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I have always understood the doctrine of the secret rapture, where believers were snatched away before the 7 year tribulation, originated with J. N. Derby. Then was made popular by C. I. Scofield.

However I have recently heard this doctrine of a snatching away of believers before the tribulation was developed by the Catholic Jesuits. Anyone familiar with this?

Bro Blaine

**Re: Where did the doctrine the Pretrib Rapture Come From??? - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/4 6:23**

Hi Bearmaster,

I think this is a loaded question in particular using the terms "developed" and "originated" which are disconcerting to pre trib believers.

We have to discuss our points in relation to whats in the Bible and is it in the Bible or not.

Again their are many great(although none great compares to Christ) Christians who believe in the Post Tribulation and t heir are many great Christians who believe in the Pre Tribulation,all brothers and sisters in Christ,

Their are downsides to believing in Post Tribulation and their are downsides in believing in Pre Tribulation,their are also upsides,

Yours staff

**Re: Staff , on: 2017/5/4 7:43**

We are warned in scripture to be aware of deception in the end times. Paul writes to the Thessalonians,

... Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him t hat you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter, as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you for it will not come unless the apo stasy comes first and the man of lowliness lawlessness is revealed the son of destruction who opposes and exalts hims elf above every socalled God or object of worship so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as b eing God...2 Thes. 2:1-4

The scriptures warn as there will be a falling away. That would presuppose people who hold to the truth of Jesus will beli eve a delusion. Again Paul writes,

... For this reason, God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that all m ay be judged, who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness...2 Thes. 2:11

I quote the above verses before I post a link to this article below. I believe this article, as well as other articles, I have go ogled this morning show that the pretrib rapture origins are rooted in the work of the Jesuits.

<https://bjorkbloggen.com/2011/10/18/history-of-the-very-recent-origin-of-the-pretribulation-rapture-and-dispensationalism/>

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/4 8:04**

I agree completely staff. Many great christians have believed pre trib, some post trib, some (like Finney) were actually post millennial. I am pre trib myself; I don't think I am under some sort of delusion. Read what Darby and some of his associates, like Anthony Norris Groves, wrote. They were full of the love of Christ; they weren't cult leaders, like some have depicted them.

**Re: , on: 2017/5/4 8:34**

Brothers respectfully, I disagree. In reading about the origins of the pretrib rapture. Three names come forward. All Jesuits; Francisco Ribera 1537-1591, Jesuit doctor of theology. Also Cardinal Robert Bellarmine, a Jesuit scholar, 1543-1621. And finally, Manuel de Lacañza, 1731-1802. These 3 men planted the seeds of what we call the pre trib rapture. Later, this teaching was picked up by Edward Irving, J.N. Darby, and C. I. Scofield; all Protestants.

The RCC planted the seeds of the pretrib rapture into the Protestant church. The attempt of the RCC was to take away attention from itself as being the antichrist and its institution.

Link to article below gives further history.

<http://www.angelfire.com/la2/prophet1/Jesuits.html>

Bro Blaine

**Re: , on: 2017/5/4 10:44**

I believe that one can be genuine and be genuinely wrong. I believe that Darby and Finney would fall into that category in regards to pre-trib. In my mind it takes nothing away from these men to believe that they were wrong. None of us have a perfect doctrine and all of us have something that we believe that will turn out not to be incorrect. Now, some errors are larger than others and have more consequences. If pre-trib teaching has lulled much of the Body into a bed of ease thinking that there is no tribulation to go through, then that error is a dangerous one and should be guarded against.....bro Frank

**Re: , on: 2017/5/4 12:04**

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Agreed brother. So agree.

I remember I was in a fellowship where I quoted a scripture. A couple was standing next to me. His young wife remarked that if she were in prison she would want to be next door to me in a jail cell. She said I would encourage her by the word I had stored up in my heart. Her husband remarked to her that she would not have to worry about memorizing scripture. For we were going to be raptured before the tribulation.

I'm afraid comments, such as the above, are all too common in the body of Christ for those who hold to a pre trib rapture. I do believe there are those who hold to this doctrine who are being lulled into a false sense of ease.

Bro Blaine

**Re: Does the New Testament Teach 2 Returns of Christ , on: 2017/5/5 10:26**

As the times grow closer to the return of Jesus. We must ask the question, does the New Testament teach 2 comings of Christ?

Those who hold to a pretrib rapture would say that Jesus is coming secretly to take home his bride. Then, after the 7 year tribulation, there will be another appearance of Christ to take home the tribulation saints and to judge the wicked.

Where on earth is this taught in the New Testament? And for that matter, did the early church ever hold to this view?

**Re: The Wheat and the Tares , on: 2017/5/5 11:07**

Matthew 13:36-43 New American Standard Bible (NASB) The Tares Explained

36 "Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.' 37 And He said, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. 40 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. 41 He will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears let him hear.

Jesus tells the parable of tares sown among the wheat (Mat. 13:24-30). Then gives the explanation above. In the above verses Jesus teaches one coming judgment of the righteous and the wicked. If he were coming to secretly rapture his bride before the tribulation. Would he not have taught it here?

Ok. For those who hold to the pre trib view what am I missing?

Why are the wheat not taken out before the tares? A pre tribe rapture model would say pull the wheat up secretly before the final harvest. Leave the tares. Then maybe some more wheat who once were tares will grow. Then do a final harvest of removing the tares and harvesting hopefully some wheat.

As ridiculous as this sounds. This is what a pre trib rapture model would look like in the above parable.

I don't think Jesus held to a pre trib rapture.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/5 11:29**

From christinprophecy.org

"Jesus stated in Matthew 24:42,44 to 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.' So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.' Not only do believers in Christ not know when to expect Him, but the Father Himself seems to have left Jesus out on the exact time His Son is to return. As Jesus stated in Matthew 24:36, 'No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.' These and other verses (Mat. 24:36,42,44,50; 25:13; 1 Thes. 4:18; Tit. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:28; 3:2-3) indicate that Jesus'™ arrival will come when nobody expects it.

The Second Coming, on the other hand, is preceded by many events, such as the rise of the Antichrist (Rev. 12:13-17; Zech; 13:7-9), a treaty with Israel (Dan. 9:27), the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple (Mat. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:3-4; Rev. 11:1-2), as well as plagues and judgments and persecutions destroying most of the world's™ population (Rev. 6-18). The Book of Revelation reports these events as occurring during the 7-year Tribulation, which Revelation reveals precede the Second Coming."

And please also remember, I respect all differing viewpoints on this subject. Keep in mind that we can "understand all mysteries, and all knowledge", yet without love, we are nothing. We must "endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/5/5 11:33**

The more I study Revelation the better I understand the people's lack of understanding of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem and his subsequent ministry and ongoing 'rule' among people.

Blaine, how do you understand the millennium reign? Its beginning and end?

Sandra

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/5 11:48**

An interesting article rebutting Joe Schimmel's "left Behind Or Led Astray" can be read here: <http://www.pre-trib.org/data/pdf/Rebuttal-statement-Left-Behind-or-Led-Astray.pdf>

Part of the article debunks the notion that Darby got the idea of the pre trib rapture from Margaret Macdonald. In fact, Darby said Macdonald's utterances were not inspired by the Holy Spirit, and it seems that her utterances supported a post tribulation view.

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2017/5/5 13:34**

The dilemma whether to believe either pre or post trib seems to hinge on the weaknesses of the non-preferred view. For decades, I held to one view because I read for all those years the biblical arguments of those who spent most of their time refuting the opposing view. But, I always struggled to swallow the underlying arguments since they stood less on their own bottom than they did on the heap of what they thought they had destroyed in the opposing view.

In time, I determined to look at the textual support for pre and for post on my own. I reached a prayer-soaked conclusion. I have no preference but the truth. God is just no matter how He does what He says He will do. I am thoroughly convinced and I do not need to stand on the ruins of the opposing view. A good, faithful to the Word opposition that is simply wrong is not less in Christ than I am because it is wrong.

The flipside is that for those of us who are post trib believers, as I am, we cannot find peace with the status quo ante and we feel a tremendous burden to persuade and warn of the troubles ahead and even Daniel's 70th week. When we say why we are so burdened, we do not wish to invite the derision and criticism of pre trib believers. But, the swirl of engagement seems always to go to the drain of exchanged attacks on the other side's perceived weaknesses. That is no pathway toward truth.

In the end, it does not matter what Darby believed or when. It matters what the bible reveals. If Darby is truly consistent with biblical revelation, then good on Darby even if Margaret MacDonald was a catalyst for that and even if Darby was the first man to understand the reality of things eschatological this side of the apostles. But, if Darby is not congruent with the Bible, then poor Darby. He then joins the long list of people who have been wrong and who never in the first place stood to ask to be the standard of truth.

**Re: Beliefs accompanying the pre-trib view - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/5 15:54**

Many that have studied the pre-trib view believe that many beliefs that have grown up around and accompany the pre-trib view are as much in need of further discussion as the pre-trib view itself.

1) Everyone saved during the tribulation will never be part of the church since the church will have been taken and vanished. Tribulation saints will be saved through faith and the blood of Christ but nonetheless will never be part of the church.

2) Believers who have come to faith during the tribulation will not be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This raises a legitimate issue if one can be born again without being indwelt by the Spirit.

