

The Pre-tribulation Rapture verses

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The History of Pre-tribulation Rapture Theory

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6)
"For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." Isaiah 21:6

Perhaps a short true history of who, how, and when the pre-tribulation rapture doctrines originated would be helpful for you to help those whom you know to be in denial or failing to prepare because of this Jesuit doctrine. **Jesuit? Yes, two Jesuit priests laid the foundations of the pre-trib rapture doctrine, largely unknown in the history of the Church, prior to the Reformation.**

At the time of the Reformation, the vast majority of Protestants were convinced that the Pope was the personification of the antichrist. Most today, now understand the pope to be the "second beast", the "false prophet" of the antichrist prince. **However, at the time of the Reformation, it was universally believed by all Protestants, that the Roman Church was the Harlot Religion System of Revelation seventeen.** Today there is still good cause to see the Roman Church as the religious component of Babylon.

This understanding that the Roman Church is the "Religious Babylon" brought millions of believers out of the Roman Catholic religious system during the Reformation period. Because of how many, during the Reformation, saw the Roman Church as the Babylon harlot of Religion, **it became expedient for certain Roman theologians to turn the attention of the people away from the Papacy. Indeed the Jesuits were responsible for the popularization and propagation of the pre-tribulation rapture doctrines. It was two Jesuit priests who rightly deserve the title as the founders of pre-tribulation rapture doctrines. These two Jesuits invented a counter-interpretation to that that was held unanimously by the Christians. In the entire history of the Church prior to the writings of these two Jesuit priests virtually all Christians believed that the eminent Resurrection, Rapture, and Return of the Lord was a single simultaneous event, happening in the twinkling of an eye, on the last day, at the last trump. When is the Last Day? When is the Last Trump?**

Before we expose the these two Jesuits. **The first concept of the rapture, in connection with premillennialism, was expressed by the 17th-century American Puritan father and son Increase and Cotton Mather.** They held to the idea that believers would be caught up in the air, followed by judgments on the Earth, and then the millennium.^{[13][14]} The term *rapture* was used by Philip Doddridge^[15] and John Gill^[16] in their New Testament commentaries, with the idea that believers would be **caught up prior to judgment on the Earth** and Jesus' second coming.

There exists **at least one 18th century and two 19th century pre-tribulation references**: in an essay published in 1788 in Philadelphia by the Baptist [Morgan Edwards](#) which articulated the concept of a pre-tribulation rapture,^[17] **& in the writings of Catholic priest Emmanuel Lacunza in 1812,**^[18] and by [John Nelson Darby](#) in 1827.^[19] [Emmanuel Lacunza](#) (1731–1801), **a Jesuit priest**, (under the pseudonym Juan Josafat Ben Ezra) wrote an apocalyptic work entitled (***The Coming of the Messiah in Glory and Majesty***).

++Note to understand the evil that the Jesuits vow to propagate under the blessing of their mother whore the Roman Catholic church, please go the last article in tis PDF to read the actual documented oath they all take.

The book appeared first in 1811, 10 years after his death. **In 1827, it was translated into English by the Scottish minister Edward Irving** (1792–1834) who (**because of Lacunza**) was the man that more fully developed the concept of the pretribulation rapture, while not yet using the exact word “Rapture”. **Edward Irving is generally regarded as the main figure behind the foundation of the Catholic Apostolic Church.**

Dr. [Samuel Prideaux Tregelles](#) (1813-1875), a prominent English theologian and biblical scholar, **wrote a pamphlet in 1866 tracing the concept of the rapture through the works of John Darby back to Edward Irving.**^[20] Who obviously was heavily influenced by [Emmanuel Lacunza](#) the **Jesuit priest, by the fact that Irving went so far as to translate this Jesuit’s book promoting the pretribulation rapture into English!!**

Psa 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

Irving then **began to teach the idea of a two-phase return of Christ, the first phase being a secret rapture prior to the rise of the Antichrist.** According to Irving, “There are three gatherings: – First, of the first-fruits of the harvest, the wise virgins who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth; next, the abundant harvest gathered afterwards by God; and lastly, the assembling of the wicked for punishment.”^[22]

Backtracking even further it was another **Jesuit priest named Francisco Ribera** (1537–1591) who, **in the days of the Reformation, first taught the basic ideas of the pre-tribulation rapture.** Just putting the revealing of the antichrist way off in the future was a very effective way of taking the heat off of the Catholic Papacy during the Reformation. **To counter the Christian popular interpretation end times eschatology the Roman Catholic Jesuit Francisco Ribera wrote a 500 page commentary on the Book of Revelation.** This commentary established the **corrupted Catholic futurist interpretation of Bible prophecy.**^[31] Then the **previously mentioned Jesuit Emmanuel Lacunza**, built on Ribera's teachings and wrote a book called “The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty”. True to Jesuit style and stealth, Lacunza knew the Protestants were not going to widely receive a book written by a Jesuit priest. The Jesuit, Lacunza, therefore wrote his book under the “assumed” name of Rabbi Ben Ezra. **This fictitious Rabbi Ben Ezra, was presented in Lacunza's book as a scholarly Jewish Rabbi who had accepted Christ as his Savior.** By this “ploy”, the Jesuit Lacunza was able to get his book to have a good reception in the Christian world. **No Christians in the Reformation era would have allowed a copy**

of “The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty” in their homes if they had any idea that the book was written by a Jesuit.

