3/30 10:34

The important thing is to be ready no matter when this meeting in the air takes place.

Get right

or

Get left

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 11:58

sis annie

well not necessarily would there have to be multiple resurrections. we know that there are 2, one before the 1000 yrs and the other after. now what i was getting at was that the beheaded who are the overcomers are the ones that will rule with Christ 1000 yrs. now in verse 6 it speaks now of everyone who is reserrected the first time around and in chapt 19 it talks of the great multitude in heaven which it seems are the ones who are ruled over including those alive at the time. but those will be priests of God though.

perhaps the dead who are resurrected at the end of the millenaial reign maybe the dead which are killed after satan is loosed from the pit after the 1000 yrs? we're not sure how long he has to deceive the nations, but i think some of those let alive during the millenial reign won't be saved yet.

whoa...much to consider still

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 12:03

bro Karl

there are some things which i perceive to be symbolic though the vast majority of things people think are symbolism the Lord has shown me are indeed literal. you don't have to believe as i do and i see you don't which is fine, we should pray the Lord's enlightenment on us.

hey man i'm not the brightest in the bunch so i start with the assumption it is literal and unless i hear otherwise from heaven, i'm keepin it locked right there, trying to figure out what this and that means is really hard, my brain can only beshut down and rebooted so many times now...

well you may be on a jet and me in a prop-chop but i'ma get there maybe after you though...well then there is the story of the tortoise and the hare... :-P

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 12:10

bro Karl

Quote:
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bro i love you now, and whether you like it or not we're bound by the love of God. now i'd been thinking about my stance on it and it's pan trib, it'll all pan out. i guess where i am coming from (and i figured this out yesterday) that what the Lord has shown me in terms of the work He has for me seems to go deep into the tribulation (the Lord showed me martyrdom) so it seems i've been applying that to the whole Church when it doesn't, not sure that makes sense and these revelations are only now falling into place so as to make sense. if you want to know more i could email/p.m. you about it, if not it's cool too.

bro karl isn't it amazing that the Lord has even hose with opposing views in His body for the purpose of edifying one another and rubbing us against each other to shine us up as bro Rahman says?

love you bro

Re:, on: 2006/3/30 12:40

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I understand perfectly.

Jesus said, John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

In this world, we are going to have tribulation, I believe that with all my heart and just to link that with another key scripture it says,

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

This is a given, and it's our glory that we go thru these things. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivereth him out of them all".

We could ask the Chinese who suffer persecution or any believer in the Sudan, "do you believe that we shall go thru the great tribulation", they will answer you, "I don't know what your talking about, we are in tribulation".

In the West we have the privilege of debating and talking about it, but they are living in it. I sometimes think that they have it good. I don't wish any tribulation or persecution on anyone, however if we are going to be partakers of His glory we must endure somethings. Amen

I pray that when the times comes when you are offered up brother I hope your soul will be so full of joy that you be laughing at the face of the enemy. Oh death where is your sting, O grave where is thy victory?

Karl

Re: - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2006/3/30 19:41

bro Karl
you quotes this scripture

Quote:
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but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

indeed, the principalities and powers inflicted all they could upon Christ, all they could muster and it was for nought so they have been made a spectacle. now we not only have Christ's example but the Lord's own Holy Spirit who will be what ever we require in our service to God, courage, good cheer, wisdom etc.

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indeed and history confirms it. let it be known that we will taking a licking for the Lord's sake, but in this way those which are God's will indeed be known for they have God's grace and without that noone can stand the fire of refinement.

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indeed bro, they are already being refined by the fire and are being purified to the level the Lord requires.

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well we do have that priviledge yet i think they are so much more priviledged than we for they see the Lord's provision and grace in a light we don't as yet, but we too shall soon know what it is to suffer for Chirst. for if we are to be partakers of His glory, we must share in His suffering. AMEN and AMEN indeed.

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bro thank you for that word and prayer of encouragement. that is my prayer too. the best part is i get to go home at last praise God!

Re: - posted by TS, on: 2006/3/30 21:44

After listening to the Pre-Trib reasoning for 20 odd years and knowing in my spirit that it was not correct I have found so meone who can not only back it up by a "feeling" but by a very sound, well thought out outline of the end times. I believe the "Left Behind" series will prove to be one of the best tools invented, promoted by Satan to decieve the end ti me church into falling away. If a billion christians think they are going to be raptured away...that God will come back for a church unpurified as the Pre-trib outlook promotes...but find that God has not come to "rescue" them from the Tribulati on in the sense of escaping unscathed, as one who does not go through the fire...they will become offended at God. Th ey will fall away and toward the false church which will be even more visible, more powerful than it already is...a unified " One World Church". There are so many reasons why a pre-trib outlook does not work.

Here is the outline for any one serious enough to consider what will happen...soon it seems.

I will post in bite size pieces for ease of read.