- 3) Many pre-trib advocates propose Israel will be placed back under a system of law and will be required to be saved in his "Old Testament manner" during the tribulation since the age of grace will have closed.
- 4) Many parts of the NT will not be relevant for tribulation believers since major parts of the NT are for the church only.
- 5) The Day of the Lord will be seven years long instead of occurring at the end of the tribulation.

Many pre-trib believers are not even aware of these views that have grown up around and accompany their view.

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/5 17:36**

Hi docs.

1. I don't hold to the view that Tribulation saints are not part of the church. Even Old Testament believers are part of the church and were born again the same way we are today and will be during the Tribulation.
2. Everyone who places their faith in Jesus Christ and is born again is indwelt by the Holy Spirit; again, even in the Old Testament it was so.
- 3 and 4. What are they supposed to believe then? Even in the Old Testament times, law could not save you, so it can't during the Tribulation.
5. The Day of the Lord is just that; it's a one time event where God takes the saints to be with Him, not a seven year period.

Also, I hear people say that you have to infer the pre tribulation rapture in scripture, but you also have to do that with the doctrine of the Trinity. Many cults will deny the Trinity because that word is not in scripture, you have to carefully study the scriptures and ask God for illumination.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/5 19:38**

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Hi Dolfan I think your comments are fair about Darby. If they are consistent with the bible good and if not poor. Many pretribbers also have a deep concern for those going to go through the tribulation not because of Christians going through this time but because they have a love for the lost and the unsaved and want to warn them of the time ahead.

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**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2017/5/6 3:19**

...Jesus told His disciples that in this world we would have tribulation, some greater than others.

Paul said that the tribulation he goes through on earth doesn't begin to compare with the glory to be revealed when Christ returns for His people.

When writing to the Thessalonians, Paul keeps emphasizing that the Day of the Lord is to be a source of comfort for Christians, a culmination of the good things promised by Jesus; that that Day had not yet come (in their time), that it would come as a thief in the night, that the man of sin (lawlessness) would be revealed. It would be a time of great delusion in the world, however not for true believers. The delusion is for those who found no place in their hearts to believe the truth and be saved. Paul then again reminds them that they were chosen by God for salvation through sanctification by the Holy Spirit and faith in the truth

...in summary, it doesn't really matter what tribulation we go through, small or great, the truth is, we are going THROUGH and coming out on the other side into the glory that Christ has promised to all who believe and continue to believe in Him.

Blessings,

**Re: , on: 2017/5/6 7:15**

Probably one way of looking at this is God does not save us "from" the tribulation. But He saves us "through" the tribulation. The Israelites in Egypt are a good example of God saving His people through the tribulation.

I have heard those who defend the pretrib rapture, saying that certainly God would not want His people to go through His wrath. And then they quote the verse that says God is not destined us for wrath but for salvation in Jesus Christ.

But the distinction needs to be made between the judgments of God upon the earth and persecution. I believe God will save His remnant church during the judgments that are mentioned in Revelation. Just as he saved his Old Testament people during the judgments he brought against Egypt during the time of Moses.

However, the church or I should say the remnant bride is not spared from persecution. Persecution has been an ongoing reality of the believing church since the time of Christ. That is why the doctrine of a pre trib rapture is not taught in places like North Korea. For those believers would say we are in tribulation.

As I go through the New Testament, it seems the message is that God will save his people "through" tribulation. But He will not save them "from" tribulation.

I want to thank all who are contributing on this thread. And the spirit exhibited here.

I apologize, I cannot respond to your post individually. But your comments are causing me to think through this issue. And I believe this issue is something we will need to think through grow closer to the time of His return.

As usual simply my thoughts.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/5/6 8:36**

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I can only speak for myself but when I came to my own conclusion that the church could very well be going through the t

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ribulation, at the time it was too much for my mind to handle, I didn't lovingly embrace post-tribulation!

I couldn't handle it, I thought it was impossible and I read and reread the Scriptures. But in the mean time of not being able to base jump right into post-tribulation, I found mid-trib and settled there for about 6 mos to a year while still studying the Scriptures. But my personal point is that mid-trib was my exodus and first step toward post-trib while the dust settled in my mind and heart.

Edit: Well, after rereading this, your statement could very well be true!! Mid-trib can be a form a pre-trib because I no longer believed the pre-trib was correct but was afraid to leave the belief I had held for years.

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/5/6 8:58**

Quote:

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Lisa that is really honest post.

I really do not find anything useful in the post or pre trib arguments. I think I am post trib because I see all the scriptures pointing to that. I have no trouble believing it. I have already faced enough persecution for my faith. The feeling of being hated by your loved ones for your faith is far bitter than any physical suffering. I think all this are again great debate in west where prosperity is making it difficult for them to accept any persecution.

Many Pre Trib believers, though they acknowledge that there is no scriptural backing for their belief, they still hold on to it because it is difficult for them to believe otherwise.

**Daniels 70th week - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/5/6 19:02**

In order to comprehend the catching away of the "church" or bride of Christ and place it in a time line you have to clarify where you stand in regards to Daniel's 70th week and then look at the events of Revelation. At a certain point the church is no longer on earth and the prophesy in Daniel containing the 70th week was for "Thy people" which is clearly an indication that he is talking about natural born Israelites as opposed to engrafted gentile believers in Christ. I need to look again but I believe the Church of Jesus Christ is not mentioned on earth again after ch4 of Revelation, however we see pictures of events happening in Heaven as well as events happening at the same time on earth after ch 4 specifically ch 5 and forward. Then you have to look and make a difference between Tribulation and The Great Tribulation. Presently more Christians are being persecuted and martyred now than at any time in world history...so only in America does certain monismers really apply when it comes to the catching away of the Bride of Christ. The catching away was an expected event to such an extent that the church in Thessalonica closely associated with the exhortation to the church of Smyrna had some clarification from Paul. The time line was not really expounded on but some of the ongoing conditions were, those conditions however have existed from that time till now. The actual event of the catching away if you parse the words from the Greek are really pretty straight forward in that when this event happens all those in Christ will be gone forcibly removed from earth and suddenly in Heaven with Christ.

**Re: Where did the doctrine the Pretrib Rapture Come From??? - posted by savannah, on: 2017/5/6 19:04**

I don't think that any here are under the assumption that there's no tribulation that a Christian must endure. Each Christian suffers in one degree or another.

The question hinges upon one's interpretation of Matthew 24 and Daniel's 70th week. It is the "Great Tribulation" reference



ced in those verses that the debate is over.

If this is not the case, please explain.

So, it is of utmost importance to understand what the Spirit is teaching in the context of those verses.

Acts 2:36

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.â€

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/6 20:38**

Hi Bearmaster

On this route one thing that I find with the post tribulation view is that they alot of the times dont differentiate between "Tribulation" and "The Great Tribulation"

So jut because we have tribulation in this life and we go through it doesnt mean that we automatically assume that we g o through the specific period of time called the "The Great Tribulation".This specific time has also a specific purpose or p urposes and it also has like a football match two halves.

(Probably one way of looking at this is God does not save us "from' the tribulation. But He saves us "through" the tribulati on. The Israelites in Egypt are a good example of God saving His people through the tribulation.)

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/6 21:07**

Hi Lisa,

One thing that Barry Smith always said and its the only thing I can remember that really hit a chord with me was this.

Jesus gave two examples and in both specific examples Judgement only happened after specific events.The events wer e "until the day Noah entered the Ark" and "until the day Lot left Sodom"

So I guess what I cant except as an arguement for Post Tribulation view is that their is going to be any kind of normality in the great tribulation.A post tribulation believer has to believe that the Noah and Lot examples cannot be about the "Gr eat Tribulation" to be anyway honest or consistant.

Why?Because they were eating and drinking and building and marrying and planting and sowing.Jesus goes out of his way to show that it was a time of plenty.What Jesus was saying was everything was normal (including sin )right up til the time of departure for Noah and Lot then immediate Judgement.

If post tribulation view is correct then the Noah and Lot examples are about something else.Ive seen arguements that so mehow the tribulation isnt worldwide and that of course they will be eating drinking how could they live etc but I dont thin k that explanation can marry up with the picture Jesus is painting.

Does this mean Post Tribulation view is wrong?No not nessacarily but it does mean that the Noah Lot examples are not about the Great Tribulaton.

Ps Judgement only happened after Noah was safe and Lot was safe and both were not harmed at all but did endure so me turmoil or persecution before leaving.These examples cannot be an example of going through the tribulation and bei ng harmed or killed or martyred or even starved.

Yours staff

**Re: Staff, on: 2017/5/6 22:45**

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Yours Staff///

Duuhh. Though I just said that in an earlier post.ðŸ~Š

Bearmaster



**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/7 7:05**

"Oh look, hundred pound hailstones. Can you pass me a sandwich? I worked a whole day for that, by the way. Also, can you get me a glass of water? No, not the bloody water. There is no other water? Oh well. I sure hope the Russians don't drop a nuke on us, like they did to our neighbours in the U.S. Yeah I've gotta go to work tomorrow; just a regular old workday. By the way, my sister's wedding is on Tuesday."

**Re: From Jesus and Paul , on: 2017/5/7 8:27**

Brethren in speaking of the pretrib rapture then the question must be asked, are there 2 resurrections? Is there a resurrection that will be secret when Christ appears to take his bride home before the tribulation? And then, will there be another resurrection after the tribulation? At least in my understanding of pre trib theology and what I was taught in the early days of my walk with Christ, this is what I understood. That those who espouse the pretrib view are teaching two resurrections of Christ. Or I should, say, two appearances of Christ. But is this what the scriptures teach?

