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FOR A PRETRIB RAPTURE**

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# THE PRETRIB RAPTURE CONTROVERSY

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE!  
NO VERSE TEACHES A  
PRETRIB RAPTURE!

SELECTIVE USE  
OF THE EVIDENCE



ROBUST  
EXAMINATION  
OF THE EVIDENCE



THE EVIDENCE FOR A  
PRETRIB RAPTURE  
IS OVERWHELMING.



# **PROOF #1**

**THE BIBLE HOLDS OUT  
A DISTINCT FUTURE  
FOR NATIONAL ISRAEL**

# ISRAEL'S IRREVOCABLE ELECTION

Rom. 11:28-29 — 28] As concerning **the gospel**, they are **ENEMIES** for your sakes: but as touching **the election**, they are **BELOVED** for the fathers' sakes. 29] FOR THE GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD ARE WITHOUT REPENTANCE.

# REJECTION, HIATUS, RETURN

HOSEA 5:14-6:2 — 14] I will be unto Ephraim as a lion ... I will **tear and go away** ... 15] I will go and **return to my place** until they acknowledge their offence and seek my face. In their affliction they will earnestly seek me. 1] Come and let us return to the Lord for he has torn, and he will heal us. He has smitten, and he will bind us up. 2] **After two days he will revive us.** In the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

# GOD'S RETURN TO ISRAEL

Act 15:14-16 — 14 Simeon has declared how God **FIRST VISITED THE GENTILES**, to take out of them a people for his name. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, 16 **AFTER THIS I WILL RETURN** and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again its ruins, and I will set it up:

# ISRAEL'S GLORIOUS RESTORATION

- Rom 11:12 — Now if their **fall** is riches for the world, and their **failure** riches for the Gentiles, **how much more their fullness!**
- Rom 11:15 — For if **their casting away** was the reconciling of the world, what shall **their reception** be, but life from the dead?

# STRAIGHTFORWARD LOGIC

- **IF** God's return to Israel comes after God finishes gathering the Gentile church, and
- **IF** his return to Israel starts with the tribulation,
- **THEN** the church must be raptured prior to the tribulation.

# PROOF #2

THE SEVENTIETH WEEK  
IS APPOINTED FOR ISRAEL

# UPON ISRAEL AND JERUSALEM

DAN. 9:24 — *Seventy weeks* are determined upon *your people* and upon *your holy city* to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy (the temple).

# THE TIME OF ISRAEL'S TROUBLE

JER.30:7 — Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even **the time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.

# THE TIME OF ISRAEL'S TROUBLE

DAN. 12:1 — And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which stands for the children of **your people**: and there shall be **a time of trouble, such as never was** since there was a nation even to that same time.

# STRAIGHTFORWARD LOGIC

- We have three clear statements that the tribulation is upon the nation of Israel.
- **IF** the tribulation is upon national Israel, **THEN** the church program cannot be the economy in force, and the church cannot be here on earth.

# PROOF #3

THE BIBLE SHOWS ISRAEL IN THE  
TRIBULATION, NOT CHRISTIANS

# THE TEMPLE AND THE SABBATH

MATT. 24:15-21 — 15] WHEN you see the abomination of desolation ... standing in **the holy place** (the temple) ... 16] THEN let **those who are in Judea** flee to the mountains ... 20] pray that your flight be not in the winter, neither on **the Sabbath**, For THEN there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

# THE TEMPLE AND THE HOLY CITY

- REV. 11:1-2 — 1] Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and **measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there.** 2] But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread **the holy city** underfoot for forty-two months.

# THE TWO WITNESSES

REV 11:3-6 — 3] I will give power to my **two witnesses**, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth" ... 5] If anyone wants to harm them, **fire proceeds from their mouth** and devours their enemies ... 6] They have **power to shut heaven**, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have **power over the waters** to turn them to blood, and to **strike the earth with all kinds of plagues**, as often as they desire.

# THE CHURCH AGE

- LUK. 9:52-56 — 52] They entered a village of the Samaritans ...  
53] But they did not receive Him ... 54] When ... James and John saw this, they said, Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, like Elijah did? 55] He turned and rebuked them, and said, **You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.** 56] For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.