I. DAY OF THE LORD: TWO EXTREMES AT THE END-OF-THE-AGE

The day of the LORD is Great and very Terrible (Joel 2:11; Mal. 4:5)

A. The Day of the Lord refers to the unusual End-Time events related to the Second Coming of Jesus. These events (po sitive and negative) will come to fullness in the final 3½ years before Jesus returns.

1. It will be a Great Day for the responsive and the greatest revival in history.
2. It will be a very Terrible Day to the rebellious because they will experience the most severe judgments of God in all hi story as well as experiencing Satan's rage against them.

B. We will look at the positive trends, events and people of the Great Day as well as the negative trends, events and peo ple of the very Terrible Day (they are building momentum even now).

II. THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD: POSITIVE TRENDS

A. The greatest revival in history with a victorious Church full of God's glory (Eph. 5:26-27; 3:19; 4:13; Mt. 16:18; 22:37; Jn. 17:21-26; Rev. 7:9; 12:11; 15:2; 19:7-8; 22:17). It will include miracles seen in the book Acts and the book of Exodus that will be combined and multiplied on a global scale. It will be the greatest outpouring of the Spirit with great power (Jo el 2:28-32).

B. The Great Ingathering of souls of probably over 1 billion (Mt. 24:14; Rev. 5:9; 7:9, 14; 14:6).

A great multitude...no one could number of all nations...out of the Tribulation... (Rev. 7:9, 14)

C. The spirit of prophecy will rest on every believer (Acts 2:17; Jer. 31:9; 23:8-20; Dan. 11:33-35; Isa. 26:9; Rev. 11:3-6; 18:20; Mt. 17:11; Mal. 4:6; Jn. 14:12).

I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy... (Acts 2:17)

D. The bridal paradigm will be established in the Church resulting in believers being ravished with courageous love in en counter Jesus as the Bridegroom God (Rev. 22:17; Hos. 2:16; Mt. 25:8).

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" (Rev. 22:17)

E. The worship and prayer movement will operate in great authority (Lk. 18:7-8; Rev. 5:8; 8:3-5; 22:17, 20; Isa. 62:6-7; 2 4:14-16; 25:9; 26:8-9; 27:2-5, 13; 30:18-19; 42:10-13; Joel 2:12-17).

F. Supernatural provision of food and water, etc. God will manifest His provision like He did in Exodus. God miraculously provided all the needs of His people as they journeyed through the wilderness. He caused food to fall from the sky and He brought water from a rock.

As in the days when you came out of...Egypt, I will show them wonders. (Mic. 7:15)

G. Supernatural guidance by prophetic revelation (Jer. 31:9; Joel 2:28) as the Lord directs His people to safety, to provis ion (food, water and refuge), to reconnect in relationships, to be at the right place at the right time, to escape the earthqua ke, bombs, or the ambush of the enemy.

H. Supernatural protection (pockets of mercy). God will seal individual saints protecting them from judgments (Rev. 7:2- 3; 9:4; Ezek. 9:4-6; Ps. 91:5-7).

Do not harm the earth...or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God... (Rev. 7:3)

Commanded not to harm the grass...but only those who do not have the seal of God... (Rev. 9:4)

1. The Goshen Principle (Ex. 8:22-23; 9:4-6, 26; 10:23; 11:7): God did not allow the plagues of Egypt to touch the land o f Goshen, where His people lived. When God's judgment fell on Egypt, God protected Israel. For example, Israel's liv estock did not die (Ex. 9:4-6), they had no hail (Ex. 9:26), no swarms of flies (Ex. 8:22) and had light (Ex. 10:23).

I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there...23 I will make a diffe rence between My people and your people. (Ex. 8:22-23)

2. Pockets of mercy refers to geographic areas in which God's people will be protected from His wrath. Prayer can make a difference in various regions (Joel 2:13-14; 3:16).
Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth...IT MAY BE that you will be hidden (protected) in the day of the LORD's anger (judgments) (Zeph. 2:3).

I also withheld rain from you...I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. 8 So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water... (Amos 4:7-8)

Re: part 2 end times outline - posted by TS, on: 2006/3/30 21:45

III. THE BIBLICAL PARADIGM: JESUS' SECOND COMING AND THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

A. One of the greatest and most prominent themes in Scripture is Jesus' Second Coming to establish God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We must have the right perspective (paradigm) to understand these truths. Jesus will rule the earth with the natural human processes not suspended, yet significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit. We see aspects of this when Jesus appeared with His resurrected body (Jn. 20-21; Acts 1).

B. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to fully establish His Kingdom rule over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together.

Having made known...the mystery (hidden plan) of His will... 10 that He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. (Eph. 1:9-10)

C. Heaven speaks of the supernatural realm where God's power and presence are fully manifest. Earth speaks of the material physical realm as the place where human process, emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression.