As I was listening to John this morning, these verses came to mind.

...Truly truly, I say to you an hour is coming and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the son of God, and those who hear will live....John 5:25

... Do not marvel at this for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.. John 5:28-29

Paul summarizes what Jesus is saying in Acts 24:15.

...having a hope in God which these men cherish themselves, that there will certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked...

I'm sure there are plenty of other verses that teach that there is one resurrection. A resurrection in which the righteous and the wicked will be judged. Respectfully, I do not see where Jesus and Paul taught that there would be 2 resurrections or 2 appearances of Christ.

I invite any dialogue or comment on the verses above. I am simply going by the simplicity of scripture. It seems that the teaching of a pretrib rapture or 2 appearances of Christ did not figure into the first century church.

It is interesting that those who hold to a pre trib rapture must consult complicated charts. They look pretty in their color codes. But I do not think that this is New Testament truth.

As usual, these are my thoughts gleaned from listening to the New Testament and the Holy Spirit.

Bro Blaine

**Re: Also From John , on: 2017/5/7 8:51**

John 6:40

...For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life; and I myself will raise him up on the last day....

Again, brethren in the verse above Jesus is clearly teaching there will be one resurrection. He speaks of those who have faith in him will be raised up on the last day.

This begs the question, what is the last day? That in itself would be another thread. But I believe by implication. Jesus is speaking of His return to earth. The last day being when He returns to wrap up redemptive history.

If in the above verse, Jesus is speaking of the one who has faith in Him. Would He not have said that He would raise him up when he comes to take His church home? That he would raise Him up before the tribulation.

Again, I believe the thrust of the verse above is His final return. When Jesus returns to gather His bride and to judge the wicked and the dead.

Again, these are my thoughts and observations from the simplicity of scripture.

Bro Blaine

**Re: A trumpet after the tribulation of those days - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/7 9:50**

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound...(I Cor 15:51-52)

and He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matt 24:31)

This trumpet Jesus speaks of is the last trumpet. It is the very last trumpet spoken of therefore can be coupled with I Cor 15:51-52 which speaks of the last trumpet as being the time when saints are changed and glorified. All ambiguity is gone. Matt 24:29 sets the context as AFTER THE TRIBULATION of those days. The last trumpet hardly could have occurred seven years earlier if there is yet another trumpet to sound after the tribulation of those days. The church is raptured and changed at Matt 24:31 - at the last trumpet after the tribulation of those days.

**Re: David , on: 2017/5/7 10:24**

Excellent observation, brother. How on earth can one look at the scriptures you quoted and come up with a pre trib rapture is beyond me.

I think the words you quoted out of Matthew 24 is "after the tribulation" vs. 29 is when the Son of God will return and with power and glory vs 30.

Matthew 24 is probably the clearest teaching about the return of Christ. There is no mention of a secret rapture of the church.

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/7 10:48**

Hi Bearmaster,

Yeah your right I was only re quoting what you said and commenting on that quote.Yours staff

**Re: Staff , on: 2017/5/7 12:07**

No problem, bro.Š

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/5/7 14:54**

Interesting. I read Matt 24 and only see The Blood bought Christian community here through verse 13 perhaps vs 14 and then I see a shift in the events and focus as I understand Daniels 70th week starts, the church is no longer on earth, but like the family of Noah they are in an Arch(figuratively speaking).Heaven

1Cor 15 has nothing really to do with Matt24 and Daniel s 70th week, it was simply addressing an issue that the Corinthian believers were having pertaining the dead in Christ and the last day but not the end times as pertains to week 70 and the events happening on earth or in Heaven directly.

I also am not sure what you mean by "secret" rapture because the whole world will see that event happen.

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2017/5/7 15:00**

Hi bro Blaine,

I am certainly no expert on this and don't really care whether there are two or one resurrection, but in response to your post and scripture copied below, these clearly refer to the resurrection of the dead not those who remain alive.

...Truly truly, I say to you an hour is coming and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the son of God, and those who hear will live....John 5:25

... Do not marvel at this for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.. John 5:28-29

**Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/7 15:27**

What of the blood bought Christian community spoken of in Rev 7:14?

These are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. {Rev 7:14}

This seems a very clear description on a blood bought Christian community to be gathered during a final tribulation Christ described in Matt 24:21. Darby was the very first in the history of the church to propose that blood washed tribulation saints would not be part of the blood washed Christian church.

If I For 15:51-52 does not describe the rapture and translation of dead and living saints at the last day then what does it describe? The last day, resurrection day, is at the end of Daniel's 70th week which in every way possible is part of the end time.

**Re: William, on: 2017/5/7 17:45**

John 6:40

...For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life; and I myself will raise him up on the last day....

William by implication. The one who has faith in Jesus will to be raised up from the dead on the last day. And by implication, the one who is alive in Jesus will be with Him on the last day.

Key phrase is "last day". By implication the second return of Jesus.

My thoughts bro.

Bro Blaine

**Re: From Matthew and 2 Thessalonians , on: 2017/5/7 18:15**

Matthew 24:29-31

But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. And He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His

**Re: Another question..., on: 2017/5/7 18:22**

Another question would be what is the "day of the Lord" that Paul describes in 2 Thessalonians 2:1. Paul also uses the phrase the "day in the Lord" in 1 Thessalonians, 5:2.

Is the "day of the Lord" the same as "the last day" Jesus speaks of in John 6:40.

Just pondering these questions from the word of God.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/5/7 19:14**

I respect your thoughts on these passages brothers and I do not want to be contentious so I respectfully submit the following on the passages: Rev 7 is a scene in heaven and there will be those who die for the sake of Christ from the preaching of the 144000 who are martyred during the great tribulation. And 1Cor 15:51-52 does not set the catching away in the time frame at the end of Daniels 70th week, as a matter of fact if you just use that chapter alone(which is unwise) that event can take place at any time. You guys do know that there will be natural born Jews saved during the great tribulation, right? Can anyone show me the gentile church or born again converts to Jesus Christ on Earth after chapter 5 of Revelation? As I stated before there are things John records that are happening on earth and at the same time in heaven, so again look at Daniel's prophesy, the term "THY people" is used, that refers to the natural born Israelite. Our job in this present age is to watch and pray for we know not when.....

**Re: Bro Dohzman, on: 2017/5/7 20:08**

///Can anyone show me the gentile church or born again converts to Jesus Christ on Earth after chapter 5 of Revelation?  
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Brother I believe Rev. 7:9-10 describe both the Jewish and Gentile church.

...After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,  
"Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Here we see a multitude from around the world who were gathered around the throne, with palm branches, shouting salvation to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb. This is the end time harvest. This is the bride of Christ.

In Rev. 7:13-14 we read,

...Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from? I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb..."

Those from every nation. And all tribes and people and tongues are those who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb. By implication, this is the bride of Christ. This is the church that Jesus has bought with his own blood.

In Rev. 21:9 we see,

... Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the lamb."...

Brother, for sure, the above verse is describing the church. For this is what our brother Paul reasons out of the book of Ephesians. For the church is the bride of Christ.

I hope these verses might answer the question you posed. I do believe that the remnant church, as composed of Jew and gentile, are mentioned in a book of Revelation after chapter 5.

Again merely my thoughts as gleaned from scripture.

Respectfully posted.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/5/7 20:12**

Hi All,  
I've come to a conclusion although I've said it before in a different way.  
This subject is a window into many of our other beliefs and that's why it can become heated (at times), personal, very interesting as well (don't forget) and informative.  
When you look through the other person's window you see their "Grace and Judgement beliefs". You will see also their "salvation beliefs" which is closely linked. If you look beyond the TVs and tables and chairs you may see beliefs on Israel, Martyrdom on Church gatherings. It's one of those subjects that although it is going to happen in the future looks straight in to our present and our past.  
That's why we should respectfully continue to debate and study the subject but keep in mind that I'm only looking through a glass dimly and that if I were inside the house I would see everything clearly; where I was wrong, where I was right ..  
I can't help but think that the greatest evangelical tool that was ever at the Christians' side is "his winnowing fork is in his hands" and for this reason debate on end times although it appears endless can be a valuable learning place. We do have to know what we are talking about right? when the end comes?  
Yours Staff

**Re: Staff , on: 2017/5/7 20:22**

/// That's why we should respectfully continue to debate and study the subject but keep in mind that I'm only looking through a glass dimly and that if I were inside the house I would see everything clearly ;///

Agreed my brother. I certainly don't have it together on this issue or any other issue. But as you remind us, I am seeing through a glass dimly.

All we have is the Holy Spirit and the word of God to test all things. The best we can do is try to be Berean in our attitude on examining these issues in humility before the Lord.

So far, I do believe there has been a good spirit thus far in our discussion of this rapture issue. I believe more grace has been exhibited on this thread. Then, on other threads posted in so-called rapture forums where one view is prevalent. At least here, we do try to respect one another's position. And as you have reminded us earlier in this thread to reason from the word of God.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2017/5/7 23:56**

I used to believe mid-trib to be honest but since I took some Greek and Hebrew classes and have had to parse words and study contextual construction making scripture explain scripture and using things like 2 or 3 different places in the Bible to explain the meaning, for example, John the apostles' style mirrors closely Daniel's and some things in the Book of Hebrews confirms things in Revelation, while the Pauline epistles can sometimes bear out Eze and on and so fourth. All that said I have slowly begun to look at the times of the gentiles as having a starting point and an ending point, with salvation really coming to a halt in the broader sense and narrowing extremely during the last 7 years or Daniel's 70th week. I do believe there will be salvations during this time but I also believe the church won't be here on earth. Those saved by the preaching of the Jewish converts or 144,000 will have to endure suffering like no other generation, I also see more than one instance of the catching away in the word of God.

