

## *Pre-trib Rapture Debunked*

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**Proverbs 10:30** The righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

**John 17:15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

**Matthew 24: 29-31** “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

**Matthew 24:15-22** *“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For **then shall be great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the **elect's** sake those days shall be shortened.”*

**Luke 17:33** Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles [vultures] be gathered together.

**Luke 17:37**, Jesus answers the disciples question of what happens to the TAKEN ONES. Jesus said, **WHERE THERE IS A DEAD BODY, THERE THE VULTURES WILL GATHER.**

Was Job raptured out of his time of tribulation (testing)? NO

Was Joseph raptured out of the pit or prison? NO

Was Daniel raptured out of the lion's den? NO

Was King David raptured out of all his tribulation? NO

Exodus 7:18 through 12:30 records the Israelites were IN Egypt for all ten plagues of God's wrath.

Was Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego raptured out of the fiery furnace? NO

Was Jesus or any of the Apostles raptured out of their persecution? NO

Was Paul raptured out of all his tribulations (2 Corinthians 11:23-27)? NO

## **NO RAPTURE, JUST MUCH TRIBULATION**

It is a fact that no Christian churches, congregations or fellowships existing prior to 1830 proclaimed a RAPTURE doctrine, and all accepted the Biblical truth that Christians would be on earth during the time of great tribulation. Before 1830, the single RAPTURE Scripture of 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 were accepted as resurrection verses.

The SCOFIELD Bible and the DAKE'S Bible were the first to carry FOOTNOTES about THE RAPTURE. It's all (BAD) history from there!

### **The lie that Christians will not go through the tribulation.**

The pre-tribulation rapture teaches that Christians will not go through the tribulation. However, it is very clear from scripture that the "Son of man" does not come to gather together his elect until after the tribulation.

It is clear from the context of Matthew 24 and from other verses in the Bible that the elect are God's chosen people (Christians). It is also clear that Matthew 24:29-31 is referring to the rapture. Therefore if the rapture does not happen until after the tribulation, Christians will go through the tribulation.

### **The lie that the tribulation is the wrath of God on this world.**

The reason the pre-tribulation rapture teaches that Christians will not go through the tribulation is that it teaches a false definition of the word "tribulation." It teaches that "the tribulation" is when God pours out his wrath on the unsaved world. However, that is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible uses the word tribulation 22 different times. For sake of time we cannot look at all 22 times it appears but let's look at a few examples of when the word is used:

**Matthew 13:21** "Yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while: for when **tribulation** or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."

**Romans 8:35** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall **tribulation**, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"

**2 Corinthians 1:4** "Who comforteth us in all our **tribulation**, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."

**Revelation 1:9** "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in **tribulation**, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."

**Luke 17:26-27** "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and **destroyed them all.**"

**Luke 17:28-30** "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But **the same day that Lot went out of Sodom** it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and **destroyed them all.** Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

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The Bible says:

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-Mark 13:37

So, what is “the day of Christ”? The Bible says:

*“Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*-1 Corinthians 1:8*

The day of Christ is in the “end” and on that day we will be blameless.

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”*

*-Philippians 1:6*

In the day of Christ, God will be done performing the work he has begun in us. So when will all this be?

*“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”*

*- 1 John 3:2*

The day that the Lord Jesus Christ returns is the same day that we will be like him. Then the work of sanctification that God is performing in us will be done. Therefore the day of Christ is the day that Jesus Christ returns. According to 2 Thessalonians, the day of Christ cannot come until two things happen first: a great falling away and the man of sin being revealed. This means that the day of Christ (i.e. the day that the Lord Jesus Christ returns) is not imminent.

#### **4. The lie that there is no sign of the return of Jesus Christ.**

Jesus was asked two questions by his disciples about the end times. The first question was, “when shall these things be?” and the second question was, “what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” The Lord Jesus Christ answered both of these questions, which is why we have the Olivet Discourse.

#### **Jesus’ answer to the first question: “when shall these things be?”**

*“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.”*

*-Matthew 24:4*

Notice that the Bible says that Jesus answered their question. The pre-tribulation rapture says that there are no signs, and that we cannot know when these things will be, but since Jesus **answered** their questions we obviously can know these things.

*“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

*And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”*

*-Matthew 24:5-6*

Jesus said when you hear many saying that they are the Christ, and when there are rumors of wars, the end is still not yet!

*“For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

*All these are the **beginning of sorrows.**”*

*-Matthew 24:7-8*

When there are many famines and pestilences and earthquakes, and when nature begins to do strange things, then you are at the beginning of the end.

*“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*

*And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*

*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*

*But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and **then shall the end come.**”*

*-Matthew 24:9-14*

When you begin to be persecuted and the gospel is preached in all the world, then you will know you are at the end. The very next thing that will happen is the revealing of the Anti-Christ.

Jesus just answered their first question. He told them it will not be when there are false Christs and rumors of wars. It will not be when there are famines and natural disasters. He told them the end will come when you are being persecuted and the Antichrist is revealed. He did not give them a date but he did tell them when these things will be.

**Jesus' answer to the second question: “what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”**

When you see the Antichrist, that is when the great tribulation will begin. Notice the rapture has not yet happened, so Christians will be living through this tribulation, which is the persecution of the believers by Satan and the Antichrist.

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And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

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*-Matthew 24:29-31*

“But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.** 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. **ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.** Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch and be sober.**” -1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The pre-tribulation rapture teaches that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come on us with no announcement - that he will come as a thief in the night. Paul said that the day should not overtake us as a thief, but we are to watch and be sober! What are we watching for? The signs that Jesus told us to watch for!

## **5. The lie of the secret return of Jesus Christ.**

The pre-tribulation rapture teaches that one day we will all be taken out of this world and those who will be left behind will wonder what happened to the rest of us. Did UFO's take them? Where did they all go? This is the secret return of Christ and this is not taught in the Bible.

*“But in those days, after that tribulation, the **sun shall be darkened,** and **the moon shall not give her light,***

*And **the stars of heaven shall fall,** and **the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.***

*And **then shall they see the Son of man coming** in the clouds with great power and glory.*

*And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.” -Mark 13:24-27*

The Bible makes it clear that when Jesus comes back to rapture the believers, the world will take notice. They will notice the sun and moon being darkened; they will notice the stars falling and the heavens being shaken. They will hear the last trump. Even more the Bible says that all kindreds of the earth will see him coming in the clouds with their own eyes! No, those who are left behind will not be scratching their heads wondering where we went. They will know exactly what happened, and they will wail because they will know that now after the tribulation which they inflicted on the Christians of the world, the wrath of God will be poured out upon them.

### **7. The result of the lie of the Pre-tribulation Rapture.**

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*“If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?” - Jeremiah 12:5*

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