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Subject: The Manchild Doctrine

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I first studied this "first fruit rapture" teaching from the Ceylon Pentecostal Mission now known as "The Pentecostal Mission". Then later I found that Hobart Freeman taught it.

From bits and pieces I heard from him talking about it he added something to what TPM had taught. That after being caught up the overcomers would return during the tribulation and feed the Woman (Church) in the wilderness.

I accepted this concept back in about 1979. Since then I have discovered a fair number of teachers are teaching this. Of course compared to standard end time teaching the number is very, very, small but nonetheless I am impressed that it is being revealed here and there.

Now here is my problem. It seems like the scriptures heavily lean to a post tribulation rapture. Is the "catching up" of the Manchild a deeply symbolic occurrence of the coming forth of the overcomers with power to restore New Testament, Apostolic Christianity?

Or do you believe it is a literal pre trib rapture? I believe HF taught that those who were the overcomers would be changed into immortal beings at their catching up. Others have taken the same approach.

My belief unless someone can convince me otherwise is that the catching up is not the same as the one in 1 Thess. 4:16-17. The overcomers could possibly actually go to the throne in SPIRIT and get their marching orders and be sent back to minister without getting their glorified bodies at that time.

This happened to John in Rev. 4 and also Paul mentioned a like experience in 2 Cor. 11. Going to the throne yet returning as mortal beings and dying later.

To me this would reconcile the fact that besides Rev. 12:5 there is little or no support for a pre tribulation rapture.

For those who still believe in the Manchild doctrine what do you think? What did HF actually teach about it?

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