The verses in Revelation 7 and 21 are those as seen in Heaven even so I will attempt to take another look at these passages and see if I can put them to the fire of the other Books that address these issues like Eze/Dan/1&2 Thes along with Rev and Matt. I still believe that this country will pretty much be a non-issue during the last days though, and also it is a good time to get a hold of God for the salvation of our loved ones. Like you I have appreciated the tone of this thread because I can see from others' perspectives as well and do honestly appreciate others' point of views. God Bless BroDMiller

**Re: How many last trumpets and what will the 144,000 preach? - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/8 5:50**

If we all will be changed in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet how many last trumpets can there be? After the trumpet Jesus mentioned in Matt 24:31, after the tribulation of those days, there are no more trumpets. That is it. If a trumpet sounded seven years before how can it legitimately be called the last trumpet if seven years later there is still another trumpet (24:31) to sound?

What will the 144,000 preach? I assume it will be the saving gospel of Christ. If these tribulation believers have made their robes white with the blood of the Lamb (Rev 7:14) then there is the church. Any believer who has placed faith in Christ and been cleansed by His blood has always been considered part of the church. Darby was the very first person in church history to advocate that tribulation believers will never be part of the church. This view only appeared in church history in the 1830s therefore is a very recent innovation never seen before the 1830s.

Are tribulation believers who place their faith in Christ and are washed in His blood part of the church or aren't they. This question must be answered.

**Re: David , on: 2017/5/8 6:20**

...Are tribulation believers who place their faith in Christ and are washed in His blood part of the church or aren't they. This question must be answered...

David, I believe the tribulation saints in Revelation are the church. Even in the great tribulation there is a remnant church.

But as I have had occasion to examine the scriptures and blog my thoughts in this thread. I come more to the conclusion that saints will go through the great tribulation. I simply see no evidence in the New Testament of a pretrib resurrection. Or to use the more popular word a pretrib rapture.

Will try to flesh out more on this later. I am still thinking this through and have to go.

~Yes, even some of us on SI do have a part time job.~

Do appreciate your post in this thread brother. For I believe in the spirit of humility, we are trying to be Berean and examine this issue in light of the scriptures

bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by StirltUp (), on: 2017/5/8 8:50**

I also will do more study and finally...return with the correct position! :)

**Re: William , on: 2017/5/8 9:45**

Brother I am not sure what the correct position is ~. Other than Jesus is coming back soon..~

But certainly we can try to flesh this out in a community of grace. Do Appreciate your thoughts, my brother.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/5/10 7:04**

Quote:

-----bearmaster wrote

Brother I am not sure what the correct position is ~. Other than Jesus is coming back soon..~

What? The correct position is my position!

LOLOLOL Isn't that what we all think about it?!! :) :) If we were on the phone brother, I would have said it and chuckled!  
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But for those who don't know me, I am joking!

God bless us all as we go forth today in Jesus name!  
Lisa

**Re: Lysa , on: 2017/5/10 7:21**

Sister love, you humor. If we be honest with ourselves, I am sure sure we think that way about a lot of scripture truth. That my understanding is the correct understanding.

The more, I stay in the word of God, I find myself saying 5 words of late. "Lord I simply don't know."

My Sister be blessed this day in Jesus.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/5/10 7:26**

To let you know about to my previous funny statement... I was never able to joke about the end times. I was on it and serious about it and would debate with people on SI about it until the Lord showed me that people have lost friends and family members over their inability to stop arguing about it.

And then to top it off, I felt him ask me how many in the last couple hundred of years have actually "seen" this hard stance belief of their's come to pass? The Lord has a way of getting my attention as I said, none.

I felt him saying, "That's right, none. They lost friends and family because of it and also lost their witness with those people, is that what you want for you life?"

I'm not insinuating that anyone is arguing about it, on the contrary, this is one of the most calmer threads on this subject in years!! That is awesome!

God bless you all,  
Lisa

**Re: Major revisions have been necessary - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/10 10:20**

When Darby's interpretation of a pre-trib rapture was first proposed it was taught that the OT saints of Israel would be raised along with the church seven years or so before the end of the age. Alexander Reese's work, "The Approaching Advent of Christ," was published and it demonstrated conclusively that the OT saints would not be raised until the end of the age at the Day of the Lord known in Jesus' day as the "last day" or resurrection day. It was then acknowledged that the common view Darby had presented on this issue had been wrong and the OT saints would indeed be raised at the Day of the Lord at the end of the age. Yet this created another quandry for the pre-trib view which remains until this day. The quandry being that the Christian saints dead or alive are supposed to be caught away and translated seven years or so before the end of the age. This catching away would include the resurrection of dead Christian saints and then seven years later the OT righteous saints are to be raised and glorified. This creates another added pre-trib resurrection not seen in scripture.

The pre-trib view also taught that the Day of the Lord would occur when Christ returned in glory at the end of the age. The 1917 Scofield Bible clearly designates the Day of the Lord as coinciding with Christ's return and the resurrection of the dead. Robert Gundry published "The Church And The Tribulation" in 1973 and poignantly asked how the doctrine of an "imminent" rapture (it can occur at any moment) could be true if Paul wrote that that day (the Day of the Lord) would not occur until the man of sin was revealed. So how can a pre-trib rapture be imminent if certain events have to occur before it can happen? Why would Paul be reassuring the saints regarding the coming of the Day of the Lord if he knew they would be gone and caught away seven years or so before it occurred? Why even worry about it if they were not even going to be here? This caused a deal of embarrassment in the pre-trib camp unknown to most regular going church members who do not participate in academic circles. The solution was to:

Change the Day of the Lord and its timing and place it at the beginning of the tribulation. The Day of the Lord in pre-trib



circles is now seven years long and covers the entire breadth of the tribulation. Whereas, when Darby's views first appeared the Day of the Lord was at the end of the age. The Revised Scofield Bible of recent years now has the Day of the Lord covering the final seven years of earth's history. In Jesus's day the Day of the Lord was the final day of the age and did not cover a period of seven years or even three and a half years. These major revisions that were necessary to keep the pre-trib view viable are largely unknown outside of academic circles.

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2017/5/10 15:03**

That is interesting, Lysa. I spoke with an elderly pastor a couple of years ago who said something similar.

He also said, "Many people have died after spending a large part of their lives arguing with one another about how exactly they would see the Lord's return."

It is a wonder. I was reading some literature from a century ago that was worded in a way to convey the belief that the Lord would return in that writer's lifetime.

More than a decade ago, there were a couple of people on SermonIndex who were "concerned" for my spiritual condition because I leaned toward a belief in a "gathering" of the Bride prior to the wrath of God being poured upon the entire world.

It wasn't enough that I loved the Lord with my everything, remained in perpetual fellowship through diligent prayer and worship and stayed faithful in reading the Word of God. It wasn't even enough that I was aware of all possible scenarios. Rather, it was seemingly that I had to believe in a post-trib rapture or risk "deception" by the Antichrist and ultimate damnation.

Even a decade later, I still am not totally convinced either way. The only thing that I can say with any degree of integrity is that I am not completely certain about the exact timing and manner by which the eschatological end will come about and how the Lord will return.

I still lean toward the idea that the Lord will gather His bride prior to the wrath of God being poured out -- but I am prepared for all alternatives. If I saw enough to convince me one way or the other, I would embrace it. However, I just don't see enough to declare one view as "truth" with an absolute degree of certainty.

I do like discussing (or reading discussions) about this subject. I like to read the insight and opinions of others who love the Lord -- even if they might not see it the same way.

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/10 15:44**

Christopher, what an excellent post. Thank you. This is much the same way I feel. I find it disheartening when people think someone else is deceived just because their eschatology is slightly different.

Having said that, there are several reasons I believe Christ will take His bride prior to His wrath being poured out on the earth (and I believe before the Tribulation as well).

Here is an interesting verse about the OT saints:

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." Matthew 27:51-53

And I want everyone reading this to know I love you regardless of your view of end times events.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2017/5/10 18:03**

Quote:  
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Having said that, there are several reasons I believe Christ will take His bride prior to His wrath being poured out on the earth (and I believe before the Tribulation as well).  
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Are they too same? I always thought that great tribulation will be a time of great persecution of christians. Lord will allow his Church to go through it. It will be like the time of Noah for unbelievers.

Wrath of God will be poured out after the Church is taken with him. I do not believe it is part of great tribulation that Jesus spoke about.

**Re: Wrath and Persecution, on: 2017/5/10 20:02**

///Wrath of God will be poured out after the Church is taken with him. I do not believe it is part of great tribulation that Jesus spoke about.///

Sree brings up an interesting point. Those who hold to a pretrib position will often quote 1 Thess. 5:9,

...For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,...

But is God's wrath the same as persecution? Do we equate the persecution of saints as that being, the wrath of God poured out upon the unbelievers?

I think even a casual reading and examination of a New Testament would suggest no.

Again, simply my thoughts.