D. Gentile believers usually think of worshipping Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. We emphasize Jesus' deity as the Son of God. Whereas, the Jewish paradigm thinks of reigning with the Messianic King as a man in the natural conditions of the earth. They emphasize the Messiah's humanity as the Son of David. The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together.

E. There are three types of people on earth when Jesus appears in the sky to rapture the Church. The redeemed will be raptured. The reprobate who took the mark of the Beast will be captured and then executed. The resisters are the unsaved survivors of the Great Tribulation who refused to worship the Antichrist and take his mark. Consider how many unbelievers resisted Hitler without regard to their relationship with God. These will include both Gentiles as well as the unsaved remnant of Israel. The Scripture refers to these as "those who are left" or "who remain." These will have an opportunity to be converted after Jesus returns and then to populate the Millennial earth. (Isa. 4:3; 10:20; 11:11; 49:6; 65:8; 66:19; Jer. 31:2; Ezek. 20:38-42; 36:36; Dan. 12:1; Amos 9:9-10; Joel 2:32; Zech. 12:14; 13:8; 14:16).

F. Jesus' 1,000 year Millennial Kingdom is one of the major revelations of Scripture. It speaks of Jesus' establishing God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus will rule all the governments on earth as King of kings after He binds Satan and casts him in prison (Rev. 20:1-6; Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Ps. 2:6-12; 110:1-7; Mt. 5:5; 6:10; 17:11; 19:28; 28:19; Acts 1:6; 3:21). The term millennium is from the Latin "mille" (a thousand), and "annus" (a year).

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt. 6:10)

G. At this time the Kingdom of God will be established on earth affecting every sphere of life (political, economic, spiritual, educational, agricultural, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment, social institutions, etc). This period will be initiated by Jesus' Second Coming.

H. Jesus will rule in perfect righteousness, prosperity and continual peace allowing resurrected saints with glorified bodies to rule with Him over the governments of the Millennial earth. Jesus as King of Kings, will personally govern a worldwide Kingdom in partnership with resurrected saints who rule with Him in establishing a biblically based, social order (Rev. 2:26-27; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:5; Mt. 19:28; 20:21-23; 25:23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; 1 Cor. 6:2-3; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rom 8:17).

They shall be priests of God...and shall reign with Him a 1,000 years. (Rev. 20:6)

I. The Apostles will rule with Jesus on earth after the Second Coming.

Jesus said, "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration (Millennial Kingdom), when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His glory (in Millennial Jerusalem), you who have followed Me will also sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel." (Mt. 19:28)

I bestow upon you a Kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, so that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel. (Lk. 22:29-30)

J. Jesus will rule the entire earth from Jerusalem (1 Chr. 23:25; 2 Chr. 7:16; 30:8; 33:4, 7; Ps. 2:6; Isa. 2:3; 4:2-6; 24:23; 27:13; 59:20; 60:13-14; 62:1, 7; 65:18; 66:20; Jer. 3:17; 31:12; Ezek. 37:28; 43:4, 7; Joel 3:17; Mic. 4:2; Zech. 6:12-13; 8:2-3; 14:10; Mt. 5:35)

Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 3:17)

K. In the Millennium all the kings of the earth will be saved and worship Jesus (Ps. 72:11; 102:15; 138:4; 148:11; Isa. 62:2; Rev. 21:24) and base their national governments on the Scriptures. The result will be a 1000-year period of peace, righteousness, prosperity, and unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus restores the agriculture, atmosphere, and animal life, etc. He will restore part of this earth to the conditions of the Garden of Eden.

Re: Part 3 End times outline--the second coming. - posted by TS, on: 2006/3/30 21:48

IV. THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS

A. Jesus will come to earth to sit on an earthly Throne as King over all kings (Rev. 19:15-16). I refer to the many different events associated with Jesus' Second Coming as the "Second Coming Procession." The nature of the Second Coming events is a 3 stage process that includes many events instead of it being only one event that happens one afternoon.

B. Stage #1: Jesus' procession across entire earth in the sky: to rapture the saints (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7). Jesus will be seen by every eye of every person (believers and unbelievers), from all the tribes of the earth. This requires a global procession over every inhabited place on earth.

C. Stage #2: Jesus' procession on the land: traveling through Jordan killing the rebellious armies that are in alliance with the Antichrist to end the Armageddon campaign (Isa. 63:1-6; Hab. 3:3-18).

D. Stage #3: Jesus' procession into Jerusalem: on to the Mt of Olives followed by His coronation Jesus will be invited by Israel's governmental leaders to rule them (Mt. 23:39; Ps. 24:7-10; Zech. 14:4). Jesus enters Jerusalem as the King of kings using the 7 Bowls of wrath (as Moses did against Pharaoh) to destroy the armies of the Antichrist. He kills His enemies to end the Armageddon campaign with an astonishing victory at the Battle of Jerusalem (Rev. 19:11-21).

