

PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW **OF THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

Meaning: The RAPTURE will take place BEFORE the time of Great Tribulation on the earth

Why? Briefly:

A. THE RAPTURE AND THE 2ND COMING OF CHRIST ARE TWO DISTINCT EVENTS:

RAPTURE The Lord comes IN THE AIR (1 Thess 4:17)

2nd COMING The Lord comes TO THE EARTH (Zech 14:4)

RAPTURE The Lord comes FOR HIS PEOPLE (John 14:3)

2nd COMING The Lord comes WITH His SAINTS (Jude 14)

RAPTURE The Lord comes to BRING BLESSING (1 Thess 4:18)

2nd COMING The Lord comes to BRING JUDGMENT (2 Thess 1:8)

RAPTURE Destination - with CHRIST IN HEAVEN (John 14:3)

2nd COMING Destination: a KINGDOM ON EARTH (Dan 7:13-14,27; Rev 20:4-6)

B. VARIOUS TEXTS INDICATE THE CHURCH WILL NOT PASS THROUGH THE TIME OF WRATH

Time that is coming is described as:

READ: Matt 24:21

Church not included in WRATH:

READ: Rev 3:10; 1 Thess 1:9; 1 Thess 5:9

C. The CHURCH is not mentioned in Rev Chap 6-18

D. Daniel's 70 weeks apply to ISRAEL (Daniel 9:24-27)

E. The Lord's return is imminent (Luke 12:35-40)

F. Antichrist cannot be revealed until the Holy Spirit (working in the Church) is taken out of the way (2 Thess 2:6-7)