# STRAIGHTFORWARD LOGIC

- IF the temple is “the holy place,”
- and IF God accepts the temple worship,
- and IF Jerusalem is “the holy city,”
- and IF God is enforcing the Sabbath,
- and IF the tribulation is focused on Jerusalem and the Jews,
- and IF the two witnesses are operating in OT economy,
- THEN the saints are not Christians in the church age.

# PROOF #4

THE BIBLE PROMISES THE  
CHURCH DELIVERANCE FROM  
WRATH

# CLEAR PROMISE

1 THESS. 1:10 — To wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus **who delivers us from the wrath to come.**

# CLEAR PROMISE

REV. 3:10 — Because you have kept the matter of my patience, I also will **keep you from the hour of trial**, which shall come upon ALL the world, to **try them that dwell upon the earth**.

# PARAPHRASE OF THE CLEAR PROMISE

REV. 3:10 (paraphrase) — Because you have patiently suffered with me in the time of my patience (the church age), I will remove you from the planet prior to the time of trial I am bringing on the entire planet (the tribulation).

# THE ANTICHRIST CHARACTERIZES THE DAY OF THE LORD

2 Thess. 2:1-3 — 1] We **BESEECH** you brethren, **BY** (on account of) the rapture, 2] **NOT TO WORRY** that the day of the Lord **IS HERE**. 3] Let no man deceive you, for that day **IS NOT HERE** unless the falling away happens first and the man of sin be revealed.

# TYOLOGY OF THE DAY OF THE LORD



## MORNING STAR

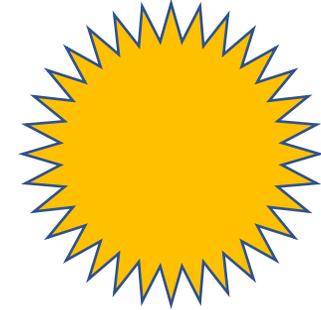
Crack of dawn of Day of the Lord  
— first hint of the approaching day  
— Rev. 2:28, Rev. 22:16, 2 Pet. 1:19  
— comes as a thief in the night

**unobtrusive sign**

## SUNRISE

Arrival of Day of Lord  
(Mal. 4:1-3. Jam. 1:9-11)  
(legal start of day)

**terrifying signs  
in the heavens**



## DAWNING

TRIBULATION

Dawning of the Day of the Lord  
(1 Thess. 5, 2 Thess. 2)

**signs increase variety, intensity, frequency**

## DAY PROPER

MILLENNIUM

— the Promised Rest  
(Heb. 4, 2 Pet. 3:8,  
Hos. 5:14-6:2)

— Day of the Lord in  
contrast to man's day

RAPTURE

SECOND COMING

# STRAIGHTFORWARD LOGIC

- IF we are delivered from “the wrath to come,”
- and IF we are kept from “the hour of trial” coming upon the world,
- and IF we are going up in the rapture before the dawning of the day of the Lord and the antichrist,
- THEN the church isn’t going to see any of the tribulation.

# PROOF #5

THE CHURCH SEEN IN HEAVEN  
IN REVELATION 4-5

# FIVE BITS OF LIMITING DATA

- Rev 4:4 — Around the throne were **twenty-four thrones**, and on the thrones I saw **twenty-four elders** sitting, clothed in **white robes**; and they had **crowns of gold** on their heads.
- the 24 are not angels — **blood redeemed** (Rev 5:9) and **white robes**
- the 24 are not OT saints — they are **enthroned** and **crowned** before second coming
- the 24 are not NT saints pre-resurrection — they are **enthroned** and **crowned**
- the 24 are not tribulation saints or martyrs — they are **raised and rewarded before the first seal** (before the antichrist)

# STRAIGHTFORWARD LOGIC

- **IF** the 24 are blood-redeemed and clothed in white robes, **THEN** they can only be human beings.
- **IF** the 24 are enthroned and crowned before the first seal is opened in Rev. 6:1, **THEN** the 24 are resurrected and rewarded before the antichrist and the tribulation.
- **IF** the 24 are resurrected and rewarded before the antichrist and the tribulation, **THEN** the pretrib rapture is true and the church won't see any of the tribulation.



One short life  
to be a good soldier;  
One long eternity  
to be a fulfilled human being.  
— LWB

“endure hardship as a good  
soldier”

(2 Tim. 2:3)

“do exploits”  
(Dan. 11:32)

**EYES WIDE OPEN, BRAIN ENGAGED, HEART ON FIRE!**