

“The Pre-Tribulation Rapture in Revelation”
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Today will be more teaching or Bible Study as I look systematically at proving the Pre-Tribulation Rapture in the book of Revelation.

We know John 14:3; I Cor. 15; I Thess. 4:13; and the OT Types, but when we interpret Revelation in it literal-Historical-Grammatical approach, we have the church raptured before the seven-year tribulation period. This occurs before the first seal judgment is even opened by Jesus.

TT- Travel with me on a jet tour of Revelation.

Rev. 1-3: Here you have the seven churches of Revelation that are historical churches, characteristics of contemporary churches today, and represent seven ages of the church beginning with the apostolic church of Ephesus and going to Laodicea, the harlot Church left behind, where Jesus is on the outside.

Rev 3:10: Here we see the raptured church, the faithful remnant at Philadelphia.

Rev. 3:22: The word “unto the churches” is absent in the tribulation period (6:1-18-24).

Rev. 4:1: The rapture takes place here in the book of Revelation. “After this” after the church age and “hereafter.”

Rev. 4-5: We see the church in heaven represented as the 24 elders rewarded and worshipping around the throne.

Note Rev. 4: 4, 10, here is the church having gone through the judgment seat of Christ and rewarded. This not Israel since they are not in the millennium yet (Rev. 19), and not the tribulation saints as we are not in the tribulation yet (Rev. 7:9-10).

Rev. 6:1-17: The beginning of the seven seal judgments.

Note Rev. 6:1-2 the tribulation does not start till the church is in heaven, then the Antichrist is revealed (v.2).

Note Rev. 6:17 “the wrath is come” refers to all seven seal judgments. The church does not experience any of the seal judgments whether mid-trib or post-trib.

Rev. 6-19: There is no mention of the church being on the earth during the tribulation. “Earth dwellers” always refers to those left behind at the rapture to go through the tribulation. Remember, we are “kept from” the hour of trial.

Rev. 12: there is no mention of Israel and the church co-existing in the tribulation period (Israel, Messiah, and the Dragon).

Rev. 13:9: The absence of the word “churches.” The word “Churches” is used in all seven of the churches in the church age in Rev. 2-3. It is absent in 13:9 because the church is absent and in heaven before the tribulation even begins.

Rev. 18:20 the church is in heaven rejoicing over the destruction of Babylon at the end of the tribulation period before the second coming.

Rev. 19:11-21 there is no mention of a rapture or resurrection at the second coming of Jesus at the end of the tribulation period.

How can there be a post-tribulation rapture when there is no mention of a rapture or resurrection at the second coming of Jesus?

The Post-Tribulation view serves no purpose. John 14:3 says we go to the Father’s house at the rapture not the second coming.

Why go up and come right back? This view allows no time for the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Judgment of the Sheep and Goats, and the Marriage Supper.

The Post-Tribulation view can’t explain the millennium being populated by sinful people. If all are raptured at the end of the tribulation with glorified bodies, then they can’t populate the kingdom with sinful people who will revolt at the end of the Millennium.

Conclusion:

When we interpret Revelation in its literal-historical- grammatical approach, we must conclude a pre-tribulation rapture. There is no pre-wrath, no mid-tribulation, or post-tribulation rapture.

The tribulation is for Christ-rejecters, Israel, and to purge the earth for the millennial kingdom. The tribulation is not for the bride of Christ!

John Phillips said, “It makes no sense for the Father to beat up the bride before he sends the Son to bring her to the Father’s house.