

## SESSION 36

### THE PRE-WRATH VS. THE POST-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE

#### I. PRE-WRATH AND POST-TRIB TERMINOLOGY

- A. These two terms can be defined both in a broad and narrow sense
- B. Position depends on definition of these terms
- C. Pre-Wrath is largely defined as the rapture taking place after the sixth seal and before the trumpets and the bowls (God's wrath)
  - 1. Largely developed by Robert Van Kampen and Marvin Rosenthal
  - 2. Could happen any time after the Abomination of Desolation
  - 3. Happens some time within the last three and a half years
- D. Post-Tribulational is largely defined as the rapture taking place at the end of the final seven years
  - 1. The return of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, the rapture of the church happens as one contiguous event
- E. Understanding what is ahead is one of the most important pastoral issues of our time
  - 1. If Post-Tribulationalism is wrong, we are pleasantly surprised
  - 2. If Pre-Tribulationalism is wrong, there could be massive implications for the church and her lack of preparedness
- F. At the end of the day, both Pre-Wrath and Post-Trib have strengths and problems; the more important issue is that we be prepared to face the Antichrist