E. Jesus descends from heaven possibly to Mt. Sinai (Mt. Horeb) which is called the Mountain of God (Ex. 3:1; 4:27). Then He will march through the wilderness (Teman, Mt. Paran, Mt. Seir) through Jordan (Edom, Bozrah, Moab) killing His enemies on His way to Jerusalem. Their blood will be sprinkled on His robes (Isa. 34:5-10; 63:1-6; Hab. 3:3-15; Zech. 9:14; Ps. 110:5-6; Rev. 19:11-16). This march will involve natural human processes enhanced with significant supernatural power.

Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah (capital of Edom), this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?-- "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 "...I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart..." (Isa. 63:1-4)

F. Jesus' coming is a procession because He comes from heaven with all the saints (1 Thes. 3:13) and all the angels (Mt. 25:31). He will travel on the clouds across the whole earth until every individual sees Him (Mt. 24:30). He will come with the Father's glory (Mt. 16:27; 24:27-31), with great power (Mk. 13:26) and flaming fire (2 Thes. 1:8) and with the brightness and energy of lightning (Mt. 24:27). He will be announced with a shout, the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God as He raises the dead. (1 Thes. 4:14-17). Jesus will come as King of kings and will kill the rebellious armies of the earth (Rev. 19:11-16). The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken (Mt. 24:29).

V. THE GREAT DAY OF THE LORD: THE POSITIVE EVENTS AND PEOPLE

A. Jesus' Second Coming to establish His Millennial Kingdom is the ultimate prophetic theme. Scripture calls His coming our blessed hope (Titus 2:13) The NT has over 300 references to this.

B. The Rapture of the Church -- as Jesus descends from heaven, He will rapture or "catch up" all the saints in the air from one end of the sky to the other to meet Jesus.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord... (1 Thes. 4:16-17)

1. The saints will be instantly changed by being given resurrected bodies that radiate His glory (1 Thes. 4:13-18; 2 Thes. 2:1; 1 Cor. 15:51-52, 41-43; Mt. 13:30, 40-43; 24:30-31).

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trumpet...the dead will be raised... (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

2. The Rapture will not be a secret event, but a dramatic event that all the people on earth will witness with their natural eye (rather than seeing Him in a mystical vision or by technology). The Rapture will be a process that takes time to complete. For example, the people in the Pacific islands will not see Him at the same time as those in the Mediterranean islands. Since the earth is round, it is impossible for all the people on the earth to see Him at the same time. Jesus must cover each longitude and latitude in order for each person to see Him in person as He arrives over their region. What height and speed will Jesus travel at so as to be recognizable to people on the earth with the naked eye? His procession across

s the sky requires that Jesus be close enough to be seen and the process is slow enough for each person (not raptured) to interpret the significance of what is happening so that they mourn.

3. The Last Trumpet or the 7th Trumpet initiates the Second Coming procession thus the Rapture (Rev. 11:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-52). The fact of the Rapture is a glorious doctrine, however, a deception today relates to its timing in occurring before the Tribulation.

C. The Marriage supper of the Lamb and the rewards for each believer occurs in context to the Second Coming and the Rapture (Rev. 19:7-10). The Second Coming describes what Jesus does when He comes back to earth as the Rapture describes what happens to the Church when Jesus appears in the sky. The Second Coming and the Rapture occur in the same time frame.

D. The Two Witnesses (prophets) will preach with great power and release God's judgments for 3½ years during the Great Tribulation. They will work miracles like Moses and Elijah (Mal. 4:5).

I will give power to my Two Witnesses, and they will prophesy 1,260 days...5 if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth...6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. (Rev. 11:3-6)

E. The 144,000 sealed Jewish believers (Rev. 7:4-8; 14:1-5) are prophetic singers who preach the gospel in power during the last 3½ years. They will be divinely sealed or protected by the power of God in the midst of God's judgments. Other believers (Gentiles) are sealed by God for protection (Rev 9:4; Ezek 9:6). The Goshen Principle (Ex. 8:22-23; 9:4, 6, 26; Zeph. 2:3; Ps. 91).

F. The salvation of Israel (Rom. 11:12-15, 25-26) occurs as the Church provokes Israel to jealousy by standing with them in affliction and by operating in the power of God (Matt. 25:32-46).

G. Jesus' victory in the Armageddon Campaign (continues for a 3½ year period) destroys the worldwide empire of the Antichrist and False Prophet along with their armies (Rev. 16:16; 19:11-21; Mt. 25:31-32). The final military conflict will be between Jesus and the Antichrist. Blood is spilled for over 200 miles throughout Israel (Rev. 14:20; Joel 3:2-15; Zech. 14:1-5; Zeph. 3:8).

