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# Who Said Rapture??

*A study of the "Rapture" and tribulation quoting many famous Bible Teachers.*



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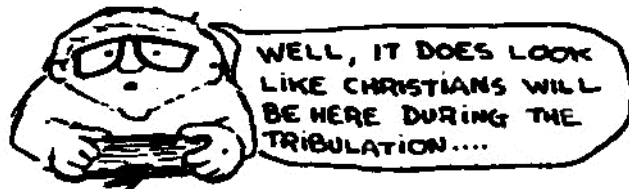
There is a big difference between the "RAPTURE" and the "RESURRECTION." There are thousands of people who think the "RAPTURE" idea - with driverless cars and crashing airplanes - is nothing but an emotion packed made up story with no Bible basis. But all Christians agree there will be a "RESURRECTION" in the future. The sensational display of the terror filled tribulation really has nothing to do with when the "RESURRECTION" will take place. We are convinced the Bible

teaches the "RESURRECTION" will take place at the end of the tribulation, not before-it.

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He said,, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil." (John 17:15)



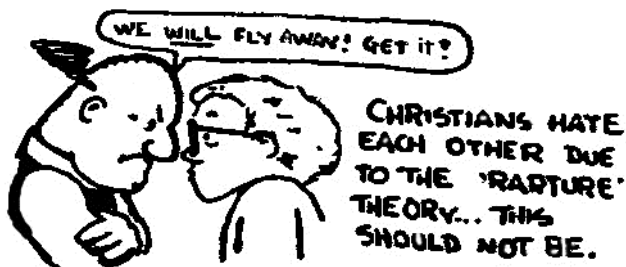
## CHANGE YOUR MIND

Thousands of Christians are changing their minds about the 'rapture, of the Church. We used

to *think the* "rapture" would take place before the tribulation. Now, we see the Bible shows the -resurrection will be at the end of the time of trouble.

But not everyone agrees. Some denominations still hold strongly to their traditions about the "rapture, in spite of all the Bible evidence to show it will be at the end of the tribulation. Some people know more about Prophecy from listening to a quartet sing, "ILL FLY AWAY" than from Bible study, but things are changing. I found there are many Bible students who believe the resurrection will take place at the end of the tribulation. But I was shocked to find that a few people actually count us as their enemy after we changed to believe the Bible, not their tradition.

After many years I discovered that nearly all Bible students believe the "rapture" takes place after the tribulation and that some people mistakenly believe it takes place before. Then I discovered that people hate each other and fight each other because of their disagreement about the "rapture.,, Brothers, this should not be.



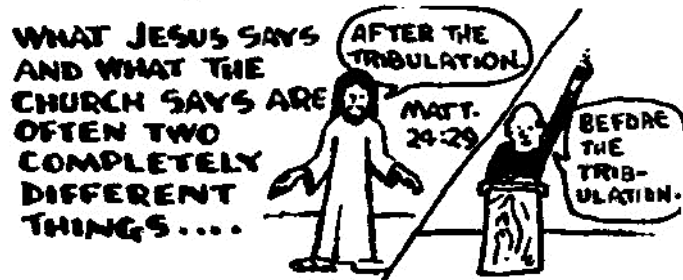
The most shocking thing this study has shown me is that Christianity is presently divided over Issues which are important but not important enough to make Christians hate each other. Now I

have seen that everyone in my city who names the name of Jesus Christ is my brother and is in the "real Church" no matter what he believes about the -rapture.

However, I have now seen that denominationalism is a great enemy to the cause of Christ. People who think their own denomination is "the greatest", are badly deceived and they do much to hurt real Christianity.

To be real Christians we must get our eyes off our rules of discipline and doctrinal statements and put our eyes on Jesus Christ. Jesus told us the way to

know a person is a Christian and a brother is by our love toward each other. When you see "Christians" hating each other and hurting each other then you know they are very immature, like children.



The other two things, which are enemies to the cause of Christ, are the traditions and commandments of the Church. People mistakenly think that What the "church"

said is what Jesus said - but there is a big difference. I did not know this until I started to study the "rapture question," and now I see it applies to a whole lot more beside rapture.

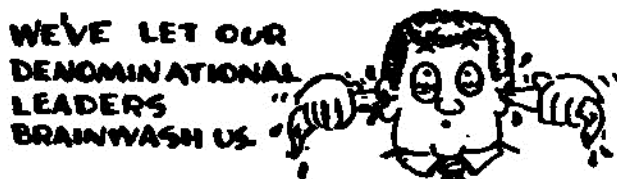
There will not be a RAPTURE before the tribulation; the RESURRECTION will be at the end of the trouble. Let us get this straight; There is no scripture anywhere that proves the rapture is first. The notes in the Scofield Bible are the biggest offender and have done the most to project the error. I changed my mind after Bible study (not Scofield note study), and began to teach Christians to get ready for trouble. God never promised to send Christians His wrath (wrath is for the unbeliever) but He did promise to send us tribulation.



