

The Church and the Tribulation

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1 So....you are a born-again believer and true follower of Jesus Christ. WHAT
2 ARE YOU LOOKING FOR NOW?

- 3 ● the Man of Sin?
- 4 ● the last global war which will kill millions?
- 5 ● the great world dictator?
- 6 ● the global false religion?
- 7 ● The Son of God, Jesus Christ, who will translate us out of this world before
8 these things begin to happen?
- 9 ● WHAT IS YOUR HOPE?

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11 Strangely enough, many alleged believers seem to be looking for the horrors of
12 Antichrist and his vicious and thoroughly wicked conquest of this planet.
13 Even patient presentations of Scripture do not seem to register with them. This
14 is our hope:

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16 The Lord Jesus Christ is going to appear in the heavens. He will summon out
of the grave the bodies of all who have died knowing Jesus as Savior and Lord
and because of their faith are members of the Bride of Christ. AND...He will
also summon with them every living member of the Bride (the Church) who are
still alive and functioning. They will all be joined to one Body in a split second
and will meet the Lord in the air! THAT is our blessed hope!
Titus 2:13 *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the
great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

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18 1 Thes. 5:1-11

19 ***But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto***
20 ***you. [2] For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a***
21 ***thief in the night. [3] For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden***
22 ***destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they***
23 ***shall not escape. [4] But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day***
24 ***should overtake you as a thief. [5] Ye are all the children of light, and the***
25 ***children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. [6] Therefore***

1 *let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. [7] For they that*
2 *sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. [8]*
3 *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and*
4 *love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. [9] For God hath not appointed*
5 *us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] Who died*
6 *for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. [11]*
7 *Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also*
8 *ye do.*

THE VIEW POINTS - RIGHT AND WRONG

The Partial Rapture Position:

14 People who subscribe to this view hold that when Jesus comes back in the clouds
15 to take the Church unto Himself, the only ones translated will be those who have
16 had some second work of grace, i.e. sanctification, baptism in the Holy Spirit, etc.
17 They believe the Body of Christ is going to be divided into two parts at the
18 Rapture – the ones taken will now be with Jesus while those not taken will be left
19 on earth to go through the Tribulation to their sins may be purged and they receive
20 sanctification.

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22 Why don't we believe this heresy? It is the death of Christ, accepted by people,
23 that removes all sin. Hebrews 10:17 - ***And their sins and iniquities will I***
24 ***remember no more.*** It is only because of what Jesus has done on the cross that
25 we are saved - nothing else.

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27 A divided church at the Rapture is as absurd as half a woman walking down the
28 wedding aisle to be married.

The Post Tribulation Position

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32 The subscribers to this heresy believe the Church will go through the seven years
33 of the Tribulation period and will thus suffer all the wrath of God - and THEN be
34 caught up later to be with Him. These folks believe in the Rapture; it's the
35 timing of it that is non-scriptural.

1 John 15:18-19 **If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it**
2 **hated you. [19] If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but**
3 **because ye are not of the world, but *I have chosen you out of the world,***
4 **therefore the world hateth you.**

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6 The Tribulation will be a time of divine condemnation on this planet and
7 everything on it. Yet Scripture promises: Romans 8:1 **There is therefore**
8 **now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after**
9 **the flesh, but after the Spirit.** What possible reason would there be for the
10 Church to go through the Tribulation if God no longer condemns us?
11 Those who believe in this post trib position apparently still feel under divine
12 condemnation.

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14 The fourth chapter of Revelation opens with raptured saints gathered around
15 God's throne, rejoicing in arriving at their blessed final home. But it is not until
16 the sixth chapter of Revelation that the Antichrist is released to take his final stab
17 at humanity:

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19 Rev. 6:1-10

20 **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were**
21 **the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] *And I***
22 ***saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown***
23 ***was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.* [3] **And****
24 **when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and**
25 **see. [4] **And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given****
26 **to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill**
27 **one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. [5] **And when he****
28 **had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. **And I****
29 **beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in**
30 **his hand. [6] **And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A****
31 **measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and**
32 **see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. [7] **And when he had opened the fourth****
33 **seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] **And I looked,****
34 **and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell**
35 **followed with him. **And power was given unto them over the fourth part of****
36 **the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the**
37 **beasts of the earth.**

1 The sixth chapter of Revelation in which we see Antichrist released later in the
2 Revelation scriptures - well after the saints of God have already been shown in
3 Heaven. So - no, we do not look for Antichrist yet to come; we look for the
4 blessed hope Paul described in

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7 REVELATION 4:4 Rev. 4:4

8 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I
9 saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their
10 **heads crowns of gold.**

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13 Seated.... Robed.... Crowned

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15 Ephes. 2:6

16 And hath raised us up together, and made **us sit** together in heavenly places in
17 Christ Jesus:

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19 Rev. 19:8

20 And to her was granted that she should be **arrayed in fine linen**, clean and
21 white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

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23 2 Tim. 4:8

24 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord,
25 the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them
26 also that love his appearing.

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29 Kept from the hour of temptation (tribulation)

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31 Rev. 3:10

32 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, **I also will keep thee from the**
33 **hour of temptation**, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell
34 upon the earth.

WHEN THE NATIONS FACE JESUS WHO NOW RULES OVER ALL

Rev. 19:11-21

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

[12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

[17] And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. [19] And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20] And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

In Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39, we learn of the fierce Battle of Armageddon. In the opening stage of this War, God will begin to systematically destroy all the human forces arrayed against Him. This will leave Antichrist and the European forces to invade Israel, a foolish move indeed. Antichrist will array his forces in the hills around Jerusalem and set up his very temporary rule over the nations of the world. He might be successful except for the forces coming from the Far East, an army of 200 million fighting men. Even by amalgamating together, they are

1 no match against the Heavenly force now coming against them. We do not
2 normally associate King David with being a prophet; but....look at this passage in
3 Psalm 2:1-12:

4 *Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? [2] The kings of*
5 *the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and*
6 *against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away*
7 *their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall*
8 *have them in derision. [5] Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex*
9 *them in his sore displeasure. [6] Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
10 *[7] I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day*
11 *have I begotten thee. [8] Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine*
12 *inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. [9] Thou shalt*
13 *break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*
14 *[10] Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. [11]*
15 *Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. [12] Kiss the Son, lest he be*
16 *angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed*
17 *are all they that put their trust in him.*

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19 What is this “vain thing” believed by lost humanity? To defeat Jesus and His
20 righteous forces on the field of battle. What a sound greets their ears:

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22 Psalm 1:4: *the nations will hear the derisive laughter of a Holy God. And the*
23 *human armies will be dashed to pieces like a broken clay pot.*

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25 John describes Jesus having eyes of fire (Rev. 19:12); no longer the loving Jesus
26 with open arms, now He stands in furious judgment against a world that has
27 rejected His sacrificial death on their behalf.

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29 Jesus is not the “Lamb” at this point, but the avenging judge.

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31 Rev. 19:15 *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite*
32 *the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the*
33 *winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

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35 An old Gospel song warns:

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37 *And oh what a weeping and wailing as the lost were told of their fate;*
They prayed for the rocks and the mountains;
They prayed
But their prayers were too late.