Mat 16:11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake [it] not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

Mat 16:12 Then understood they how that he bade [them] not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

Because Lacunza presented the book as written by a scholarly Jewish Rabbi who had become a Christian believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. He knew the Protestants would thus love and receive his Jesuit book. The Jesuits certainly have not gotten less subtle, and it does not seem the Church has gotten more discerning. Lacunza's book, “The Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty”, was a very successful, elaborate deception. In his book, Lacunza taught the new idea that Jesus returns TWICE, or TWO Second Comings. The Jesuit Lacunza was the first in all history to teach two second comings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lacunza taught that at the first stage of His return He raptures His Church so they can escape the reign of the future antichrist. His book was first published in Spanish in the year, 1812.

As was stated earlier Shortly after Lacunza's book was published, leader in England by the name of **Edward Irving** discovered Lacunza's book. Again **Edward Irving is generally regarded as the main figure behind the foundation of the Catholic Apostolic Church**. Rev. Irving was so impressed by it that he studied Castilian for the sole purpose of translating it into English. In 1827 his two-volume translation was published under the title "The Coming of the Messiah". The book rapidly achieved cult status in the 19th century. **Early leaders among the Millerites appealed to Lacunza's work as a forerunner of their own message, so Lacunza's work may be viewed as giving rise to such groups as Seventh-day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses, heirs of the Millerites.**

Edward Irving translated Lacunza's book into English in 1827. **The Encyclopedia Britannica, volume 12, 1966 issue, pages 648-649, describes Edward Irving and the controversy over his teachings in Scotland and England in the early 1800's.** He began to teach the specific term the "rapture of the Church", after a young Scottish girl by the name of **Margaret MacDonald** went into a trance and described a vision in which she said she saw the Saints leaving the earth at the return of the Lord, before the tribulation. Her trance and vision took place in the spring of 1830, while living in Port Glasgow, Scotland. Her "revelation" was recorded in a book written by R. N. Norton and printed in London in 1861.

John Nelson Darby (18 November 1800 – 29 April 1882) was an [Anglo-Irish evangelist](#), and an influential figure among the original [Plymouth Brethren](#). He is considered to be the father of modern [Dispensationalism](#). As a system, dispensationalism is rooted in the writings of [John Nelson Darby](#) and the [Brethren Movement](#).^{[1]:10} The theology of dispensationalism consists of a distinctive [eschatological](#) "end times" perspective, as all dispensationalists hold to [premillennialism](#)

and most hold to a **pretribulation rapture**. He produced a translation of the **Bible** based on the Hebrew and Greek texts called ***The Holy Scriptures: A New Translation from the Original Languages by J. N. Darby***. Darby was part of the "Irvingite" movement. He was strongly influenced by Edward Irving (mentioned previously), and Lucunza's book which Irving had translated into English, and particularly by a book written by Norton, of the vision of Margret MacDonald. **By 1850, John Darby had organized the Jesuit fraud of TWO second comings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the pre-tribulation rapture fraud, into a system of prophetic teachings called "dispensationalism".**

In the 1860's, John Darby was put on the payroll of the British East India company. The British East India Company has historically been held by the Illuminati blood lines of European royalty. John Darby was sent to America with the specific Illuminati goal of weakening the strong faith of American Christians through dispensationalism. The East India Company and the **British East India Company** men had a habit of giving grants to pseudo-Christian evangelicals. **Rockefeller and his fellow-travelers followed suit, fostering evangelical Christianity while hiding their true intentions**, which was to attain political power in the United States and then around the world as old John D. Rockefeller demonstrated. **In the United States it was the Christian Fundamentalist sect who were introduced to John Nelson Darby's "Dispensationalism"**. In China it was the China Inland Mission, and in South Africa prior to the Anglo Boer War, it was the **London Missionary Society**. All of these Christian organizations appear to have been well funded. The Quakers established Communist-like communes during the Revolutionary War, and enjoyed strong financial support from William Aldrich (an ancestor of Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller) and Stephen Hopkins.

"21 Goals of the Illuminati and The Committee of 300"

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"Goal 13. To continue to build up the cult of Christian Fundamentalism begun by the **British East India Company's servant Darby**, which will be misused to strengthen the Zionist State of Israel by identifying with the Jews through the myth of "God's chosen people", and by donating very substantial amounts of money to what they mistakenly believe is a religious cause in the furtherance of Christianity."

The goal of the ruling elite was to create and encourage dispensationalism. One of the main reasons for developing dispensationalism was to use it to strengthen Zionism. **At the extreme end of dispensationalism, we have John Hagee and his Christians United For Israel (CUFI).**

John Nelson Darby: Closet Theosophist?

Darby Marked Doctrinal Writings With Theosophical Terms
John Nelson Darby (1800-1882), the "Father of Dispensationalism," **used occult language throughout his doctrinal writings and letters. The majority of the phrases are found in Kabbalistic/Theosophical literature. John Darby learned these esoteric terms somewhere—not from the Bible—and he deliberately**

integrated them into his theological treatises and letters. His merging of Theosophical vocabulary with supposedly biblical teaching is a form of syncretism. (Note: The fact that Mr. Darby died six years before Theosophy's co-founder, Helena Blavatsky published her masterwork, *The Secret Doctrine*, has no bearing upon his use of Theosophy-specific terms and [ideas](#). Theosophy is [ancient](#) (1) and originates with Satan, [not with H.P. Blavatsky and Henry Steel Olcott.](#) (2)

Do you really believe the Holy Spirit led John Nelson Darby and other Brethren leaders to use Luciferian terms to refer to God and teach supposedly "recovered" biblical truths? (3)

Darby used some of these phrases frequently but for the sake of brevity I have cited one reference from Theosophy writings and one reference from Darby's writings for each term.

For the full report go to:

http://www.libertytothecaptives.net/darby_writings_occult.html

++More examples of Darby's and other Brethren theologians' use of Theosophical terminology may be found at stempublishing.com.