Bro Blaine

**Re: Wrath and Persecution Continued , on: 2017/5/10 20:36**

Revelation 6:12-17

--- I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"---

Brethren the above is the wrath of God being poured out upon the earth. Believing saints are spared from this. But please note, the above is not persecution.

In Revelation 12:10-11 we read,

--- Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,  
Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.---

And in 12:17,

--- So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ the Son of Mary.

mandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.---

And in Rev. 13:9-10

---If anyone has an ear, let him hear. If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.---

The verses above speak of persecution of believers. This is not God's wrath. God's wrath is poured out on unbelievers. Not believers.

Unbelievers will suffer God's wrath. Believers will suffer persecution from the enemy.

Again, simply my thoughts as gleaned from scripture.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/10 20:40**

Even with a post trib, pre wrath position, one would have to believe the rapture of the saints and the Second Coming are two separate events, hence, two raptures.

**Re: Wanting yo be Berean, on: 2017/5/10 20:43**

Acts 17:10-11

--- The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. Now they were more noble minded than those in Thessalonica for they received the word with great eagerness examining the scriptures daily to see whether these things were so....

Brothers and sisters. I am simply trying to be Berean and examine the scriptures to see whether the pretrib rapture is true. I certainly don't have all of the understanding and answers on this. But as our Reformed brethren would say, Sola Scriptura. I am simply trying to let the scriptures shape my thinking on this and not Hal Lindsey.ðŸŽŠ

So please, forgive me if it appears when I am coming across having all of the answers. As I said in a previous post, I simply don't know. But God knows.ðŸŽŠ

Bro Blaine

**Re: , on: 2017/5/10 20:53**

...Even with a post trib, pre wrath position, one would have to believe the rapture of the saints and the Second Coming are two separate events, hence, two raptures....

My brother, can you elaborate on that? And again, I'm asking this respectfully not for the sake of argument. But you seem to hold to the pretrib position. So I would like to understand where you are coming from.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2017/5/11 6:43**

Quote:  
-----...Even with a post trib, pre wrath position, one would have to believe the rapture of the saints and the Second Coming are two separate events, hence, two raptures....  
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I recently purchased a 64 pg booklet called, "The Rapture of the Saints" by Duncan McDougall. I post this because I had never heard of the following and I found it very interesting, hence why I'm sharing it. (I haven't finished it)

From page 15 of the booklet (pg 5 of the pdf link) states that a Jesuit in 1747 came up with the two raptures....

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#### Bridging the Gulf

The Jesuits, owing to their vicious principles and their encouragement of treachery and violence making orderly and peaceable government impossible, have been expelled sooner or later from almost every civilized country in which they have set foot; their record covers about a hundred orders issued by different governments for their expulsion. When they were expelled from Chile, Emanuel Lacunza (pronounced Lacuntha), a Chilean of Spanish descent, who had become a member of the order in 1747 at the age of sixteen, and had risen to be superintendent of the Noviciates, training them zealously in the principles of Jesuitry, came and settled in the north of Italy, where he devoted the remainder of his days to writing a book entitled, "The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty." Lacunza was of course, steeped in the current Jesuit teaching that the appearance and reign of Antichrist was still in the future and to this he added a touch of his own, namely, - that in order to make room for all the events which he anticipated, at the coming of Christ there would have to be a period of time between the rapture of the saints and the actual appearance of the Messiah in His Glory. He conceived the idea that:

"When the Lord returns from heaven to earth upon His coming forth from heaven, and much before His arrival at the earth, He will give His orders, and send forth His command as King and God omnipotent: 'with a shout (in the Vulgate jussu i.e. 'by the order') with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God.' At this voice of the Son of God, those who shall hear it, shall forthwith arise, as saith the evangelist St. John (chapter 5:25) 'those who hear shall live.'" (3)

Here is the germ out of which sprang the whole theory that Christ was to come TWICE, once for His saints, and again some time later with His saints.

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The whole booklet can be found at  
<http://thelivingtorah.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/secretrapture.pdf>

and the blogger opinion about the booklet:

"The history of the rapture is probably going to be one of the more captivating things you've ever read. Stuff like a Jesuit priest masquerading as a Rabbi who wasn't found out until a family member had a divine appointment with destiny and unwittingly unravels the mystery. Follow a trail of religious men who passed the rapture from its origin, spanning nearly 500 years. This book will change the way you look at the rapture and religion in general—the TRUTH is not for the faint of heart.

Shalom & Blessings,

Baruch"

**Re: Lysa , on: 2017/5/11 7:46**

Sister this is why I initially opened this thread up. I had always thought the doctrine of the pretrib rapture came from J.N. Darby and C.I. Scofield. But like you I have recently heard it originated with the Jesuits.

I included 2 links to articles at the beginning of this thread that further explore this. It seems the Catholics wanted to have the focus taken off them and the Pope as being the Antichrist. Thus the Jesuits were given the task to plant a new interpretation of end time events among the Protestant evangelicals. An interpretation that focused more on a 2 event return of Jesus. An interpretation that focused upon the arising of an antichrist. One who was not the pope.

It seems the Jesuits have been quite successful in planting a pre trib rapture among the believing saints.

As usual my thoughts.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/11 7:53**

Has anyone read the article I mentioned? It gives convincing evidence that Darby was not influenced by the Jesuits at all .

Did you know it has been the official position of the Roman Catholic Church for centuries that the rapture will happen after the Tribulation?

**Re: Why would God remove His Church the immediately rebuild it? - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/11 9:17**

If God takes His Church in a pre-trib rapture why would He then immediately begin to rebuild it as multitudes more will be saved during the tribulation? If the Lord removes His church before a final tribulation because they are not destined for wrath then what of those saved during the tribulation? If tribulation believers are saved and pass from death to life, from wrath to pardon, why will they have to endure the tribulation and its wrath? Shouldn't they be removed also the moment they are saved?

Why is it unreasonable to think that the Church will represent Christ to a unbelieving world during the tribulation? What would be the purpose of God molding and shaping His church to a corporate fullness not seen since the days of the early church and make it into a church moving again in signs and wonders and then remove it at the most critical moment before that church can really be used?

**Re: Nigel , on: 2017/5/11 9:40**

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Please repost the link.

...Did you know it has been the official position of the Roman Catholic Church for centuries that the rapture will happen after the Tribulation?...

But brother even in the Catholic church, the Jesuits have their own agenda. This appears to be an agenda separate from mainstream Catholicism. An agenda that is even darker.

Not to hijack my own thread. But it is said that the head of the Jesuits exercises even more power than the pope himself.

Bro Blaine

**Re: David , on: 2017/5/11 9:47**

\_\_\_Why is it unreasonable to think that the Church will represent Christ to a unbelieving world during the tribulation? What would be the purpose of God molding and shaping His church to a corporate fullness not seen since the days of the early church and make it into a church moving again in signs and wonders and then remove it at the most critical moment before that church can really be used?\_\_\_

My brother. A very thought provoking question. For it would seem that this is the finest hour for the bride of Christ. To be the victorious overcome in the great tribulation.

Bro Blaine

**Re: Best advice I ever got - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/11 12:12**

The best advice I ever got in pursuit of eschatological understanding was to find out what the Day of the Lord is and when it occurs because all else is built around this. All roads lead to the Day of the Lord and it is the hub of OT and NT eschatology. It coincides with and is simultaneous with the resurrection at the last day and can easily be coordinated with the last trumpet. The confusion that expresses itself along the lines of, "I'm not sure there is a correct view etc.," is not scriptural and is not something that the early church ever advocated. I discovered that finding out what is the Day of the Lord and when does it occur can go a long way in clearing up ambiguity and can be a great aid in helping determine the divinely ordained role that the church is called on to play during the last events of this present age.

Blessings.

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/11 18:39**

Here is the link: <http://www.pre-trib.org/data/pdf/Rebuttal-statement-Left-Behind-or-Led-Astray.pdf>

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/11 18:43**

bearmaster said: "For it would seem that this is the finest hour for the bride of Christ. To be the victorious overcome in the great tribulation."

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them" Revelation 13:7

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/11 18:49**

Whichever position you hold, I think it would be a good idea to read this article by David Wilkerson. Remember, Jesus said be ready.

<http://www.fivedoves.com/letters/may2011/davidd52.htm>

**Re: Nigel , on: 2017/5/11 19:21**

Just read the article on my brother. Truly, very sobering.

I am reminded of the verse out of 2 Peter that says the end of all things is near, therefore be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

God grant that we truly be ready.

One thing we do know. Our dear brother David Wilkerson is now in the presence of His Lord and Savior.

Bro Blaine

**Re: , on: 2017/5/11 23:21**

**Re: , on: 2017/5/11 23:22**

Cancelled post.

**Re: One Resurrection of the Righteous, on: 2017/5/12 12:30**

John 5:28-29

\_\_\_Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, and will come forth, those who did good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. \_\_\_

Luke 14:14

\_\_\_and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." \_\_\_

Revelation 20:4-6

\_\_\_Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. \_\_\_

Brethren, based on the above verses, it appears there will be one resurrection of the righteous. The second resurrection

appears to be the resurrection of the condemned. Or the unrighteous.

If there is only one resurrection of the righteous. And based on a context of the above verses that appears to be at the end of the age. Or at least before the millennial reign of Christ. How does the pretrib rapture figure into this?

The pretrib rapture position would say there would have to be 2 resurrections of the righteous. The resurrection of the church before the tribulation. And then the rest of the tribulation saints before the millennium. Those who come out of the tribulation.

