**THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE OF THE FAITHFUL CHURCH**

I have been studying End-days Prophecies since COVID-19 showed up. I took a course on-line from Dallas Theological Seminary under Dr. Toussaint. I have read numerous books by Dr. Jeremiah and Prophet William Branham. I have also read “Sword and Scimitar,” and “The Wormwood Prophecy.” I study these prophecies using Dr. Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible, King James Study Bible, and other Bibles, Parallel Bible Commentary, Greek and Hebrew Lexicons, Vine Expository Dictionary, The New Unger’s Bible Dictionary, Strong’s Concordance, and many other references. Below is a small portion of so far 55 pages of notes of the **Olivet Discourse, the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation**. God has given me dreams and understanding to help accomplish this calling to teach this course by streaming on my **Facebook Touch of Heaven** starting in **January on Tuesday nights at 7 pm**. Below I am sharing my notes so far on raptures.

**PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE**

Rapture (Greek *harpazo*) means “to carry off by force or snatch out or away” (Thayer p. 74) and “a force suddenly exercised” (Vine p. 166)

Though there is no use of the word “rapture” in the Bible, there are many uses of *harpazo*. It is translated: “catch, force, pluck, pull, snatch, spoil” and “take” (often ending with “up” or “out”) [Vine p. 1294]. Some say the rapture is sign-less but no, the signs of the Tribulation today say it is imminent, any day now.

The Pre-Trib. Rapture of the Bride of Christ aligns with ancient Hebrew marriages. After betrothed, the virgin remained in her village watching for her groom to return for her. The groom left to prepare a place for them on his father’s property. For us that is Heaven. When finished he came to the edge of her village calling or blowing a shofar, and she came out to him. We will be supernaturally taken out by Him. Jesus only comes (*parousia*) in the Pre-Trib. Rapture, no others.

**John 14:1-3 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.**

**PRE-TRIB RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH IS CONFIRMED:**

Jesus will come (*parousia*) **FOR** His Bride, the Church, at the Pre-Trib. Rapture. Jesus will come (*parousia*) **WITH** His Bride when He returns to Earth. So, we must sort the comings (*parousia*).

**1 Thess. 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.**

This “coming” is the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the faithful Church for the rewards, including crowns, which will be given to them right after the Rapture in Heaven at the Judgement Seat of Christ (a seat of rewards for work done on Earth.)

**1 Thess. 5:23 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.**

This “coming” is the Pre-Trib. Rapture reminding those already saved, the Church, that we must remain faithful.

**2 Thess. 2:1-2 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him. 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 day of Christ is at hand** (meaning “or had come”).

This “coming” is the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the faithful Church. The Thessalonian believers were shaken and troubled for they thought they missed the rapture and the Tribulation would soon begin. So, Paul gave them a sign that there will be a great falling away before the rapture (**v. 3**). Also, only in the Pre-Trib. Rapture will Jesus come unto His Bride.

**2 Thess. 2:6-7 (AMP) And now you know what is restraining him** (Antichrist) **[from being revealed at this time]; it is so that he may be manifested (revealed) in his own [appointed] time. For the mystery of lawlessness (that hidden principle of rebellion (Antichrist) against constituted authority (**or God**) is already at work in the world, [but is retained only until He who restrains is taken out of the way.**

**v. 3** (the sign of the falling away of the Church is **before** Antichrist appears)

**v. 6** (the Restrainer must be removed **before** Antichrist is revealed)

The **“He,”** Who restrains the Antichrist (not antichrists we have had since the birth of the Church) is the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit will still live within those saved during the Tribulation, the Tribulation Saints, but will no longer restrain Antichrist. The “taken out” is Him in the Church at the Pre-Trib. Rapture.

**1 Cor. 15:21-23 . . . For since by man** (Adam) **came death, by man** (Jesus) **came also the resurrection of the dead. For in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits: afterward they that are Christ’s at His coming.**

This “coming” is also the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the faithful Church when the dead in Christ arise.

