

Dispensational Pre-Tribulational Rapture
Runway Three Six
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Hymn# 282 (B) "Jesus is Coming Again"

Definitions

- Dispensation
- Tribulation (70th week)
- Rapture
- Wrath

The Case for the Pre-Tribulational Rapture

1. Daniel 9 the 70 weeks of wrath. (70 7's)
 - a. 9:20, 24 - your people and your holy city
 - b. 9:27 - 70th week of Daniel's prophecy. The Tribulational period
 - c. 1 Thess. 1:9-10 - **delivers us from the wrath to come**
 - d. Revelation 5-19 no mention of the church
 - e. Jeremiah 30-33 promise of restored Israel and Judah
2. Distinction of the Church from Israel
 - a. What dispensation was the promise made in and to whom?
 - b. What was the intended outcome of the 70th week?
 - c. Wrath vs Romans 8:1
 - d. What is the role of the Church in the process? (Romans 11:11-15)

Dispensation

1. What it is (Hermeneutical Tool of interpretation, a lens)
2. What it is not (A Doctrine. It can reveal doctrine but is not itself)
3. 7 common Dispensations - (1) Innocence. Gen. 1:28; (2) Conscience. Gen. 3:7; (3) Human Government. Gen. 8:15; (4) Promise. Gen. 12:1; (5) Law. Ex. 19:1; (6) Grace or Church. Acts 2:1; (7) Kingdom. Rev. 20:4

Tribulation

1. What is its function (Wrath on sin, Provocation to repentance, fulfillment of a Prophecy or Covenant)
2. Who is it for?
 - a. Israel the nation (Daniel 9:20,24,27)
 - b. The Church (1 Thess 5:9 - not appointed to wrath...)
 - c. Believers, Unbelievers
3. When will it occur? (Matthew 24:36 - Do we know when the Tribulation will start but the Rapture will trigger the 7 yr period.)

Rapture

1. Who is “caught up” (“in Christ” meaning)
 - a. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 (caught up in the Air, not A return to the earth.)
2. What happens to those “caught up” (Bema Seat)
3. What happens to those not “caught up” (only unbelievers remain)
4. When will the Rapture happen? (Matthew 24:36)
 - a. Pre-trib, Mid-Trib, Pre-Wrath, Post-Trib

Wrath

1. Why Wrath?
2. Who is it on? (1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9)

How should the Church respond

1. Because we are not in the tribulation
2. Because of the Bema Seat (wrath vs reward/loss)
3. Does it change our Commission (pre, mid, post)
4. Solid hermeneutics, to include literal interpretation. New Test. Does not overwrite the Old Test. God’s covenants were to national Israel concerning earthly promises that must be fulfilled as they were stated.
5. This is the God we still serve. (Promise of Eternal Security, No condemnation, the Resurrection)

Benediction: Revelation 22:6-21