

After The Trib

It is time to make this truth clear. Please follow the scriptures.

10: That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
Phil. 1:10

6: Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Phil. 1:6

16: Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. Phil. 2:16

7: So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:
8: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:7

1: But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
2: For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 1 Thess 5:1-2

14: As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. 2 Cor. 1:14

10: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
2 Peter 3:10

Notice friends that there are seven portions of scripture here that refer to the Lords coming. All of them contain the phrase Day of Christ or Day of the Lord. This is clearly the same day BECAUSE:

36: Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:36

The same one is both Lord and Christ. The day of Christ is therefore the day of the Lord. With that in mind:

1: Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

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5: Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 2 Thess. 2:1-5

The Apostle Paul says very forcefully the day of the Lord Jesus Christ will NOT COME until after a falling away and the man of sin is revealed. Where is he getting this teaching from?

8: All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9: Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10: And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11: And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12: And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13: But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14: And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15: When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand

16: Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19: And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20: But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22: And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's

sake those days shall be shortened.

23: Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24: For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25: Behold, I have told you before.

26: Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27: For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28: For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29: Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

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Thats right! Matt. 24. Verses 10-12 shows the falling away.

Verse 15 shows the man of sin revealed.

Verse 31 shows the GATHERING TOGETHER of the elect. Is this the same thing Paul is talking about in 2 Thess. chapter 2?

Now I beseech you brethren by THE COMING of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our GATHERING TOGETHER unto him:

2 Thess. 2:1

Yes it is very clear that Paul refers to Matt. 24 in his doctrine of the gathering of the saints...."rapture".

This was the only doctrine Paul taught concerning the second coming of Jesus. This alone would prove Paul did not envision a pre- trib rapture. But look at 2 Thessalonians 1 also, writing to the same people about the same event.

7: And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8: In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 Thess 1:7

Paul believed when Jesus came it would be in FLAMING FIRE with MIGHTY ANGELS wrecking judgment on his enemies.

Does that sound like the pre trib scenario? They teach Christ will come alone, and take away the saints. Then over the next 7 years a group of new saints will get saved and face the man of sin.

Paul said REST WITH US WHEN THE LORD JESUS WILL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS. IN FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE ON HIS ENEMIES.

REST WITH US.

Nothing about time to repent. Nothing about 7 more years. When Christ comes with his angels IT IS THE END.

Don't put off holiness thinking you can be saved after the pre trib rapture. Nothing could be farther from the truth. If you want to be saved in the end take serious heed to this word.

27: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

28: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. Col. 1:27-29

If you are alive in the end time you will go through the greatest tribulation ever known to man. We are called to be PERFECT at his coming. Also to endure all suffering unto the end. When our God and Saviour puts a crown of righteousness on your head and says 'Well done good and faithful servant' YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID. peace, mike

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Posted by [Derick N.](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 03:29:52 GMT
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Posted by [Michael The Disciple](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2007 05:20:05 GMT
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Derick,

Thanks for the good words! I will be looking forward to the discussion.

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On the rapture deal, why would it be necessary to take out the church Post-Tribulation? From a logical standpoint it doesn't hold water. Its all said and done at that point, with the Lord already being back and all.

The only scenario that makes any sense at all is the Partial Mid-trib rapture of the Manchild Company who return with the Lord for the Last Battle as stated by Jude.

Post-Trib is a very weak position, but Mid-Trib has a better chance, that is if you believe the general population of the church is to be caught away at all. Thats a position I cannot subscribe too however, as it would negate the assertion of the necessity of the church being cleansed through the fires of tribulation.

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Posted by [Michael The Disciple](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:08:23 GMT
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Posted by [Derick N.](#) on Mon, 19 Nov 2007 13:37:02 GMT

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Posted by [Michael The Disciple](#) on Mon, 19 Nov 2007 15:03:46 GMT
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I call Jesus YESHUA many times because that is the name ha was born with given by Gabriel from his Father. That is important to me. I call him by one or by the other. It just happens.

You are free to call him Yeshua if you desire.

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My Dear Brother.

You are correct in your position that these two scriptures agree, but neither one applies to "the

rapture". There is no general rapture of the church Mike, only a special pre or mid-trib selective rapture of the Manchild Company for a specific purpose... to return with the Lord in the Great Battle.

You see, the revelation of the rapture of the Manchild was given by the spirit, although surely found in the Word, and continues to be given as a gift to some and not to others. Why, I don't know. Its not like those that see it are *better* than those that don't, or those that see it are automatically included in it.