Some of our friends did not like the idea of going through the tribulation, so they began to wonder if we who believe in a post-tribulation resurrection were really "saved. Now look; salvation *does not* depend on what you believe regarding the rapture or tribulation. Salvation has to

do with believing on Jesus Christ and following Him, and I am saved in spirit I am being saved in soul and by the grace of God I will be saved in body, all through Jesus Christ! Furthermore, this does not question your salvation, either.

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havoc after a supposed rapture, but the paper is repulsive to Bible students because no scriptures are given to prove the ideas. Some people who had dreams or visions of the rapture were so completely disarmed by the barrage of scriptures showing the errors of the newspaper tracts and their visions that they retaliated with rage. This shows me that present Christianity must go through more changing and come into love, not hate.

We have come to the idea that everyone who names the name of Jesus Christ is a Christian, no matter what they believe concerning the rapture. We have let our different denominational leaders brainwash us into thinking that unless everyone agrees with our group they are in danger. Really, the person who is in danger is the one who thinks he is right and has not changed much lately.

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He went on to say, "I believed the other theory simply because I was taught it by W. E. Blackstone in his book JESUS IS COMING, the Scofield reference Bible and Prophetic Conferences and Bible Schools; but when I began to search for the scriptures for myself I discovered that there is not a single verse in the Bible that upholds the pre-tribulation theory but that the uniform teaching of the Word of God is a post-tribulation rapture." Search the scriptures for yourself and your mind also will be changed.



#### AFTER THE TRIBULATION

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#### SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION

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Noah was not raptured out of the floodwater; he went through the water. God said, "When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2). Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego saw the fourth man and went through the fire. They were not raptured out. Daniel was not raptured out of the Lion's den; he went through it.

God has established a pattern of providing supernatural protection for

His people so they have had the power to go through the test, not out of it. Why would He change His pattern for the last great tribulation?

God said, "Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. There shall no evil befall thee" (Psalm 91). A mighty supernatural deliverance was wrought-by God by protecting all His children in Egypt.

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They went through the last SEVEN plagues but Israel did not suffer from them (Exodus 8:22-23, 9:4).

When we study how God poured out His wrath in Egypt during the LAST SEVEN plagues we notice an amazing parallel to when God will pour out His wrath during the LAST SEVEN vials of wrath (also seven trumpets) of the book of Revelation..

Just as God protected His people from His wrath in Egypt He will also protect His people from His wrath in the end time. But it should be noted, His people always go through it, not out of it.

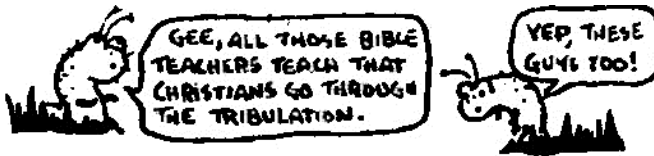
FAMOUS CHURCHMEN AGREE

Dr. Henry W. Frost former Home Director of CHINA INLAND MISSION, wrote a book "MATTHEW 24 AND THE REVELATION." In it he argues conclusively for a POST tribulation rapture.

A man from England, Edmund Shackleton, wrote a book, "WILL THE CHURCH ESCAPE THE GREAT TRIBULATION." Anyone who reads either book will be convinced that there will be no rapture before the tribulation.

Rev. Pat Robertson, a famous radio and TV personality, has spent many hours on his own stations telling his audience they would go through the tribulation, not out of it.

Here is a list of Bible teachers who have written to show that we will go through the tribulation: David Baron, Dr. Bergin, Dr. Horatius Bonar, Charles R. Erdman, W.J. Erdman, Bishop Frank Houghton, Dr. Campbell Morgan, Dr. Adolph Saphir, Dr. A.B. Simpson,, H.W. Soltan, Dr. J.W. Thirtle, Henry Varley, Nathaniel West, Lennard Darby,, Norman S. MacPherson, David MacPherson.



Other famous men who have taken this position are George Muller, John B. Scruby, Norman Douy and George Ladd (Puller

Theological Seminary), J. Barton Payne (Wheaton College).

## HISTORY OF THE RAPTURE THEORY (FALSE)

Mr. Edmund Shakleton opened his book with the statement, "All who held the premillennial Coming of Christ were... of one mind on the subject...(until circa 1830) 0 About that time a new view was promulgated that the Coming of Christ was not one event, but that it was divided into stages; in fact that Christ comes twice from heaven to earth, but the first time only as far as the air. The-first descent, it is said, will be for the purpose of removing the Church from the world, and will occur before the Great Tribulation under Anti-christ ... This they call "The coming for His Saints" or "Secret Rapture." The second, part of the Coming is said to take place when Christ appears in glory and destroys the Anti-christ. This they call, "The coming with His saints."

