

## Pre-Trib vs. Pre-Wrath views on Rapture

Hello fellow believers in Christ,

I know there will be differing views on this subject, but I just thought I would share my current perspective on this as I'm growing more and more in faith unto greater faith (in hope with good conscience) in our Lord and Savior. I believe the Rapture is an event transformation phenomenon that Christ will provide as a means of removal/exclusion/exception from being subject to GOD'S WRATH that will come upon the world, yet maybe not in a way that we just disappear before the world, but in a way that opens the spiritual mind and heavenly realm to us so we can see the Sign of the Son of Man... that is, His New Covenant and importance of what it means to be valid to it, of which the world will come to realize too late and understand that they are shut out/disqualified, and then they of the Synagogue of Satan will bow at the feet of those chosen out of the Seven Church Spirits in Christ... His Bride. This opening of the spiritual mind and heavenly realm can be figuratively expressed with "in the air"... and then "in the clouds" correlating with "seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" which can be figurative for the company/assembly/congregation/host with the Lord. Remember Jesus said, "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." The "twinkling of an eye" can be figurative for an epiphany of the mind, but in this application, that sudden "I get it" moment of revelation and insight collectively.

So as we, the Body of Christ, become genuinely valid to His New Covenant collectively, then we, as the Bride of Christ, make herself/ourselves ready... then the Father in Heaven will tell his Son to get his Bride.

I have also come to believe that the Rapture "pre-trib" idea is more of a misunderstanding or misapplication of where it is in the events of the Seals, Trumpets, and the Bowl Judgments, and that the speculation of this subject matter is not a salvation issue in of itself, but rather one of opinion for a sensible and understandable application which is still subject to confirmation as prophetic events unfold. I would maintain respect for a brother or sister's views, and not be judgmental of their views just because they're different than mine as long as it does not compromise the foundational elements of belief/faith in Christ, His Grace, and His New Covenant.

For what really matters as True Believers in Christ is that we keep His Commandments, fulfilling them in Essence by Love for Him - Christ/the Word/God, and Love for Neighbor, and hold to the instructions that He gave in His Gospel teachings, "that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man", and "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee", and "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be

overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

I would also be more inclined to believe that if one lives anew in Spirit and in His Faith, whether or not they are sure on every aspect of the Rapture teaching, Jesus will include that particular one in it... such will have a better chance of being included in His Rapture event than the ones who say they believe in it yet do not fulfill His commandments by His Spirit and in His Faith.

With that understood I'll continue with more ideas on the Rapture. There are several applications of the word "tribulation" found in scripture, and yes one of them is referring to the end times. I have come to the conclusion of the idea of it being a "pre-wrath" application which is more sensible to the sequence of prophetic events. Many say the Seals, Trumpets, and the Bowl Judgments is a 7 year tribulation period occurring after the Rapture, at least that's what many of us have been traditionally taught on the subject, but notice what Rev 16:15 says...

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

... and where is it found? That takes place after the sixth Bowl being poured out! Followed by the seventh Bowl when it is said... "It is done"... indicating the age of grace is ended and at a close... in that "those days have been shortened", and rushing towards eternal timelessness that "there should be time no longer", thus the church age in this world is completed. Then to be followed by GOD'S WRATH!

The WRATH of GOD being the Great Day of the Lord is a different event from the great tribulation events of the Seals, Trumpets, and the Bowl Judgments themselves, and is an event even more dreadful of which the true believers are not meant to be a part of.

Many at these last times don't realize and are unaware of just how far we've come in the progressions of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowl Judgments (which seem to occur in three overlapping phases with three different starting points in time and each ending at seemingly the same point, and with each phase running sequentially yet in a manner accelerating towards its consummation, thus "shortened", into an eternal/timeless existence... being the True and Living God's Presence), and by these things instrumentally of which He justly has the power over of to deliver us from evil or not, still many will be taken by surprise for not watching to keep in Christ's New Covenant and will be swept away by the floods of false doctrines... remember our Lord said "one shall be taken and the other left", and "as in the days of Noah".

I am inclining to believe our Lord and Savior Jesus gave his Revelation/Apocalypse through the Apostle John to bestow blessings to all those who enter/join/unify into His New Covenant, and

the three phase 7-7-7 judgments to be a kind of "spiritual and mental processing/harvesting machine" that sorts all the souls captured within it.

As far as a remaining 7 year period... I think too many of us read into the Book of Daniel and Revelation to try and make the 7 year period fit our misconceptions about it, of which I'm guilty as well... maybe Daniel chapter 9 has a simpler explanation, and it's just very easy to confuse it with other passages that are actually referring to the antichrist figure...