I don't feel the need to use a whole bunch of scripture or quote the greek ad nauseum because I know that its a gift. You either see it or you don't. Theres really nothing I can do about it, or even care to, because believing it or not is not "mission critical" for you. It won't affect your salvation at all.

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Posted by [Derick N.](#) on Mon, 19 Nov 2007 16:30:45 GMT
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I have taught the doctrine of the Manchild since 1977. I know how to teach it. But it does not overcome the clear cut teaching of the post trib rapture.

Now if I were discussing a doctrine with someone and they put forth a lot of scripture to prove their point I would either concede they carried the weight of scripture on the doctrine OR I would PRESENT SOMETHING BETTER for them to believe.

Since you have produced nothing to show how my first post is wrong one might think there is nothing that can.

Asking me to tell why Jesus would do a certain thing is pretty frail compared to the abundance of related scripture I gave in it.

We dont know many things why God does what he does. But we know his teachings to the Church through those things contained in the scriptures. Thats why I base my beliefs on them.

I read the Deeper Life Book. It was good in some ways what I remember. I never got the Manchild teaching from him however.

Of all the teachings I heard by HEF I probably heard less on his teaching of the rapture. He did not say much about it other than an occasional reference.

But hey I only had over 100 of his tapes so Im sure there were things I missed.

I would frankly enjoy reading what he said about the Manchild.

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Well since some think we need to know the purpose of WHY Yeshua would come AFTER the trib here is one for you.

Why has Yeshua allowed his Church all through the centuries to be persecuted? How about those who are being martyred TODAY. In China where millions of Christians have died since 1948.

How about in India where souls are tortured for their faith even unto the death? How about in Muslim countries TODAY where they are beheaded for their faith? In Africa where they are burned alive?

Not to mention Maylasia where it is illegal to convert to anything except Islam?

What is the purpose of YHWH that he would allow THESE to suffer terrible things but "wisk away" the end time overcomers before the trib?

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Michael The Disciple wrote on Tue, 20 November 2007 11:59

Well since some think we need to know the purpose of WHY Yeshua would come AFTER the trib here is one for you.

You are killing me here Mike. I am not saying that Lord will not return after the tribulation, I am saying there is no need for a rapture.

Michael The Disciple wrote on Tue, 20 November 2007 11:59

Why has Yeshua allowed his Church all through the centuries to be persecuted? How about those who are being martyred TODAY. In China where millions of Christians have died since 1948.

How about in India where souls are tortured for their faith even unto the death? How about in Muslim countries TODAY where they are beheaded for their faith? In Africa where they are burned alive?

Not to mention Maylasia where it is illegal to convert to anything except Islam?

Yes, yes , yes, these are all horrible things, and there are many more injustices which will be set

straight upon his return, but there will be no need for a general rapture of the church.

Michael The Disciple wrote on Tue, 20 November 2007 11:59

What is the purpose of YHWH that he would allow THESE to suffer terrible things but "wisk away" the end time overcomers before the trib?

The purpose is clear from Revelations 12 and Jude that the Manchild Company will return with the Lord for the Last Battle. The Manchild Company is the "first fruits"; the 300 of Gideon's Army; David's Mighty Men, etc.

Subject: Re: Why I Believe In The Post Tribulation Rapture

Posted by [Duncan](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2007 17:11:48 GMT

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Duncan

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Posted by [Michael The Disciple](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2007 18:05:15 GMT

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Duncan

Because he is going to GATHER TOGETHER HIS ELECT when he returns.

29: Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31: And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Matt. 24:29-31

Now notice how what Yeshua taught to his disciples was exactly the same as what Paul taught the Church about the coming of the Lord.

7: And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8: In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 2 Thess. 1:7

Notice that Paul does not mention ANYTHING ABOUT A TWO STAGE COMING. To these believers (and therefore us) he said Yeshua would come in FLAMING FIRE WITH MIGHTY ANGELS.

This is how Paul perceived the coming of the Lord and GATHERING TOGETHER OF THE ELECT to be.

Nothing there about being LEFT BEHIND FOR THE TRIB.

It is made sure by what he said a few verses later.

1: Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2: 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 the day of Christ is at hand.

3: Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

4: Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 2 Thess. 2:1-4

The gathering together Paul speaks of is most certainly what Paul thought was going to happen

when the Lord came.

SEE CHAPER ONE VERSE SEVEN. When you connect these things it gets easy to see.

The gathering together of the elect is called THE DAY OF CHRIST.

Paul said it cannot come until after the man of sin is revealed.

Paul was completely unaware the Church was supposed to be gone before the day of Christ.