Somebody please tell me, what am I missing here? I am somewhat confused. I cannot find one New Testament scripture that supports the pretrib position of 2 resurrections of the righteous.. But I am open to be instructed.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2017/5/13 6:33**

This is whole lot to grasp and understand, but it is the only way Revelations, Matthew 24:29-31 and 1st Thess 4:13-18 have come to make complete sense and lead the Body of Christ of whom I am a part, logically to the conclusion of The pre-tribulation rapture.

Written by the Author of; <http://daniel11truth.com/proof-of-rapture.htm>

"" Proof of the Rapture (pre-trib) I was inspired to write this by an e-mail from someone who was trying to talk about the rapture to a couple of Catholics and they had no knowledge of the concept at all. I also encountered an old acquaintance recently who was interested in Biblical prophecy and end times but never believed in the pre-trib rapture. He said every place in the Bible that people pointed to for the rapture, he considered it the 2nd coming. On this page, I plan to give everyone an easy way to explain the rapture and prove that itâ€™s different from the 2nd coming. ""

Go to the sight above and finished his revelation. I could go on and on with this, but he makes it come to and understanding of The Seals, The Great Tribulation (past), The Bowls and the Trumpets, Tribulation, future, logical and not manipulate the scriptures to make the pre-tribulation understood for me without doubt, but settled in the Word and for me.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: Phillip , on: 2017/5/13 6:39**

Brother it will take me some time to digest this.

Thanks for the link.

Bro Blaine

**Re: Phillip , on: 2017/5/13 7:12**

Brother read your linked article. My initial impression is the author is arguing a pre wrath rapture of the church. But will stew over it in prayer.

Bro Blaine

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2017/5/15 10:39**

Blaine,

As I look at these verses from Rev. 20:4-5 I see two resurrections, even of the Believer.

4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection.



The text says those who were beheaded, and those who did not worship the beast or took his mark to be the ones resurrected who will rule with Jesus for a thousand years.

We can read verses that would indicate when Jesus returns everything will end with the judgment and that is it. I see in those verses a brief overview with few details whereas Revelation backs up and shares the details missing elsewhere.

And....I suspect moderns are just as confused as the Jews were when Jesus came the first time: full of unanswered questions and the answers put forth satisfied only a few.

My understanding.

Sandra

**Re: Daniel's personal resurrection - posted by docs (), on: 2017/5/15 12:08**

But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age. (Daniel 12:13)

A lot is contained in Daniel but the main point of the revelations given to him was to describe events leading up to the end of the age (the Day of the Lord). He then is reassured that he will rise again for his portion at the end of the age. Under the proposed scenario of the pre-trib view, Daniel should rise seven or so years before the end of the age when the Christian saints dead and alive are raised to meet Christ in the air. At this point dead Christian believers are to be physically resurrected as they meet the Lord in the air along with living believers. If Daniel died in faith while looking ahead then he should be resurrected at his point. Yet the scripture of Daniel 12:13 clearly states in the most clear way possible that Daniel will be raised at the end of the age and not seven or even three and a half years before. Who is correct?

A study of the history of the pre-trib view shows that Darby and his early associates taught that OT saints would be raised seven years before the end of the age. Scholarly analysis and exegetical criticism of their view finally forced an admission from them that OT saints would be raised at the end of the age coinciding with the last trumpet. This happened around the 1930s so for the first hundred years or so the pre-trib view taught error that OT saints would be resurrected seven years before the end of the age. But even this admission and basic change in the view left a large quandry. If Daniel died looking ahead in faith he should be raised along with the Christian saints which the pre-trib view says will occur seven years before the end of the age. Yet the pre-trib view now advocates that Daniel will be raised at the end of the age thus contradicting their own view that all saints living and dead who died in faith will be raised seven years before the end of the age. So which is it?

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2017/5/15 13:21**

I definitely think the emphasis on the end times should be that we are waiting, watching, and ready for the return of Jesus. What difference does it make regarding what we believe in eschatology if we are not obeying this command. If you wind up being absolutely, 100% accurate in your theology on this, and yet, fail to be ready for His return, Him finding you not faithfully working, then your theology was useless.

That being said, I was raised to be pre-trib. I came to know the Lord after watching the Left Behind movie, believe it or not...lol.

However, I am solidly post-trib now. I remember what happened. I kept hearing other believers (all pre-trib ladies and gentlemen) using verses regarding the pre-trib rapture interchangeably with verses regarding the 2nd coming. It was frustrating to me, because those were 2 separate events and should not be merged together. So in my effort to sort the scriptures being used into 2 distinct events, I came to the belief that the rapture was, in fact, going to occur at the 2nd coming! I really hadn't dealt much with post-trib theology at that point.

I must admit, many of the arguments for post-trib are not very good, because they are poorly constructed (definitely not saying that about anything on this thread). Many of the arguments for pre-trib are very well thought out. However, every time I just try to read the scriptures, I feel I have to do theological gymnastics in order to justify pre-trib. I have to use more negative arguments (such as the church doesn't appear past Rev. 3:14, etc) to prove it. I also struggled with the appa

rent origins of the pre-trib view, as this thread addresses.

One of the dangers of pre-trib thinking, in my opinion, is that IF the anti-Christ does rear his ugly head, they may be a little slow to recognize him until about 3.5 years into the tribulation. At that point, they will be ill prepared; however, God is faithful and He will keep them.

One of the dangers of post-trib thinking, in my opinion, is that we may call foul on someone who could possibly be the anti-Christ, when they are in fact, not.

The ONLY way we will know we are in the great tribulation, for sure, is when the abomination that causes desolation is in the Temple.

My 2 cents (which have depreciated, apparently lol)

**Re: Where did the doctrine of the Pretrib Rapture Come From??? - posted by Martyr (), on: 2017/5/15 15:49**

I would warn against holding such an attitude that whether we accept or reject this doctrine doesn't really matter. We are called to TRUTH because Christ IS TRUTH. Anything untrue is not of Christ and has no part in Him. Can we walk in truth and hold onto something that is untrue? Maybe in part but not fully and isn't that we strive for? To walk FULLY in the Truth?

When we hold onto things that are not true we will be opposed to Christ in those areas in our hearts and Christ will be unable to lead us into further truth. You may be able to progress in other areas where your heart is in tune with Christ but not completely.

I think in talking with those who hold to a pre-trib view (any such terminology makes me sick, I only know Christ is coming again) I have seen an ulterior motive. A need for their God to meet a certain standard they have and act in a certain way equal to the qualities and traits of God they themselves have established in their heart. "How could God let us go through the wrath to come?" and, especially "I as a parent would never let my child go through that..." (which I often hear) are particularly revealing to the thoughts and intents of the heart, often unaware to the well-meaning individual. But the Word is living and active and cuts through it all. Such an individual who has such a view of God and what he owes us is, from what I see in Christ, already living in a state of untruth in regards to the order of this world and the structure God has created within it and the things that must come to pass and our role in bearing to the truth of it.

You guys talk of Finney and Scofield and Darby. I don't know these men but I do know Christ. I also have access to the writings of those who knew Him, who saw Him and heard Him speak. Forget those men, we do not build our faith on the writings of such (or are we now Catholic?). Get your bible and read it.

If you were born on a deserted island and only had a bible to read with no outside influence to distort your view do you really think you would come up with any idea of a secret first second coming? Honestly?

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2017/5/15 16:05**

My views have been to view as people on the pre-trib as brothers in Christ but when you called Leaven in the church because I simply believe in the Post Tribulation View.

I have studied the view so much I find it fictional to believe in the Pre Trib view.

A common view as the church is never mentioned after Revelation 6 an argument from silence

2 Thessalonians 2

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,  
2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

I have been thinking, what if there is a fake rapture where Christians who are deceived thinking that the anti Christ will show up and Christians think that it is Jesus.

In verse 3 of 2 Thess 3, it says let no man deceive you, which means people will be deceived on this subject.

The Greek word is apostasy  
<http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/nas/apostasia.html>

It does not refer to the Rapture as people like Dr Thomas Ice from the Pre Tribulation Rapture Centre (<http://www.pre-trib.org/>)

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The problem with this verse is to try and equate the rapture with apostasy is bad hermeneutics

That is one of the problems is that I find with the Pre Tribulation View is tends to use Typology to justify something doctrinally rather than looking at the clear and plain meaning.

When you have simple Didactic Teaching on a subject.

The famous passage is

2 Thessalonian 4

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.  
2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.  
3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:  
4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;  
5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:  
6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.  
7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.  
8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.  
9 But as touching brotherly love ye need\* not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.  
10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;  
11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;  
12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.  
13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.  
14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.  
15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.  
16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:  
17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.  
18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

My problem with quoting this passage is what people tend to do is take it out of context

1 Thessalonians 5

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.  
2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.  
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.  
4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.  
5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.  
6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.  
7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.  
8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.  
9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.  
11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.  
12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;  
13 And to esteem them very highly\* in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.  
14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.  
15 See that none\* render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 Rejoice evermore.  
17 Pray without ceasing.  
18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.  
19 Quench not the Spirit.  
20 Despise not prophesyings.  
21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.  
22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.  
23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.  
25 Brethren, pray for us.  
26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.  
27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.  
28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The interesting thing it says The Day of The Lord shall come as a thief in the night but in verse 5 it talks about Children of light knowing it will

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.  
5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.  
6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

So it does not come as some unknown hour

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Day\\_of\\_the\\_Lord](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Day_of_the_Lord)  
The day of the Lord is also mentioned in

Is 13  
Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: 8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. 9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land. 15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. 16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. 17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. 18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. 21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. 22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Zephaniah 1

14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. 18 N

either their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Ezekiel 30:3-4

"For the day is near, Even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations. "A sword will come upon Egypt, And anguish will be in Ethiopia; When the slain fall in Egypt, They take away her wealth, And her foundations are torn down.