H. God's judgment on the Great Harlot Babylon (Rev. 17) is a judgment on this worldwide demonic economic and religious network that seduces many to follow evil and to persecute the saints. God's wrath will come on Babylon in two stages. The angel proclaimed a double fall of Babylon (Rev. 14:8). Rev. 17-18 describes the two falls of Babylon. The first phrase of fall of Babylon (Rev. 17) relates to worldwide religion system of toleration and syncretism. This will fall in middle of the 7 year period at the hands of the ten kings (Rev. 17:16). The 10 kings burned the Harlot religious system and replaced it with the Antichrist's religious system that will be based in part of the city of Babylon. Babylon will be established as one of the Antichrist's headquarters. This second phase of judgment (Rev. 18) will be the collapse of the Antichrist's worldwide economic system at the end of the 7 year period at the hands of God (Rev. 18:8).

Re: part 4 end times outline - posted by TS, on: 2006/3/30 21:50

VI. VERY TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD: THE GREAT TRIBULATION

When you see the 'Abomination of Desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...21 for then there will be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved (physically killed); but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. (Mt. 24:15, 21-22)

A. The very Terrible Day will be the greatest crisis in history called the Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21; Jer. 30:7; Dan. 12:1; Rev. 3:10) emphasizing the negative dimensions of the 3½ years before Jesus' return. The great trouble will be caused by the wrath of God on the rebellious by the Antichrist's reign of terror and the actions of evil people (on both believers and unbelievers) along with convulsions in nature (earthquakes, storms, etc).

B. The Antichrist brings tribulation to the saints using his worldwide government (Rev. 13). God brings tribulation against the people in the Antichrist's empire by the 3 numbered judgment series which are three groups of judgments (7 seals, 7 trumpets, 7 bowls of wrath) as described in Rev. 6-19. They describe 21 judgments on the Antichrist that continue through the final 3½ years.

C. There are two seasons of time, where people die unnatural deaths (totaling 50% of the population).

Behold, a pale horse. The name of him who sat on it was Death...and power was given to them over ¼ of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by beasts.... (Rev. 6:8)

The four angels...were released to kill 1/3 of mankind. (Rev. 9:15)

D. The purpose of the Great Tribulation is to purify God's people through affliction (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19: 7-8; Dan 11:35; 12:10), release the Ingathering of souls (including the salvation of Israel), vindicate the saints, expose false believers within the Church, and demonstrate God's power in protecting the saints (Rom. 9:17). It expresses God's justice in punishing sin (2 Thes. 1:6-10; Isa. 26:21), and purging the earth from sin (Isa. 24:4-6; Zech. 13:2) before the Millennial

Kingdom.

E. The principle of judgment: God uses the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love without violating anyone's free will in training the rulers of the earth.

VII. VERY TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD: FOUR NEGATIVE TRENDS

A. Fullness of God's judgment (Rev. 14:7; 15:7) includes the 7 seals (Rev. 6), the 7 trumpets (Rev. 8:9) and the 7 bowls of wrath (Rev. 16) as judgment on the Antichrist's infrastructure.

The wrath of God which is poured out full strength (Rev. 14:10)

B. Fullness of Satan's rage (Rev. 12:12; 9:21; Dan. 7:21, 25; Rev. 13)

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth...! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time. (Rev. 12: 12)

C. Fullness of man's sin which comes to maturity (Rev. 9:21; 14:18; 17:5; 18:5; Dan. 8:23; 12:10).

They did not repent of their murders...sorceries...sexual immorality or their thefts. (Rev. 9:21)

1. Murder – the primary sin on earth (Rev. 6:9-11; 7:13-14; 9:21; 13:7, 10; 16:6; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2; 2 Tim. 3:3 (brutal); Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; 11:33-35; 12:7, 10; Mk. 13:12-13).

2. Sorceries (occult/deception/oppression) Rev. 13:3-4, 8, 12-15; 14:11; 16:13-14; 18:23; Matt. 24:5, 11, 12, 24; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Thes. 2:3-4

3. Immorality – demonized with perversion (Rev. 9:21; 16:13; 17:2; 18:3; 19:2; 2 Pet. 3:3).

4. Theft – legislation (anti-Semitism, etc), persecution, mark of the Beast, etc.

D. Fullness of Creation's groan (Rom. 8:19-24) – the land is directly related to the sin of its inhabitants.

Creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans... (Rom. 8:21-22)

VIII. VERY TERRIBLE DAY: NEGATIVE EVENTS AND PEOPLE

A. The Antichrist (Rev. 13) – is the final world leader who wages war against God and persecutes His people. He has a political, military and economic alliance with a ten-nation confederation. He will have the largest army, and the most money and power (spiritual/political/military) of any man in history. He will use demonic miracles to deceive (Rev. 13:12-14) and the political process to kill resistors (Rev. 13:15) using economic oppression (Rev. 13:16-17). The Antichrist will be a cruel man without reason or mercy, like a wild beast. The Antichrist is called the "Beast" 36 times in Revelation.