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Americans were and have been proven to be particularly easy to be "taken" by the Jesuit originated, non-Scriptural doctrines of the pre-trib rapture. The reason is because of what is the "make up" of the people group known as Americans. Perhaps the best way of describing the American people group is one which came from a stock of hard working, risk taking, God-fearing people, who delight in making plans and take special delight in having their plans come together. Americans are good planners. **As a "people group", they do not even want God messing up their plans, unless He would "poof" them out in a fabled pre-trib rapture to heaven before anything bad would happen to otherwise mess up their plans.**

In America in the 1860's, Darby's TWO SECOND COMINGS dispensational interpretations met with "wide open reception" across the entire spectrum of American Protestant and biblical Christianity. A lawyer of very dubious character who had become a Congregationalist preacher, named **C. I. Scofield** came under the influence of Darby and the Plymouth Brethren. Scofield then published the "**Scofield Reference Bible**" promoting the Pretrib rapture and most know the history from that point certainly has (in part) led to the **great apostasy/"great falling away" from The Faith.**

Darby traveled widely in Europe and Britain in the 1830s and 1840s, and established many Brethren assemblies. He gave 11 significant lectures in [Geneva](#) in 1840 on the hope of the church. These established his reputation as a leading interpreter of biblical prophecy. **The beliefs he disseminated then are still being propagated (in various forms) at such places as [Dallas Theological Seminary](#) and [Bob Jones University](#) and by authors and preachers such as [Hal Lindsey](#) and [Tim LaHaye](#)**

Before the "Left Behind" series big money maker, was Hal Lindsey's The Late Great Planet Earth, which was a record-breaking best seller in the 1970s. Like Lindsey, LaHaye's big money maker series perpetuates a huge misunderstanding of scripture. Based on Darby's Dispensational theology.

A 2004 Newsweek poll found that 55% of Americans believe: that the faithful will be taken up to heaven in the pretrib Rapture.

When Christ returns every eye shall see Him. Jesus said 4 times in John 6 that the resurrection is on the Last Day; like Paul said at the Last trump. Jesus said, He that shall endure to the END the same shall be saved. The end is the end, and Jesus said He sends His angels for His elect, at the END, or IMMEDIATELY AFTER the tribulation.

The success of the "Left Behind" series is a testimony of how THE FAITH, the common salvation, for which we were to earnestly contend, has been corrupted. The corruption has been done to make fortunes for men who make merchandise of the souls of men who buy their corrupted doctrines. Just as Peter said, **through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.**

It is a fact that the Darby Dispensational pre trib. rapture was not believed anywhere in Christianity until the 1800's century.

[Charles Haddon Spurgeon](#), Pastor of the [Metropolitan Tabernacle](#) and contemporary of Darby published criticism of Darby and Brethrenism.^[16] His main criticism was that **Darby and the Plymouth Brethren rejected the vicarious purpose of Christ's obedience as well as imputed righteousness.** He viewed these of such importance and so central to the gospel that it led him to this statement about the rest of their belief. **"With the deadly heresies entertained and taught by the Plymouth Brethren, in relation to some of the most momentous of all the doctrines of the gospel,...I feel assured that my readers will not be surprised at any other views, however unscriptural and pernicious they may be, which the Darbyites have embraced and zealously seek to propagate"**

The "Scofield Reference bible" was destined to have a tremendous impact upon the beliefs of many. There were three million copies published in the first 50 years. Through this Bible, Scofield carried the teaching of the **TWO Second Comings and the two stage rapture to almost the whole of American Christianity.** Also, The Lord Jesus Christ said it would be like this, in these last days of such strong delusion; **with the vast majority of preachers having been taught these Jesuit doctrines in the Jesuit infiltrated Protestant seminaries**, - **Matthew 24:24 "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."**

The "truth train of history" of pre-trib rapture doctrine begins with two Jesuit priests. The first was named Ribera. His writings influenced the Jesuit priest Lacunza. Lacunza influenced Irving, Irving influenced Darby, Darby influenced Scofield, Scofield and Darby influenced D.L. Moody, and Moody influenced a very large part of evangelical Christianity, and almost the entire Pentecostal

movement. Someone once said all roads lead to Rome, and in the case of the pre-trib rapture doctrines that remains accurate.

+Note for a much more detailed timeline of the pretrib rapture theory see the second to last article in this PDF

“To seek the truth from God, we must be totally honest with ourselves.”