Mr. H.A. Baker wrote, "For eighteen centuries the fundamental principle of tribulation to glory was the universal belief of the truly born again members of the Church."

Dr, Oswald J. Smith said, "The new pre-tribulation rapture teaching was first proclaimed as a direct revelation by a woman in Edward Irving's church, and then taken up by John Nelson Darby (and the Scofield, Reference Bible) in direct contradiction to the teaching of the Church for eighteen hundred years."

H.A. Baker said, "Beginning with the Irvingite woman, then propogated by John N, Darby about 18309 this new see doctrine... has come down to us until it has

become popular. George Muller opposed it, so did Benjamin Wills Newton; so did Dr. S.P. Tregeiles and other Brethren."



I blindly followed my denominational teaching by proclaiming that it would be first, the rapture, then secondly, the appearance of the Anti-christ. But I discovered that the scripture really says, "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" (II Thes. 2:3). The scriptures say plainly,, **FIRSTLY** the Anti-christ.... then **SECONDLY** the resurrection. The word "RAPTURE" cannot be found in the Bible. Look it up and see! We have added that to our Christian vocabulary; God did not put it in His word.

### CHURCH IS NOT READY YET

Jesus Christ is going to present a glorious church without spot, or wrinkle. (EPH, 5:27). It is obvious that the church is not ready for His coming according to that standard. There is yet much perfecting of the church to do first, before Jesus comes.



It is a very grave error to promise Christians an escape instead of preparing them for the tribulation.

### MORE BIBLE TRUTH

In studying II Thes. 2:7,, Dr. Oswald J. Smith said, "He who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. I learned from the Greek that the

second 'he' is the Anti-christ, and that the Greek does not say...taken out of the way.' but 'revealed in the midst.' In other words, lawlessness will be restrained until the appointed time for the lawless one, the Anti-christ to appear. There is no mention of the Holy Spirit at all. That is a Scofield Bible assumption. The Holy Spirit and the church remain to the end of the age."

### SUPPER FOR SEVEN YEARS

Some people mistakenly teach that after the rapture we will all go to the marriage

CAN THIS BE THE CHURCHES' DESTINY?



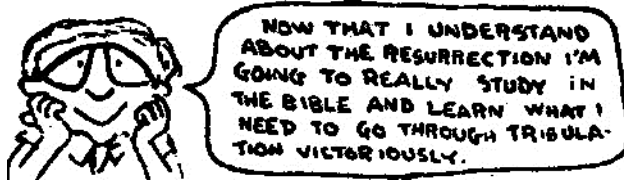
supper of the Lamb and will be there for seven years, eating and enjoying ourselves while God punishes the world. A close analysis of the scripture in I Thes. 4-17 shows that the word "meet" was only used in two other places in scripture, In both places it means "returning with and not "remaining

at" the place of meeting There is no scripture anywhere in the Bible that says we will remain for seven years in the air.

I have been taught that the Greek word "parousia" always referred to the rapture and that other words were used for the Coming of Christ in glory after the tribulation. But I found that this also is not true. "Parousia" is used for the coming in glory in II Thes. 2:1.

### I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

I believe the spiritual bodies of the dead saints will be raised at the end of the tribulation and we who are alive will meet them. (I Cor.15:35-44). Since -the resurrection occurs after. the tribulation, then every born again believer in Jesus Christ needs to be awakened to this truth. They need to prepare and perfect themselves through the word, by the Holy Spirit. Your hope of being taken out and away from the bad things may let you down and you may not have the power (Holy Spirit) to go through the trouble. Of all the people I know, not one person has ever found a single scripture that says we will be raptured before the tribulation. Have You?



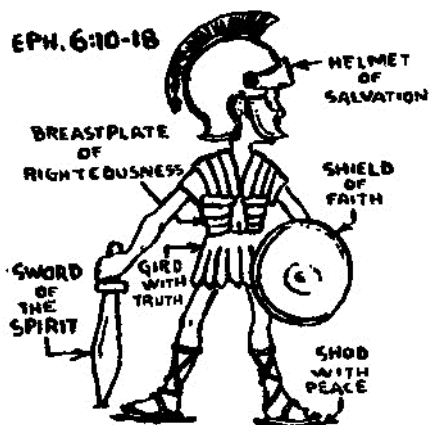
When scripture conflicts with traditions, which should we

believe? Change your mind like I did!

### SCRIPTURE

Matt. 13:39 - The harvest is the end of the world (age): and the reapers are the angels. (40) As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be at the end of this world (age). (41) The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity:(42) And shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (43) THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS, SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER, who hath ears to hear let him hear.

Matt. 24:29 - Immediately after the tribulation of those days ...shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.



Matt. 24:37 - But as the days of Noe (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (the wicked were destroyed and the good left.)

PROV. 2:22 - For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. (22)

But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.

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

Rev. 5:10 - ...,hast made us unto our God Kings and Priests: and we shall reign ON THE EARTH.

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