Joel 3:12-14

Let the nations be aroused And come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, For there I will sit to judge All the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe Come, tread, for the wine press is full; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision

it is especially interesting as the Is 13 passage mentions

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

As the very same thing is mentioned in Matt 24.

Matthew 24 English Standard Version (ESV)  
Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple

24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Signs of the End of the Age

3 As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The Abomination of Desolation

15 "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

### The Coming of the Son of Man

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

32 From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

### No One Knows That Day and Hour

36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 39 And they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, "My master is delayed," and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 49 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 50 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

I will go in depth about Matt 24 as Is 13 and Matt 24 correspond.

This is the problem that I find with the Pretribulation rapture as with the 2 Thessalonians 4 Passage it talks about a trumpet

16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### The Resurrection of the Dead



12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? 30 Why are we in danger every hour? 31 I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 32 What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." 33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." 34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

#### The Resurrection Body

35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. 45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

This passage mentions the Resurrection and this is what I hate is the dissociation with the fact of Resurrection and Rapture and also in the fact of this passage in Corinthians it gives us more details such as this is the Last Trumpet.

Then we have a problem you have seven trumpets before the last trumpet, I have heard people say this is a likening to the Yom Kippur seven trumpets, This another problem as there is no reference to this. In the Talmud you have four references to the beginning of the year, there is not even an agreement on the beginning of the year in the Talmudic writings. I am trying to find a reference !

In the Bible the time references are not from Yom Kippur but from Passover. When it says in the Year and the Month. The actual date is.

The seventh trumpet is mentioned in revelation

Revelation 11

## The Seventh Trumpet

15Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ~~â€œ~~The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.~~â€~~ 16And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17saying,

~~â€œ~~We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.~~â€~~

19Then God~~â€™~~s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

This is the thing with the Post Tribulation Resurrection I find it is consistent I can look at Matt 24, 2 Thess 2 and other passages as I find it consistent.

Another problem that I find is the fact that 2 Resurrections are mentioned in scripture it can either be one or the other. I have people said that the first resurrection happens in phases and that the rapture is just a phase of the Pre tribulation rapture. This is absurd as there is only two resurrections mentioned in scripture.

The other problem is in Matt 24  
Matt 24

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23Then if anyone says to you, ~~â€™~~Look, here is the Christ!~~â€™~~ or ~~â€™~~There he is!~~â€™~~ do not believe it. 24For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25See, I have told you beforehand. 26So, if they say to you, ~~â€™~~Look, he is in the wilderness,~~â€™~~ do not go out. If they say, ~~â€™~~Look, he is in the inner rooms,~~â€™~~ do not believe it. 27For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

In Matt 24

it basically says that as the lightning comes to the east and to the west so shall the sign of the coming of the son of man coming shall be it does not talk about a secret rapture it talks about false christs and false prophets deceiving even the elect.

When it talks about the Lightning from the east unto the west it is something that everyone will see. To say that there is a rapture you have to put it with the false Christ and false prophets it also says after the tribulation of those days.

My problem is as well as you might as well only read up to chapter 6 in Revelation and forget the rest as things such as the mark of the beast or the concern for Israel among pre tribulation people is vague when you know that a holocaust which will make the holocaust look like a picnic.

Why be concerned with the end times I have been personally interested as the bible literally becomes a history book why study the mark of the beast if you are not involved in it. It is absurd!

I have read the Dead Sea Scroll

War Scroll

On the standard of the Hundred they shall write, From God comes the Might of War against All Sinful Flesh, together with the name of the chief of the Hundred and the names of the leaders of its Fifties. On the standard of the Fifty they shall write, The Stand of the Ungodly is Ended by the Power of God, together with the name of the chief of the Fifty and the names of the leaders of its Tens. On the standard of the Ten they shall write, Praised be God on the Ten-stringed Harp, together with the name of the chief of the Ten and the names of the nine men under his command. When they march out to battle they shall write on their standards, Truth of God, Justice of God, Glory of God, Judgement of God, followed by the whole ordered list of their names. When they approach for battle they shall write on their standards, Right Hand

Vermes, Geza. The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English: Complete Edition (Kindle Locations 3625-3632). Penguin Books Ltd. Kindle Edition.

I find it absurd if they got it wrong about the Apocalypse in the Dead Sea Scrolls as I can show you other passages in the dead sea scrolls where it is so man centred and I find it so abhorrent, how about North Korea where persecution is happening right now.

The early church talk about it being a time of purification of the church.

If they got it wrong in the first century time period about Jesus why cant people get the details wrong today. They will only come to light closer to the time.

#### Didache

Watchfulness; the Coming of the Lord. Watch for your life's sake. Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed; but be ready, for you know not the hour in which our Lord will come. But come together often, seeing the things which are befitting to your souls: for the whole time of your faith will not profit you, if you are not made perfect in the last time. For in the last days false prophets and corrupters shall be multiplied, and the sheep shall be turned into wolves, and love shall be turned into hate; for when lawlessness increases, they shall hate and persecute and betray one another, and then shall appear the world-deceiver as Son of God, and shall do signs and wonders, and the earth shall be delivered into his hands, and he shall do iniquitous things which have never yet come to pass since the beginning. Then shall the creation of men come into the fire of trial, and many shall be made to stumble and shall perish; but those who endure in their faith shall be saved from under the curse itself. And then shall appear the signs of the truth: first, the sign of an outspreading in heaven, then the sign of the sound of the trumpet. And third, the resurrection of the dead -- yet not of all, but as it is said: "The Lord shall come and all His saints with Him." Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven.

Anonymous. The Didache: The Original Greek Text with Four English Translations (Kindle Locations 442-447). Kindle Edition.

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#### Justin Martyr

Chapter CX A portion of the prophecy already fulfilled in the Christians: the rest shall be fulfilled at the second advent And when I had finished these words, I continued: "Now I am aware that your teachers, sirs, admit the whole of the words of this passage to refer to Christ; and I am likewise aware that they maintain He has not yet come; or if they say that He has come, they assert that it is not known who He is; but when He shall become manifest and glorious, then it shall be known who He is. And then, they say, the events mentioned in this passage shall happen, just as if there was no fruit as yet from the words of the prophecy. O unreasoning men! understanding not what has been proved by all these passages, that two advents of Christ have been announced: the one, in which He is set forth as suffering, inglorious, dishonoured, and crucified; but the other, in which He shall come from heaven with

glory, when the man of apostasy, who speaks strange things against the Most High, shall venture to do unlawful deeds on the earth against us the Christians, who, having learned the true worship of God from the law, and the word which went forth from Jerusalem by means of the apostles of Jesus, have fled for safety to the God of Jacob and God of Israel; and we who were filled with war, and mutual slaughter, and every wickedness, have each

h through the whole earth changed our warlike weapons,â€ our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into implements of tillage,â€ and we cultivate piety, righteousness, philanthropy, faith, and hope, which we have from the Father Himself through Him who was crucified; and sitting each under his vine, i.e., each man possessing his own married wife. For you are aware that the prophetic word says, And his wife shall be like a fruitful vine.â€™ Now it is evident that no one can terrify or subdue us who have believed in Jesus over all the world. For it is plain that, though beheaded, and crucified, and thrown to wild beasts, and chains, and fire, and all other kinds of torture, we do not give up our confession; but the more such things happen, the more do others and in larger numbers become faithful,

and worshippers of God through the name of Jesus. For just as if one should cut away the fruit-bearing parts of a vine, it grows up again, and yields other branches flourishing and fruitful; even so the same thing happens with us. For the vine planted by God and Christ the Saviour is His people. But the rest of the prophecy shall be fulfilled at His second coming. For the expression, He that is afflicted ,â€™ i.e., from the world, that, so far as you and all other men have it in your power, each Christian has been driven out not only from his own property, but even from the whole world; for you permit no Christian to live. But you say that the same fate has befallen your own nation. Now, if you have been cast out after defeat in battle, you have suffered such treatment justly indeed, as all the Scriptures bear witness; but we, though we have done no such after we knew the truth of God, are testified to by God, that, together with the most righteous, and only spotless and sinless Christ, we are taken away out of the earth. For Isaiah cries, Behold how the righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and righteous men are taken away, and no man considers it.â€™

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the end of the world and the eternal kingdom of Christ. The Gnostics are refuted, those tools of Satan, who invent another Father different from the Creator 1. In a still clearer light has John, in the Apocalypse, indicated to the Lordâ€™s disciples what shall happen in the last times, and concerning the ten kings who shall then arise, among whom the empire which now rules shall be partitioned. He teaches us what the ten horns shall be which were seen by Daniel, telling us that thus it had been said to him: â€And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet, but shall receive power as if kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and give their strength and power to the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, because He is the Lord of lords and the King of kings.â€ It is manifest, therefore, that of these, he who is to come shall slay three, and subject the remainder to his power, and that he shall be himself the eighth among them. And they shall lay Babylon waste, and burn her with fire, and shall give their kingdom to the beast, and put the Church to flight.