B. A 10-nation confederation is a political, military and economic alliance of ten nations that provides the Antichrist the with the greatest natural power base of any leader in history. Gog (Antichrist) and Magog (revived Roman Empire) provide the power base of this world empire (Dan. 7:1-8; Ezek. 38:2-6). The power of the unified resources of 10-nations is beyond any other empire in history (Dan. 11:36-45). The four components of the Antichrist's empire are political authority (10-nation confederation's power to make laws Rev. 13:1-2; 17:16), military force (Rev. 13:4, 7), economic control (commerce, monopolies, Rev. 13:2, 15-17) and religious control (worship movement by occult powers, miracles, Rev. 13:4, 8).

C. The catalytic event – the Antichrist's dramatic head wound and healing (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14). This event will be the catalyst that launches the Antichrist into world prominence. The Antichrist is seemingly killed and healed causing the nations to worship him. The Antichrist's death and apparent healing is an imitation of Jesus' resurrection. He claims Jesus is an evil imposter.

D. The False Prophet (Rev. 13:11-18) – the leader of the future worldwide religious network that is devoted to causing all the nations to worship Satan and the Antichrist (Rev. 13:4, 8). His three most effective strategies will be by giving demonically empowered public speeches that are confirmed by great miracles to deceive (Rev. 13:12-14), along with the Abomination of Desolation which is based on an idol or image that is demonically empowered to breathe and speak (Rev. 13:14-16) and the mark of the Beast (Rev. 13:16-17) which provides a strict way to control finances and the purchases of the necessities of life as well as being a means of daily forcing all to openly declare their loyalty or lack of loyalty to the Antichrist. He also has authority to legislate the death penalty and economic controls by instituting the mark of the Beast system.

E. The Abomination of Desolation – the Antichrist will declare himself to being God by setting up an idol (which is the abomination) that stands in the Jerusalem Temple. This idol (image or statue) is demonically empowered so that it is seen to think, talk, breathe, and make laws (Rev. 13:14-16). This idol will be a great abomination to God that causes God's judgments to desolate the earth. Why? Because this idol is the greatest abomination of all history. It is the key that triggers the Antichrist's demand to be worshipped by all nations. This abomination is backed up by demonic signs and wonders. No one can buy nor sell without worshipping the devil. All who refuse will be sought out as a criminal of the state under a real threat of martyrdom.

1. The Antichrist sets an idol in the Temple causing the sacrifices to cease for exactly 1,290 days which results in the threat of every human being killed (Dan. 12:11; Mt. 24:15-22).

2. This is one of the most significant prophetic signs in the End-Times. John emphasized this statue ten times (Rev. 13:14, 15 ; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:4). This act of abomination will occur in the middle of the last 7 years before J

Jesus returns. The Abomination of Desolation is God's title for this period of crisis. It is mentioned in Scripture 7 times plus 2 other descriptions (Dan. 8:13; 9:26, 27; 11:31; 12:11; Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:12-18).

3. The Abomination (defilement, pollution) is made up of two parts. First, the Antichrist's demand to be worshipped as God. Second, the people's acceptance of this. The desolation is made up of two parts. First, the desolations of the Antichrist on those who refuse his demand for worship. Second, the desolations or judgments of God on those who yield to the pressure to worship the Antichrist.

F. Image of the Beast – a supernatural image or statue (that breathes and speaks) that is set up in the Jerusalem Temple and used to serve a worldwide worship movement of the Antichrist. Dan. 3.

G. Mark of the Beast – a public mark used to identify the people who refuse to worship the Antichrist under the threat of economic sanctions and the death penalty. This mark forces all to regularly and publicly declare their loyalty to the Antichrist.

H. The Harlot Babylon is a worldwide economic and religious network that is filled with evil to seduce many to follow them and it will persecute the saints (Rev. 17-18).

I. The martyrdom of Christians – the Antichrist will make war with the saints (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; 11:33-35; 12:7, 10; Rev. 6:9-11; 7:9, 14; 9:21; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 16:5-7; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2).

J. The falling away from the faith which is called the apostasy (2 Thes. 2:3, 1 Tim. 4:1; Mt. 24:10-12)

Re: Final Part End Times outline - posted by TS, on: 2006/3/30 21:52

IX. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE END-TIMES

A. Israel becoming a nation (1948) and governing the city of Jerusalem (1967).

B. The formation of the European Union in alliance with a ten-nation confederation (outside of the European Union) with a 3-nation coalition at the core that gets uprooted early on (Dan. 7:8, 20, 24).

C. The emergence of a regional political leader (early stages of Antichrist's career) in the Middle East or Europe that has unusual diplomacy with a 3-nation coalition working closely (Dan. 7:8, 20, 24).

D. Emergence of a one-world government based in European Union (revived Roman Empire) with a 10 nation confederation support system (Rev. 17:12).

E. A Middle East peace treaty that brings worldwide counterfeit peace and safety led by one key man with unusual diplomatic ability (Dan. 9:27; 1 Thes. 5:3).