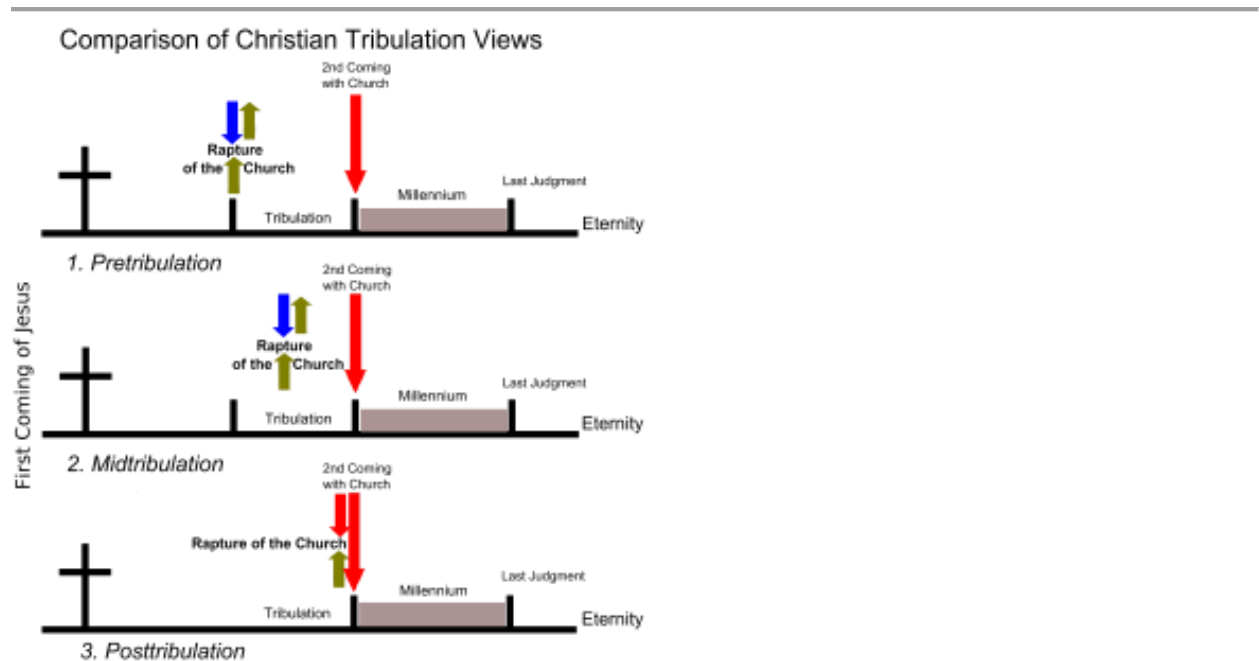
Our Lord (King of Kings) Jesus said, "I am the Way, the TRUTH and the Life." He also said that when the Holy Spirit came, He would lead us into all Truth. If we are truly Disciples of Christ, we must accept ALL truth, no matter where it leads.

Jhn 8:31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;**

Jhn 8:32 **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

“For thus hath the Lord said unto me, **Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.**”

- Isaiah 21:6



Midtribulationists believe that the rapture of the faithful will occur halfway through the Tribulation, after it begins, and will endure the phase of the Tribulation which tests their faith, but that they will be removed before the last half occurs, because that three and one-half year period is manifestly dominated by the wrath of God falling on those who reject him, Supporters of this view often cite 1 Thessalonians 5.9, "For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." **We will talk about this verses at length later.**

The Post Tribulation Rapture doctrine holds that there is a Resurrection-Rapture of

living believers in [Jesus Christ](#) at the end of the age (or the "[End time](#)"). Post-tribulationists believe that Christians will remain on the Earth through the first three and a half year tribulation period & second three and a half year **great** tribulation period. This later period starts at the [Abomination of Desolation](#) and ends at the [Battle of Armageddon](#). The elect will be gathered by the angels to meet Christ in the air (raptured) at [Christ's second coming](#). **This is usually understood as being in line with [historic premillennialism](#).**

Historic premillennialism is the polemical designation (adopted by its adherents) which could be more objectively called **post-tribulation premillennialism**. **The use of the term "historic" implies that this point of view is the historical view of premillennialists, while pre-tribulationism is a new theory.** Post-tribulation premillennialism is the [Christian eschatological](#) view which teaches that the [second coming](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) will occur prior to a [thousand-year reign](#) of the [saints](#), but subsequent to the [great apostasy](#) and the [tribulation](#).

History

Historic premillennialism draws its name **from the fact that the early Church Fathers (e.g. [Ireneaus \[140–203\]](#), who as a disciple of [Polycarp](#), who had been a disciple of the [Apostle John](#), [Justin Martyr \[100–165\]](#), and [Papias \[80–155\]](#)) held to this theology.** Historic premillennialism was a popular view amongst [Protestant](#) Christians until the rise of [dispensationalism](#) in the 19th and 20th centuries. Proponents of historic premillennialism include [Baptists](#) [John Gill](#),^[1] [Charles Spurgeon](#),^{[1][2]} [Benjamin Wills Newton](#) (a contemporary and fierce theological rival of the father of dispensationalism [John Nelson Darby](#)), [George Eldon Ladd](#),^[3] and [Clarence Bass](#) and [Francis Schaeffer](#), [Gordon Clark](#),^[1] and [James Montgomery Boice](#).^[4]

The Post-Tribulation Rapture of the Church

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The **doctrine of the "Rapture" of the Church is clearly taught in scripture** as its meaning is inferred from the Greek word "*harpazo*," translated "*caught up*" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. However, among premillennialists (**those who rightly** believe that the Second Coming of Christ **precedes** his literal thousand year reign on earth, Rev. 19-20) there are **several opposing views** concerning the *timing* of the rapture in relation to the "Great Tribulation" of Matt. 24:21-29, Daniel 12:1, Rev. 6-19 etc. The following arguments show that contrary to the popular Pre-tribulation rapture position, the **Post-Tribulation Rapture** (**where the Church will be on earth through the entire Tribulation period**) is the **only** position **clearly taught in scripture**, and which easily harmonizes with all passages dealing with the Second Coming of Christ.

1Cr 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Cr 15:52 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.**

1Cr 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality.

1Cr 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

1Cr 15:55 **O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?**

Since the Resurrection/Rapture occurs at the “**last trump**” it **cannot** take place before the “*great sound of a trumpet*” mentioned by the Lord Jesus in Matt. 24:31 **which clearly occurs at the after the end of the tribulation.** In fact it appears evident if we compare the trumpet of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 to that of Matt. 24:31 **they are the same event.**

Mat 24:29 ¶ **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:

Mat 24:30 **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.