Daniel 9:24-27 says, "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

So now, there is a view of understanding that I've recently become aware of that changed my old mainstream view on this which seems to be of very sound teaching, and which seems to have emerged through many believers just respectfully sharing their views (so to point out, even though they may not have agreed with every aspect in each others views, they are all still brothers in the Lord). I will attempt to do my best in Spirit with explaining the following...

After 483 years came to pass (seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks) regarding Daniel's 70 week/490 year prophecy... that is when our Lord and Savior Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power (approx 27 AD). He then confirms (raises to a higher standard, strengthens in a new way, upgrades) a Covenant for one week (7 years), of which Gabriel told Daniel the Messiah will be cut off after the threescore and two weeks indicating that it would happen in the last week, so after 3 1/2 years into Jesus' ministry being the anointed Christ/Messiah He was cut off, but not for Himself (as an atoning sacrifice for the sins of many, and to become the Redeemer and Mediator... offering His Grace and New Covenant to all who would believe in Him and call on His Name), and His people will be His temple, and they will have no more need of the outward city and outward temple, and so doing away with it... for which is a cause of much opposition by those who reject Him even unto the end, and they will make efforts with abominable false doctrines to ensnare many back under the yoke and oppression of the law of sin and death, and He shall bring an end to the Old Covenant sacrifices and ritual practices and make it desolate/empty/invalidated... and then after 3 1/2 more years

completing the last week Jesus (now the resurrected Christ) wrought through the martyrdom of Stephen the effecting of affliction and conviction upon Saul through which His Grace then wrought the forming of a new man in the Apostle Paul (approx 34 AD), through whom Jesus provided a way to then open the Gospel of His Grace and New Covenant to the Gentiles. This accounts for those 7 years to complete the 490 years in a consecutive manner without a gap thus sealing up the vision and prophecy, which we can then conclude is a separate event from the Rapture event to occur in the end times... if you look up the timeline of events for the Book of Acts this sensibly fits, as well as it fulfilling all the requirements of Daniel's prophecy of Messiah in chapter 9. This eliminates much of the confusion when we understand this vision and prophecy is about Jesus' incarnation into the flesh to become and do the work of the Christ/Messiah at the time it was meant to happen, rather than taking its meaning to refer to Jesus in part and then to the antichrist figure in part... and eliminates as well the explanations of a "gap" and the futile looking out for a "7 year tribulation period", which relies totally upon supposition.

That leaves just the Rapture... the "catching up" as a sudden unexpected event upon the world to occur after the sixth Bowl being poured out and before GOD'S WRATH taking place... and yes it is in the Bible for those who say it's not. Look up the words in Aramaic, Greek and Latin, they all translate as "caught up"... and in Latin the word is "rapiemur" which is rendered in English as "rapture".

I'm also inclined to believe there are even more profound aspects to Divine Prophetic Scriptures that can apply in the overall design of God's Plan having to do with perspectives of one's stand, patterns and timescales, but that may be a bit much to absorb at this point, and I believe much more will be revealed by the Holy Ghost speaking through fellow brothers and sisters genuine to Christ's New Covenant in what little time there is left before the age of grace comes to an end. Things are going to quicken in Spirit.

In closing I'll bring one more thing to attention we must be aware of, that is to recognize and distinguish from interpretations of prophecy claiming events that are supposed to be fulfilled or yet to be fulfilled that are not based upon nor do not even acknowledge Jesus as the Christ/Messiah who has already come in the flesh. This type of prophetic interpretation applies to the fulfilling of the temporal and physical objectives/goals/undertakings in this world... particularly the works of the law... the Old Covenant... the law of sin and death... but they who do them shall live in them. Likewise their doctrines are as a snare turning many away from the purity of the True WORD of Jesus and the example His Apostles set forth for living anew in His Spirit, such doctrines of powerful deception to get many to deny the very Name of our Lord and Savior who is the Redeemer of our souls, and whose Name signifies the work of the anointed Christ/Messiah... Jesus/Yeshua, and the power of His Cross. So learn what the difference is and know that those in Christ live by His Grace and Faith... the New Covenant... the very Essence of the law... the law of the Spirit of Life... looking forward to His new and glorious Kingdom in the Eternity of Spirit.

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Annotation:

I do have a current revision of the Prophecy Timeline Chart available for those interested in viewing it... See in other Links posted.

God Bless... Amen. Come Lord Jesus!