F. Re-building of the ancient city of Babylon on the Euphrates as a new worldwide economic and religious center (Isa. 13-14; Jer. 50-51; Rev. 17-18). Babylon refers to the city on the Euphrates River in Iraq (50 miles south of Baghdad) that will be restored and will be one of the Antichrist's headquarters. Babylon will occupy a major role in four ways: geographically, nationally, spiritually, and prophetically. God's judgment will destroy this city forever (Jer. 50-51 has not happened yet).

G. Rebuilding the Temple – the Tribulation Temple will be desecrated by the Antichrist yet shall be the context for the ministry of the Two Witnesses (Daniel 9:27; 11:36-45; Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14; 2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 11:1-2). Its outer court will be retained by Gentiles (Arabs). The Millennial Temple is not the tribulation temple that will be built by Jesus (Ezek. 43:1-7; 10:4, 18-19; 11:22-23).

H. A one world religion that is enforced (Rev. 13, 17-18) – the rise of false prophets who help establish religious alliances between all religions including the occult, New Age, liberal "Christianity" with Muslims, Hindu, Buddhists, all with a commitment to moral tolerance that paves the way for a one-world religion. Mystery Babylon will persecute Christians during this time of counterfeit world peace and spiritual persecution (increased birth pangs) (1 Thes. 5:2-3; Mt. 24:9-14, 36-41).

I. The increase of travel and knowledge (scientific, communication, technology).

Daniel 12:4 "Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and for (travel), and knowledge shall increase."

J. The Lord will gather all the armies of all the nations to Jerusalem (Zech. 12:3; 14:2; Joel 3:2; Zeph. 3:8). God wants no nation to be neutral. Therefore, He will gather all nations to make them declare what is in their hearts toward Jesus. Joel calls this the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). The nations of the earth will attack Israel and lay siege to Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1-10; 14:1-2). The Lord will gather all nations to Jerusalem (Zion) which is named prophetically by Joel, the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" (Joel 3:2, 12) or the "Valley of Decision" (Joel 3:14). This is the Valley of Berachah, where Jehoshaphat won a great battle against all odds (2 Chr. 20:26, 16).

K. The three prophetic time frames in the End-Times all relate to the final 7-year period of history (Dan. 9:27; comparing Mt. 24 with 1 Thes. 5:2-3) First, the beginning of birth pangs (possibly starting in 1948). Second, the worldwide counterfeit peace and safety (1 Thes. 5:2; Dan. 9:27) which starts at the beginning of the final 7 years and continues 3½ years. Third, the Great Tribulation begins as the heavy birth pangs and lasts for 3½ years.

All believers can understand the book of Revelation and End-Time prop

Re: , on: 2012/2/13 11:05

Quote:

----- Mike, you are a Preterist. Doesn't matter, partial or what,

Found this while searching for something else and thought I'd comment on it.

There are three camps of the Preterists, Full, Partial and Hyper. The most dangerous of these three is the Full and Hyper.

Annie said that "doesn't matter", well it does matter because the Partials believe in the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead that is still to take place in the future. At least we have something in common. However the Full and Hyper do not believe that, they believe it's all been done in the past.

I've met both full and hyper preterist, the hypers are the most intolerable people to get along with. Pride stinks.

Re: **Approved**, on: 2012/2/13 11:46

Uh, and what pray tell is a preterist? Is that like a Calvinist?

Blaine

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2012/2/13 13:01

The preterist movement essentially teaches that all the end-times prophecies of the New Testament were fulfilled in A.D. 70 when the Romans attacked and destroyed Jerusalem and Israel.

The Great multitude came out. They had, therefore, to go in at some time., on: 2012/2/13 13:16

I highly recommend Zac Poonen's REVELATION series here on SI. It is verse by verse expository, and quite brilliant. He brought this to my attention concerning the Great Multitude before the Throne that "No man could number."

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? "

"And I said unto him, "Sir, thou knowest". And he said to me,

"These are they which came out of Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Poonen says; "They went in; They came out."

The point is, that they surely were not raptured before they went in...it's an impossibility. They went in it, and came out of it.

Re: The Great multitude came out. They had, therefore, to go in at some time. - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2012/2/13 2

The Body of Christ, His Church, does not need to have their robes cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb. He has already presented to Himself His Bride, and the Marriage supper of the Lamb has already taken place. I am already crucified with Christ, Gal 2:20, The life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God, it is no longer I who live but Christ who liveth in me. He does not need to have His robe which is my robe, cleansed by His own blood and His life being born again of incorruptable Seed of the Father which is the living Word of God, who does not need to recleanse me by His own blood and a white robe, which I am partaker of by His resurrected Life and Spirit in me, which we are all partakers of already.

Run from the rapture all you want, but when it comes you won't be able to get away. We are His, bought and paid for in total by the greatest price ever paid, God's only begotten Son, crucified for those that would believe and become the sons of God by the Blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrected life which we now live.