After that they shall be destroyed by the coming of our Lord. For that the kingdom must be divided, and thus come to ruin, the Lord says: â€Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.â€ It must be, therefore, that the kingdom, the city, and the house be divided into ten; and for this reason He has already foreshadowed the partition and division. Daniel also says particularly, that the end of the fourth kingdom consists in the toes of the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar, upon which came the stone cut out without hands; and as he does himself say: â€The feet were indeed the one part iron, the other part clay, until the stone was cut out without hands, and struck the image upon the iron and clay feet, and dashed them into pieces, even to the end.â€ Then afterwards, when interpreting this, he says: â€And as thou sawest the feet and the toes, partly indeed of clay, and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided, and there shall be in it a root of iron, as thou sawest iron mixed with baked clay. And the toes were indeed the one part iron, but the other part clay.â€ The ten toes, therefore, are these ten kings, among whom the kingdom shall be

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I want to send my love to all people who believe in the pre tribulation view as this doctrine is not a salvation issue as our church has made it this. As I have to find a new church, pray for me.

**Re: - posted by drifter (), on: 2017/5/15 20:01**

Just a word of caution to everyone here that holds to a sectarian attitude. I know people that are calvinists and arminians , pre and post tribulational, catholic, baptist, pentecostal etc. The only thing that matters to me is that a person is born again. When we elevate our positions on certain doctrinal matters to be binding on others, we are guilty of dividing the body of Christ. God bless you all.

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2017/5/15 21:29**

Martyr,

I agree with you to a point. How do you teach a child that fire is hot? You chuck them in the burn pile, right? No. There is such a thing as growth. There is such a thing as sanctification. There is such a thing as learning. No one knows it all. Part of growing up in church is that many believers have the lines of doctrine drawn for them. That is what they have been taught. It is okay for them to defend what they believe as long as we are seeking the Lord and searching the scriptures. There are so many things that I believe that I knew were true when I came to know the Lord but did not have the firm foundation to back it up in the scriptures. There are also a few things that I have come to believe that I was not taught, but learned through study. There are yet more things to be verified and more things to change. Jesus is in charge of that. He's in charge of that for you and for me and every other believer. Some glorious day we'll all be like Him and know Him as we are known, but for now we see in a mirror, darkly.

I believe that post trib is true, but I am not going to chuck my brothers and sisters who disagree in the fire to show them.

Lastly, do you think that some Jews had a pre conceived notion about what their coming Messiah would be like? All of them did. Which of them or even the disciples understood the scriptures perfectly BEFORE the resurrection? None of them. Jesus didn't match anyone's understanding of the Messiah. Until prophecy is fulfilled, we will never have it absolutely right. I promise you that if you tried to stretch every prophecy about the end times onto a calendar you'd have big gaps during even the tribulation.. God didn't give us a play by play.

**Re: - posted by Martyr (), on: 2017/5/15 22:53**

Do you suppose Paul would have let a doctrine concerning our very hope and the consummation of our faith be misconstrued and taught as such? Did not Jesus (as did Isaiah) very strongly upbraid the Pharisees for passing the traditions of men down as the teachings of God? Are we not to rebuke, upbraid and correct with the scriptures?

I too agree, one needs to grow in faith. The Spirit GUIDES us into all truth. I do not blame the flock I blame the derelict shepherds who without heed and careful inquiry of the Spirit of Christ have passed down something without knowledge and hindered those in Christ by giving them something from man.

I do not mean to convert anyone to a post trib doctrine, If I seek the conversion of men it is a conversion to the living word of God the revelation of His wisdom available to us in the scriptures. Yes there is growth, yes they have the right to set forth their arguments but as someone who loves and seeks Truth I have the right, the necessity, the RESPONSIBILITY to guide those who are seeking away from the doctrines of men towards the living God. Even right doctrines spoken from a spirit married to falsehood can lose the life given to them. These are they who teach the scriptures and not possessing the keys are unable to enter into it's life and they hinder those who also seek to enter.

It's not a matter of pre-mid-post trib it's a matter of pursuing truth and allowing God to lead us, not man. Men who create such doctrines do so from a need that arises in their own heart (If your eye is clear you will be full of light, if your eye is darkness the light that is in you will be darkness Luke 11). These doctrines find men who, having the same need as its author cling to them. If it filled that place for the author it's going to fill it for someone with that same need. But the scriptures were written from a pure heart and do not truly speak to any motives though men wrest them to fit such. Why did Paul long for us to be made complete in Him!! Because such completeness allows us to see truth!! Otherwise our hearts, deceptive above all else, trick us and make us see what is false. See the section of scripture from Luke 11 I quoted above. (I forgot the verse number)

Many die incomplete in Christ. The idea that all will be led into truth eventually they just need time does not conform to truth. We all have a choice to make, but how can they know if they have not been told? Whether they choose to follow truth or harbor their own ideas or doctrines is their choice but let the truth be known. What that truth does is not up to me.

I agree about the end times. It's difficult and revelation is filled with allegory and symbols, many of which are hard to discern and should probably be left alone until their fulfillment. In the meantime I urge my brothers and sisters to turn away from fables and the commandments of men and heed the plain simple words of Jesus who will one day come back the same way he departed.

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2017/5/16 7:23**

"The idea that all will be led into truth eventually they just need time does not conform to truth."

Philippians 1:3-6 says this:

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ"

It's an ongoing work, brother. And He who began it, will finish it in all His children. Eventually, every believer dies (except for those who are alive and remain when the Lord returns!). Lies cease at that point. Death is not the end. We have eternal life.

**Re: - posted by Martyr (), on: 2017/5/16 13:28**

Yes Paul did feel that way about the brethren at Colossae. Unfortunately he did not feel that way about the brethren at Corinth (2 Cor. 11:2) whom he felt the need to correct lest they continue in error. Or Peter (Galatians 2:11-14) or the church at Galatia (the whole book of Galatians) or the Hebrew believers (Hebrews 2:12 and 6:4-8).

We need to hold fast our faith (Hebrews 3:14) lest we be like those who weren't brought to completion by God (as you put it) such as in 1 Timothy 1:19-20.

Brother I'm not saying you're wrong, I'm just saying there is a bigger picture and the scripture continually warns of falling short and not completing the race. There is a very real responsibility on our part, God is not simply going to fix our mistakes and make us perfect. We need to be in accord with Him and be willing.

Edit: would also like to add 1 Timothy 1:3-7. I wonder how people felt about Timothy taking over God's work and actually pleading with fellow believers to leave false teachings and thoughts. And as that scripture says it is from love, that all may be brought to completion in Christ.

**Re: , on: 2017/5/17 17:39**

I followed both threads about the topic and find it sad that this has been discussed so many times here.

Quote: "It's not a matter of pre-mid-post trib it's a matter of pursuing truth and allowing God to lead us, not man. Men who create such doctrines do so from a need that arises in their own heart." (Martyr)

Great points, you are right! Men created such doctrines and I have studied them. (but I won't discuss them here) But I'm no longer tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of end time teaching and book and DVD that is out there now.

God wants us to have "unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Ephesians 4:13

It says "unity in the faith" and not in man made endtime doctrines

There is a lot more I could write here but I just finish with some Scriptures:

When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I decided to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-2)

Acts 14:21 They preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples and encouraging them to continue in the faith. "We must endure many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

Are we prepared and equipped for those hardships ?

Blessings

**Re: - posted by Martyr (), on: 2017/5/17 23:02**

Amen brother!

**Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2017/5/18 0:44**

I remember hearing John MacArthur dismissing as nonsense the idea of the rapture and 2nd coming of Christ being the same event happening at the end of the Great Tribulation. He said that the idea of the saints going up into the sky to meet Jesus only to come back down immediately made no sense. I don't think he thought it out long enough. The Earth is a sphere with people living all over it. So if Jesus comes down toward Earth in the vicinity of Jerusalem, if we are to be gathered to Him, we are not going to glide 6 inches above the ground all the way to Jerusalem. We would have to dodge skyscrapers, trees, telephone poles, etc. We will have glorified bodies at that point and can do just fine in thin air as we fly to Jerusalem to meet Him. Also, we will be up in the air with Jesus as the giant sword comes out of His mouth and consumes His enemies on the Earth. We will be safe with Him. Then we come down to the ground.

So I, like many here, believe that the rapture happens at the 2nd coming of Christ at the end of the Great Tribulation. Jesus says we will not know the day or hour of His coming so I don't think it will be exactly 7 years to the day after the beginning of the Great Tribulation, but I do think we can know sort of when it's close. I would not rest at ease or put off getting right with God because the Antichrist hasn't been revealed or Babylon the Great hasn't been destroyed yet. A person can die at any time and will have to give account to God for his or her life. And this is my biggest problem with believing in the rapture occurring at the 2nd coming at the end of the Great Tribulation: We are saying that Jesus CAN'T come back until those things written in Revelation (before the Battle of Armageddon) have happened. I like the fact that pre-tribbers let people know that Jesus can come back at any moment, so be ready, etc. I'm just being honest in how I assess and see a weakness in my own view regarding eschatology.

Whether Christ comes before the Great Tribulation or at the end of it, we should live our lives soberly and not waste time in dissipation. Pursue the reason why God pursued you till we all become conformed to the image of Christ.

- Daniel