Mat 24:31 **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 this event occurs **after** the Tribulation), so **it cannot come before** the Seven Trumpet Judgments of Revelation 8-11 **because they occur during the tribulation with the 7th or the “Last Trump” occurring.** Logically this “*great sound of a trumpet*” of Matt. 24:31 is synonymous with, and actually is the **7th trumpet** itself:

Rev 11:15 ¶ **And the seventh angel sounded;** and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

This is technically the “last trump” and therefore would be same trumpet previously mentioned in Matt. 24:31, 1 Cor. 15:52, & also 1 Thes. 4:16:

1Th 4:13 ¶ **But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.**

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 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.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the **voice of the archangel** (See Rev. 11:15 above), **and with the trump of God:** and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Th 4:17 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.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Notice how similar these verses are to previously read 1 Cor. 15:51-55 verses (see above) which clearly state in 1 Cor. 15:52 that these events (in this case clearly the Rapture of the church) takes place at the “Last Trump” which has clearly been shown to be immediately after the end of the 7 year tribulation.

The Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:29-31 clearly taught a Post-Tribulation Rapture:

Mar 13:24 ¶ But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Mar 13:25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Mar 13:26 And **then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.**

Mar 13:27 And **then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.**

Jesus clearly said the trumpet will sound and the elect will be gathered immediately *after* the Tribulation.

Mat 24:31 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.**

Pre-trib proponents must dismiss this passage by saying it does not refer to the Rapture, which it clearly *DOES* refer to. The following arguments show that the event described in **Matt. 24:31** *IS* the rapture of the Church:

a. The event in this passage (being the rapture) **easily harmonizes with the other “rapture” passages** like:

- **Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven** –

1Th 4:16 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:

1Th 4:17 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.

Dan 7:13 ¶ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] **like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven**, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Dan 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, **that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.**

Which sounds a whole lot like this 7th Trumpet/Last Trump verse we previously read:

Rev 11:15 ¶ And the **seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

b. Mat 24:31 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.**

The event in this passage (being the rapture) also easily harmonizes with the other "rapture" passages like:

- **heralded by sound of a great trumpet** -

1Th 4:16 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

1Cr 15:52 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.**

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c. Mat 24:31 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.**

The event in this passage (being the rapture) also easily harmonizes with the other "rapture" passages like:

- **accompanied by the angels** -

1 Thes. 4:16 (voice of archangel)

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, **when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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

2Th 1:10 **When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,** and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

Side bar:

2Th 2:1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,**

2Th 2:2 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.

2Th 2:3 **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;**

The plain sense interpretation and obvious point of this passage was meant to dispel a false alarm at Thessalonica. It deals with the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" and "our gathering together unto Him" & **will not occur until after** the "falling away" (apostasy)

and the antichrist is revealed, see v. 3. The "falling away" in v. 3 (Gr. *apostasia*, meaning rebellion; 1 Tim 4:1-2, Matt 24:10) cannot mean the *rapture* (departure from *earth* rather than from the faith) as claimed by many Pre-trib proponents because that is totally **contrary to the clear meaning of the Greek word *apostasia* which means rebellion and anarchy and not a catching away of the saints**.

The Pre-trib argument from this passage **that the Church must be the restraining influence of verses 6-7 and thus must be removed from the earth is false**.

According to the Pre-trib position, "he who now letteth" in v. 7 is the Holy Spirit as He is working through the Church, and therefore the Church must be removed from earth before the antichrist can be revealed. **However, the Holy Spirit's ministry of indwelling believers is not equivalent with His ministry of restraining the antichrist (if in fact the "He" of the passage is the Holy Spirit, which is not clearly shown).** The Holy Spirit is eternal, omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient & is not limited to only indwelling believers and can cease restraining antichrist **without the Church being raptured**.

Continuing:

2Th 2:4 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.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth [will let], until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming (See Rev. verses below)

2Th 2:9 [Even him], whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, **which [sword] proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

d. Mat 24:31 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.**

The event in this passage (being the rapture) also easily harmonizes with the other "rapture" passages like:

- gathering the elect from heaven and earth –

Mar 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

1Th 4:16 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:

1Th 4:17 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.

2Th 2:1 ¶ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and [by] our gathering together unto him,

Jesus is privately addressing His closest apostles (Peter, James, John & Andrew--see Mark 13:3), in the end time discourses of **Matt. 24 & Mark 13**, to whom He had already announced the conception of the Church (Matt 16:18, 18:17). **If the Church was to escape the Tribulation, Jesus would *certainly* have told these men who would be leading the early Church. Instead, he taught them to prepare for the Tribulation, to expect persecution or martyrdom, and to await their promised deliverance after the Tribulation of those days. He would not have told these men to expect the Tribulation if he was later going to reveal to the Apostle Paul that the church would be exempted.**

The argument that Jesus is addressing national Israel in this discourse rather than the Church, or that the "elect" in this passage is the elect remnant of Israel on earth during the Tribulation, is **false**:

1. The "gathering of the elect" in Matt. 24:31 **cannot** refer to the regathering of national Israel (Isaiah 11:11), **as the antichrist must confirm a 7-year covenant with Israel (Daniel 9:24-27), and therefore Israel must be regathered and already in place before the tribulation (the time of Jacob's trouble, Jer. 30:7) can begin.**

2. Matt: 24:9 shows that Jesus is addressing **Christians**, not Israel:

Mat 24:9 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.**

Jhn 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Jhn 15:21 But all these things will they do unto you **for my name's sake**, because they know not him that sent me.

Act 11:26 ...And the disciples **were called Christians first** in Antioch.

3. The disciples being addressed in Matt. 24 represent his believers on earth both **before** and **during** the Tribulation so if the "elect" in Matt. 24:31 were saved before the Tribulation, they should have been raptured with the church. If they were *not* saved before the presumed Pre-trib. rapture of the Church, **how did they get saved afterward as no one would be left on earth to lead them to the Lord, so it would essentially be like Christianity starting over again from scratch with the number of Christians on planet earth being zero the moment after the pre-trib rapture?**

How did the **"great multitude"** of Rev. 7:9 get saved during the Tribulation?

