

## SESSION 1: THE CLIMAX OF THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

### I. THREE PURPOSES

#### A. THE STORYLINE

1. Jesus' second coming is the main event of the New Testament, and the rapture is not a separate subject; it is part of the most climactic moment of the greatest story ever told

#### B. THE NATURE OF THE RAPTURE

1. To bring clarity and truth in light of false, toxic, and destructive teachings

#### C. THE URGENCY

1. Approaching a time of rapid acceleration in terms of End Times events
2. The first time in 2,000 years that prerequisite events are either fulfilled or being fulfilled

### II. THREE VANTAGE POINTS

#### A. THE BIBLE

1. No evidence of a pre-tribulation rapture in the Bible

#### B. CHURCH HISTORY

1. No early church fathers ever mention a pre-tribulation teaching

#### C. THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

1. Evacuation vs. endurance

### III. THREE APPLICATIONS

A. To be anchored

B. To anchor others

C. To warn others

### IV. THREE CAVEATS

A. There are good people who

1. Believe in the pre-tribulation rapture
2. Disregard truth
3. Are unaware that a debate exists.

B. The rapture doctrine cannot save souls

C. The goal is to win people, not arguments