**1 Cor. 15:51-57** (read) **v. 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we** (the living) **will be changed.**

Like **1 Thess. 4:17** President Trump is also a sign of this time, especially his last term. Saints both living and dead will come up in the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the faithful Church.

“changed”(Greek *allasso*) means “transformed” into their glorified bodies

**1 John 2:28 . . . abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.**

This coming is rapture. The best way to be confident we will be taken is to abide in Jesus while on earth. A believer would only be ashamed if left behind. None of these concerns would be for the saints in Heaven returning to Earth with Jesus at His Second Coming. And Jesus only appears at the Pre-Trib. Rapture.

**Matt. 24:33. . . when you shall see all these things** (signs), **know that it** (the Tribulation) **is near, even at the doors** (multiple raptures).

In the Olivet Discourse, Jesus connects “doors” to rapture. John previewed the “door” of **Rev. 4:1** as the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the faithful Church before the Tribulation judgements (**4:2-19:21**) begin.

**Rev. 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me: which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.**

This represents the Pre-Trib. Rapture of the Faithful Church. (**1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:52**)

Come (*anabaino*) - “arise, ascend”; Hither (*hode*) - “in this place” (Heaven)

“things which must be hereafter” is a replication of the “hereafter” of **Rev. 1:19 i.e. the Tribulation**

**RAPTURES OF THE FIRST RESURRECTION**

**Prior: Enoch** (**Gen. 5:24**) “God took him” (**Heb. 11:5**) “translated”

**Elijah** (**2 Kings 2:1**) “LORD would take up” (**2 Kings 2:11**) “went up”

**Jesus** (**Acts 1:9-11**) “taken up” called Ascension

(Dead OT saints resurrected with Jesus (**Matt. 27:52-53**) “graves were opened”)

**Paul** (**2 Cor. 12:2-4**) “caught up” “third heaven”

**John (Rev. 4:1)** “door *was* opened in heaven”“come up hither”

**Raptures Connected to the Tribulation**

**Pre-Trib.: Church** **living and dead** **(Rev.** **3:8**) “an open door and no man can shut it”

Exemplified by John (**Rev. 4:1**) “a door was open”

(**1 Thess. 4:16-17**) “dead rise” and living “caught up”

(**1 Cor.** **15:52**) “dead shall be raised” and living “changed”

(**2 Thess. 2:6-7**) “taken out” (**Jn. 14:3**) “receive you unto Myself”

**Mid-Trib.:** **Two Witnesses** (**Rev. 11:12**) “come up hither” “ascended up”

**End-Trib.:** **The 144,000** (**7:1-8**) “caught up” (**12:5**) in Heaven (**14:1-5**; **Isa. 66:7-8)**

**ANOTHER VERSE NOT ABOUT THE RAPTURE BUT STILL TELLS US MORE ABOUT THE RAPTURE**

**Matt. 24:36 But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.**

This “day and hour” is about the Second Coming of Jesus **WITH** His Bride. Only God, the Father, knows when Jesus will Return to Earth. But this does not mean we cannot know anything about His coming **FOR** His Bride, the Pre-Trib. Rapture. Jesus’ life on Earth fulfilled all three feasts (Passover, feast of Unleavened Bread, and feast of Firstfruits) of the first feast season right on their days. The Church was born on the second feast season called the feast of Pentecost (Acts 2). The 144,000 evangelists will finish it. The next annual feast is the feast of Trumpets. Trumpets are associated with Rapture. We may not know the day or hour of it either coming (*parousia*), but we may know the annual feast days of *Rosh Hashanah* (1-2 *Tishri*) which this year is **Sept. 19-20, 2020**.

Paul wrote about the Rapture of the Church (**1 Thess. 4:16-17**) then went on writing, **but of the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write to you (1 Thess. 5:1).**

“times” (*kairos*) and “seasons” (*kairos*) could possibly refers to the feasts of the LORD because in the O. T. the feasts of the LORD were called “feasts” or “seasons” both from the same Hebrew word “*mowed.*”

**BUT** do not depend on the two days of *Rosh Hashanah*. **STAY READY EVERY DAY!**