Rev 7:9 ¶ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

If this “great multitude” are all saved through the ministry of the 144,000 “Jewish evangelists” of Rev 7:4, how did the 144,000 get saved?

If the 144,000 were saved before the Tribulation, why weren't they raptured with the church?

4. The Pre-trib. doctrine that the Church will be removed from earth for the 144,000 to succeed where the Church could not (in converting Israel) is totally contrary to the stated mission of the church, which was to preach the gospel to the Jew first, and then the Gentile (Rom. 1:16). Jesus said the **gates of hell** could not prevail against His church; how much less can Israelites who resist the gospel!

5. Throughout the N.T. the word “elect” as used in Matt. 24:31 (Gr. *eklectos* [1588], meaning “chosen”) refers not to Israel but to the Church, including both Jews and Gentiles called to salvation; see Luke 18:7, Rom. 8:33, 9:11-16, in Rom 11:7 (the *elect* have obtained what *Israel* could not)

Rom 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded;

Also see: Col. 3:12; 1 Thes. 1:4; Tit 1:1; 1 Pet 1:2; 5:13; 2 John 1,13.

There is nothing in the context of Matt. 24 to indicate that “elect” means something else in that particular passage. The context indicates that the “elect” in Matt. 24 is NOT Israel, but IS the Church.

6. The Lord Jesus taught a Post-Tribulation Rapture in his parables.

a. The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares in Matthew 13:24-30,36-43 disproves the Pre-trib rapture theory as both the *wicked and the saved Chrsitins are harvested at the same time at the “end of the world”* (see Matt. 13:39

Mat 13:24 ¶ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Mat 13:25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

Mat 13:26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Mat 13:27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

Mat 13:28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

Mat 13:29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Mat 13:36 ¶ Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

Mat 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked [one];

Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the **end of the world**; and the **reapers are the angels** (See green verses below).

Mat 13:40 **As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.**

Mat 13:41 The Son of man **shall send forth his angels** (Comment: Sounds like some other passages we have already read dealing with a post tribulation rapture & the judgment of the wicked-see green colored verses below), **and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;**

Mat 13:42 **And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Mat 13:43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Mat 24:31 **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.**

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven **with his mighty angels**,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

2Th 1:9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; **(See Matt. 13:40-42 above)**

2Th 1:10 **When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, (See Matt. 13:43 above)** and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

b. The parable of the days of Noah in Matthew 24:37-41 agrees with the Parable of the Wheat and Tares; in that the wicked that were "taken away" in the flood but not the righteous.

7. The Book of Revelation teaches a Post-Tribulation Rapture.

Rev. 20:4-6 describes the Resurrection (the "First Resurrection") of the Righteous who will reign with Christ on earth for 1000 years. The event is presented in clear chronological order following the Tribulation period and the Battle of Armageddon, after the antichrist and false prophet are cast alive into the lake of fire and Satan is bound for the thousand years. **There is no previous resurrection of saved Christians presented in Revelation** (although this same event is alluded to in Rev. 11:15-19, the 7th Trumpet). **This event, in Rev. 20:4-6, is the post tribulation rapture of the Church** referred to as the "First Resurrection" in these passages. **If there was another resurrection or rapture before the Tribulation, the event in Rev. 20 would be the *Second* resurrection, not the First. A simple word study of the word "first"**

in its context regarding Rev. 20 shows that the word clearly means **first in chronological order**, not "best" as some have claimed. It is the "first" resurrection as compared and opposed to the second resurrection and "second death" of the wicked a thousand years later following the Millennial reign of Christ (Rev 20:12-15).

The Pre-trib position typically attempts to claim the words to the Apostle John in Rev. 4:1 **"Come up hither"** as being a veiled, hidden reference to the rapture. This is absurd, given the clear and unmistakable presentation in Rev. 20 of the **First Resurrection**, and the fact that the Rapture of the Church is to be a glorious, unmistakable, creation-changing event (Rom. 8:18-23), not a secret, silent event (see # 9 below). The First Resurrection in Rev. 20 is presented clearly & not hidden in a verse to be secretly interpreted like the pretribbers do for Rev. 4:1. The attempt to find a Pre-trib rapture in Revelation 4:1 is typical of the many secretive and convoluted interpretations required to come up with any teaching of a Pre-trib rapture.

8. The Pre-trib argument that the Church is not mentioned in the book of Revelation after chapter 3 and that hence the rapture must have occurred at Rev. 4:1 is blatantly false.

a. An argument from silence is a weak argument. The Bible does not contain the words "rapture" or "trinity" but still clearly teaches these doctrines. The word "church" is also not found in the books of 2 Timothy, Titus, 2, Peter, 1 or 2 John or Jude, but these books are clearly written both to and about the Church.

b. The book of Jude does not mention the Church by name, but uses the word "saints" to refer to the Church in v. 3 & 14, just as the Apostle John does throughout the book of Revelation (Rev. 5:8, 8:3-4, 11:18, 13:7, 13:10, 14:12, 15:3, 16:6, 17:6, 18:24, and 19:8). Other references to a faithful church remnant in Revelation are the martyrs of 6:9-11, the great multitude of 7:9-17, those who die in the Lord in Rev. 14:13, and the people of God called out of Babylon, Rev. 18:4. **The Church is seen all throughout the book of Revelation.**

7. The Rapture of the Church will be a glorious, unmistakable, creation-changing event; not a secret, silent event (hidden in the veiled reference of Rev. 4:1) as taught by the Pre-trib position. Therefore the Rapture of the Church must occur after the Tribulation, and at the beginning of the Millennial Reign of Christ:

a. **Romans 8:18-23 & Phil. 3:20-21** - These passages link the "redemption of our body" (the rapture) to the restoration of creation to its Edenic state which shall be the case during the 1000 year Millennial right of Jesus Christ on earth, which obviously cannot come before the cataclysmic judgments of the tribulation period, but only afterward thus also proving a post tribulation rapture.