Gaebelein's Annotated Bible;

How much confusion would have been avoided if expositors and Christians in searching for the meaning of this vision, had not lost sight of two great facts: 1. This chapter can have no application to the Church on earth, nor to the Church in glory, for the simple reason that the Church is already complete and translated to glory. 2. The vision states clearly that the sealed company is "of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

The sealed company is of Israel. After the Church is removed to glory, when the fulness of the Gentiles is come in (Ro 11:26) the Lord will turn in mercy to Israel and call, before the judgments fall, a remnant which will also be sealed (See Ez 9). This remnant is frequently seen on the pages of Old Testament prophecy. This sealed company also bears a great testimony. They are the preachers of the gospel of the kingdom, as a witness to all nations before the end comes (Mt 24:14). Therefore, during the time when the judgments are executed from above there will be a world-wide preaching of the gospel of the kingdom, proclaiming the coming of the King, calling to repentance and faith in His Name, and offering mercy still.

Verses 9-17. The application of this passage of Scripture to the redeemed Church in glory is wrong. This Scripture does not apply to the Church in glory, but to saved Gentiles on earth. It is a company which comes "out of the great tribulation." The Church enters the glory before that great tribulation begins. The great multitude represents those Gentiles who will hear the final testimony and believe. They will have turned in repentance to Him and will be washed in His precious blood. Our Lord speaks of them in the great judgment of the nations as sheep, who stand at His right hand and inherit the kingdom (Mt 25:31, etc.). The brethren of our Lord mentioned in Matthew are the remnant of Israel. (For a complete exposition see The Gospel of Matthew, by the author of this volume.) This great company, therefore, does not stand before a heavenly throne, but before the millennial throne on earth. It is a millennial scene after the tribulation is passed. End:

In Christ who needs no white robe, for He is my righteousness, wisdom, sanctification and full redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Christ in me is my glory, not coming out of the tribulation in white robes. We are already in Him, with Him in fulness of His being born again in us. He is my glory and we are His prize, perfect before the Father the Lamb's Bride without spot or wrinkle, already seated in the heavenlies in Christ now and will be raptured to fulfill and complete the Father's House exists which Jesus has prepared for us to be with Him, the Father and the Holy Spirit in us forever.

In Christ: Phillip

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/13 22:43

hi, i have stated many times here that i should take no thought of tomorrow. here is why: when the beginning of end time study starts in dan. 2 why do we skip dan. 3 it has a beast that must be worshipped, it has a way of possible escape, it has a threat of great tribulation, it has the meeting of Jesus in the place of tribulation and it has deliverance through the tribulation without harm. the hebrews were delivered through the fire, dan was delivered through the lions den... although i walk through the valley of the shadow of death i will fear no evil... the jews were delivered through the waters. there is no example in the old testament of someone being delivered from anything. Jesus was delivered through the cross and the grave and death. laz was delivered through the grave. jimp

Re: The Great multitude came out. They had, therefore, to go in at some time. - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2012/2/13 22:43

Hi Brothertom,

Quote:

"And I said unto him, "Sir, thou knowest". And he said to me,

"These are they which came out of Great Tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Poonen says; "They went in; They came out."

The point is, that they surely were not raptured before they went in...it's an impossibility. They went in it, and came out of it.

I strongly reject any teaching as an "absolute" that a "gathering" of the Bride of Christ before the Wrath of God is poured out upon this world is an "impossibility."

In this case, Brother Zac is stating that "out of" is confined to believers who went "in." The suggestion implies that all of those who came out dressed in white were believers who went in at the beginning of that period.

First of all, the Word is clear that there will be many converts during that time. Those who come "out" of the period may simply be those who find Christ in the midst of such great trial.

Next, the argument presented in a matter of rhetorical semantics. The words "came out" can convey several things -- just like the words used in Revelation 3:10 can be selectively interpreted in regard to how believers would be kept FROM the hour of temptation:

Quote:
-----"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."
- Revelation 3:10

I do believe that there are many misperceptions in regard to the views of those who believe (or consider the possibility) of a "gathering" or "catching away" before the wrath of God is poured out.

Those of us who may lean toward such a view aren't saying that believers are immune from tribulation or persecution on this Earth. Obviously, believers have historically been recipients of immense tribulation and persecution. However, the wrath of God is an entirely different matter.

I am convinced that either the Lord will remove His Bride before that time...or that He will supernaturally PROTECT His Bride from God's wrath during that time. This will be vast divine protection, since entire portions of the Earth will be laid waste during that time.

I suppose that the long debates on this topic will probably continue until we are actually experiencing them firsthand. However, I am also convinced that those who have their faith and hope in Christ have nothing to fear -- regardless of how the end comes.

We can be prepared for ANY way the end comes. After all, we aren't even promised that we will be alive by that time. Regarding our eternal preparation, David Wilkerson used to say that we should live our lives in a way that we are ready to depart this life at any time.

In fact, we should long for that ending...because the end result is to be with Him...in a manner that is closer than we experience here on this side of that "glass darkly."