

There are many lies in man made religion and one of them is that there will be a pre-tribulation rapture of the body of Christ. This goes against scripture and is a very dangerous teaching because it will encourage believers to simply look to be taken out of the tribulation rather than preparing to pick up their cross and die for Christ in tribulation and persecution from satan.

Do your own study and you will find that this man made idea of a pre trib rapture was **made popular in the 1800's** via a mans false ideas and it has gained speed ever since. (very few ever thought this before Darby taught it) Our goal is to lift up scripture NOT any mans faulty theology.

We will start off with a large passage of Matthew 24 that describes the events leading up to Christ's second coming to get His people. (Vs 3:31)

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

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:

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.

Notice that Jesus states 'Immediately AFTER the tribulation' He will return to gather His elect.

This is repeated in Mark 13 with the addition of verses 19 and 20

For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

The elect are still on the earth in the tribulation.

Luke 21 states the same as well only we see verse 28

and when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Notice that all these chapters state that Christ will come for His people AFTER the tribulation.

We see in 1 Corinthians 15:32 that Christ will be coming after the last trumpet which is the last of the tribulation before the wrath of God.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

This is stated again in 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Repeatedly we see that Christ will come after (these things have come to pass) the tribulation and after the last trumpet.

Pre-trib people claim there is some special, secret coming of Christ right before the tribulation but scripture shows there will be a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with great sounds of a trumpet -of God- (in all the verses above). This doesn't sound like a secret. In fact Revelation 1 says:

Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. (vs 7)

How can that be secret?

One way they trick people into believing this lie is to constantly preach an 'imminence' of Christ's coming.

Meaning that it could happen any time 'without' anything having to happen before. We have shown you that Christ Himself already told us the signs to look for BEFORE his coming is imminent.

They also use 1 Thessalonians 5:2

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

They say, 'See, you have no clue when He is coming, it could be today'.

It's obvious that the coming of Christ is imminent because He gave us the signs to look for His return. He is coming back but it doesn't mean will come any second because we have not seen the signs that HE said would be, before His return. (Read the above verses again.)

There has to be much scripture twisting (adding to and taking away) to come up with 2 comings of Christ as God's Word clearly speaks of ONE and that is AFTER the tribulation.

Those who teach this false way are using any means to make their ill way work such as using a book from the Apocrypha called 'Apocalypse of Ezra'. Keep in mind that the the Apocrypha books are not inspired and in fact contain writings which contradict God's Word! Read an article [HERE](#) that exposes the Apocrypha.

We are to follow scripture (Matthew 4:4) not unbiblical writings, mans philosophies, opinions etc.

This article HERE goes into 7 areas that pre tribbers say prove they are correct. In this article we easily refute EVERY point they make with God's Word and good bible study habits.

The return of Christ and the gathering of the saints is at the END of the great tribulation. (see Matthew 24 / 1 Corinthians 15)