Rom 8:18 ¶ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected [the same] in hope,

Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Rom 8:23 And not only [they], **but ourselves also**, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption, [to wit], the redemption of our body.**

Phl 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; **from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

Phl 3:21 **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

b. **1 Thes. 4:16** - The “shout, the voice of the archangel and the trump of God” in this verse sounds unmistakably loud and boisterous, **not a secretive and silent catching away as taught by popular proponents of the Pre-trib position.**

8. The Second Coming of Christ is presented throughout the Bible as a one-time climactic event, not to be divided into two phases of Rapture (resurrection) and then Return of Jesus Christ. Jesus will return at the end of the Tribulation, first to put down antichrist’s rebellion, and then to resurrect His saints.

a. **Nowhere in the Bible is there any indication or teaching given that the Second Advent will be in two phases, or that it will be preceded seven years beforehand by such a momentous event as the rapture of the Church.**

This doctrine (two-stage return) was not taught by any of the Apostles. All references to the Second Coming are of one end-time event. (Matt. 16:27-28; Matt. 24-25; Mark 13; Luke 12:35-40; Luke 21; John 14:1-3; 1 Cor. 1:7-8; 1 Cor. 15:23-24, 51-53; Phillip. 3:20-21; 1 Thes. 3:13, 4:15-18 & 5:23; 2 Thes. 1:4-10, 2:8; 1 Tim 6:14, 2 Tim 4:1-8; Titus 2:13; 1 Pet 1:7,13 & 4:12-13; 1 Jn 3:2, Rev. 19:11-21)

b. **The three Greek words used in the NT for the Second Coming (*parousia*, *epiphaneia*, and *apokolupsis*) are used interchangeably in relation to all end-time events associated with the Second Coming, with no distinction ever being made between the Rapture and the Return of Christ:**

1. ***Epiphaneia*** (2015) - usually translated “appearing,” but also as “brightness” in one passage, see:

2Ti 4:1 I ¹⁴⁷³ charge ¹²⁶³ [thee] therefore ³⁷⁶⁷ before ¹⁷⁹⁹ God ²³¹⁶, and ²⁵³² the Lord ²⁹⁶² Jesus ²⁴²⁴ Christ ⁵⁵⁴⁷, who ³⁵⁸⁸ shall ³¹⁹⁵ judge ²⁹¹⁹ the quick ²¹⁹⁸ and ²⁵³² the dead ³⁴⁹⁸ at ²⁵⁹⁶ his ⁸⁴⁶ appearing ²⁰¹⁵ and ²⁵³² his ⁸⁴⁶ kingdom ⁹³². ☐

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth ³⁰⁶³ there is laid up ⁶⁰⁶ for me ³⁴²⁷ a crown ⁴⁷³⁵ of righteousness ¹³⁴³, which ³⁷³⁹ the Lord ²⁹⁶², the righteous ¹³⁴² judge ²⁹²³, shall give ⁵⁹¹ me ³⁴²⁷ at ¹⁷²² that ¹⁵⁶⁵ day ²²⁵⁰: and ¹¹⁶¹ not ³⁷⁵⁶ to me ¹⁶⁹⁸ only ³⁴⁴⁰, but ²³⁵ unto all them ³⁹⁵⁶ also ²⁵³² that love ²⁵ his ⁸⁴⁶ appearing ²⁰¹⁵. ☐

Tts 2:13 Looking for ⁴³²⁷ that blessed ³¹⁰⁷ hope ¹⁶⁸⁰, and ²⁵³² **the glorious** ¹³⁹¹ **appearing** ²⁰¹⁵ of the great ³¹⁷³ God ²³¹⁶ and ²⁵³² our ²²⁵⁷ Saviour ⁴⁹⁹⁰ Jesus ²⁴²⁴ Christ ⁵⁵⁴⁷;

2Th 2:8 And ²⁵³² then ⁵¹¹⁹ shall ⁶⁰¹ that Wicked ⁴⁵⁹ be revealed ⁶⁰¹, whom ³⁷³⁹ the Lord ²⁹⁶² shall consume ³⁵⁵ with the spirit ⁴¹⁵¹ of his ⁸⁴⁶ mouth ⁴⁷⁵⁰, and ²⁵³² shall destroy ²⁶⁷³ with the **brightness** ²⁰¹⁵ of his ⁸⁴⁶ coming ³⁹⁵²:

_The **epiphaneia** of Christ is our blessed hope, at which time antichrist will be destroyed, our work on earth will be ended, and the living and the dead will be judged (1 Thes. 4:16, 2 Cor. 5:10)

2. **Apokalupsis** (602) - usually translated "revelation" or "revealed" or "the appearing" or "the coming" **used in the following passages:**

2Th 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be **revealed** from heaven with his mighty angels,

2Th 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

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

2Th 1:10 When **he shall come to be glorified in his saints**, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

In these passages there is no promise of a Pre-trib rapture; the comfort given in this passage is the vengeance to be taken on the enemies of God's people when Jesus comes back at the end of the tribulation, obviously at Armageddon with his raptured Saints.

Again:

This doctrine (the Post Tribulation Rapture) holds that there is a Resurrection-Rapture of living believers in Jesus Christ at the end of the age (or the "End time"). Post-tribulationists believe that Christians will remain on the Earth through the three and a half year great tribulation period. This period starts at the Abomination of Desolation and ends at the Battle of Armageddon. They will be gathered by the angels to meet Christ in the air (raptured) at Christ's second coming immediately after the great tribulation just before the battle of Armageddon and then return with Him as Christ descends to the Earth, to usher in the Millennium (World to Come) on earth. This is usually understood as being in line with historic premillennialism.

1 Peter 1:7,13 & 4:13 - **Christ coming after the testing of our faith by fire (no Pre-trib promise)**

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory **at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

1Pe 1:13 ¶ Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you **at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, **when his glory shall be revealed**, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

1 Cor. 1:7-8 - Christ coming at "the end," confirming the saints unto the Day of Christ

1Cr 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

1Cr 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, [that ye may be] blameless **in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

_The **apokalupsis** of Christ occurs at the end, at the day of the Lord, after the testing of our faith by fire, when He comes with his angels taking vengeance on His enemies, to be glorified in His saints.

3. Parousia (3952) - usually translated "coming," used in the following passages:

Matt. 24:3,27,30 - **Christ's coming at the second advent following the "tribulation of those days"**

1 Cor. 15:20-24 - Resurrection of those that are Christ's at His *coming*

1Cr 15:20 ¶ But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1Cr 15:21 For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead.

1Cr 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Cr 15:23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

1Cr 15:24 Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

Side bar: So where in the Bible do we find this last verse explained in depth, see:

Dan 7:7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it; and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:8 I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

Dan 7:9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and **the Ancient of days** did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire.

Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Dan 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld [even] **till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.**

This verse is fulfilled here at the end of the battle of Armageddon:

Rev 19:20 And the **beast was taken, and with him the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

Continuing:

Dan 7:13 ¶ I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] **like the Son of man** came with the clouds of heaven, **and came to the Ancient of days**, and they brought him near before him.

Dan 7:14 **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.**

These last two Scriptures are confirmed by the previously read 1 Cor. 15:24 verse which states:

1Cr 15:24 Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

1 Thes. 4:15 - the Rapture occurs at Christ's *coming*

1Th 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

1Th 4:15 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.

1Th 4:16 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:

1Th 4:17 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.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thes 5:23 - Paul's prayer for believers to remain blameless until the Lord's *coming*

1Th 5:23 ¶ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thes 2:8 - Destruction of antichrist by the appearing (*epiphaneia*) of Christ's coming (*parousia*)

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
To clarify the order of things previously mentioned, first the Lord Jesus brings His saints with Him in I Thes. 4:14. Then at the "rapture" the bodies of the dead in Christ are raised first (to be united with their soul & spirit that Christ brought with Him) and then those saints which are still alive are changed, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump."

Conclusion: The way these Greek words are used interchangeably in relation to all these end-time events, with no distinction made between the rapture of the saints and return of Christ indicates that they all take place at about the same time in planned sequence and are not separated by the 7- year Tribulation Period.

9. The argument that the "Imminency" of the Rapture (that it is the next prophetic event to be fulfilled with no signs preceding it) **requires the Rapture to Precede the Tribulation, is false.** This argument is based on circular reasoning (use of a false conclusion drawn *from* the Pre-trib position in attempt to support the Pre-trib theory). We are given **several signs** in Matthew 24 (and elsewhere) which Jesus himself clearly taught would precede His return. These signs include the Gospel being preached in all nations, the coming of the great tribulation, the great "apostasy" and rise of antichrist (2 Thes. 2:1-3), etc.

There are **several** signs that must be fulfilled before the Lord's return. No man can know the day or hour of the Lord's return, but we are supposed to know when it is near:

Mat 24:33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, [even] at the doors.

Mat 24:36 ¶ But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Mat 24:37 But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

10. The Pre-trib argument that the nature of the Church (the Bride of Christ) forbids it going through the Tribulation is in error. This argument is based on the premise that the church is exempt from suffering the **wrath of God**.

1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

This argument is in error because:

a. The "wrath" mentioned in this passage **refers to the wrath of eternal judgment in hell rather than suffering through the Tribulation** (see 2:5-10, Heb. 3:11, etc.)

b. Christians need not be removed from earth for God to protect them from His wrath:

Jhn 17:15 I pray **not that thou shouldest take them out of the world**, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Jesus when describing the tribulation period states:

Luk 21:36 **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.**

God's protection of the Israelites during the plagues on Egypt typifies protection of the faithful remnant of the Church during the Tribulation (similar plagues). Noah was not removed from earth during God's judgment but was protected through it. Lot was not raptured but was moved to a place of safety. The phrase "*also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world*" in Rev. 3:10 can refer to divine protection rather than removal from the earth, and was a conditional promise given to only one of the seven churches of Asia, as compared to the promise of persecution and Tribulation given to the faithful church at Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11).

c. **Promise of deliverance from the wrath of God does not include deliverance from Satan's wrath, which will be leveled against believers during the Tribulation (Rev. 12:11-12, 13:7-10, Dan. 7:21, 25 & 8:24).**

e. **Jesus will return for a Bride that has made herself ready (Rev 19:7), and that has been purged, purified, and made white (Dan 11:35, 12:10). This purification will happen, as always throughout history, through the refining fire of suffering and persecution (Acts 14:22). We are to take up our cross and follow Jesus; the way of the cross has in most ages of the church been the way of persecution and suffering (John 15:18-24; Phillip. 1:29; 1 Thes. 3:4; 2 Tim. 2:12 & 3:12, etc). Suffering and persecution always strengthens the church; the absence thereof always weakens it.**

Question: 1) If no man can know the day or hour that Jesus returns and we know there is a 7 year trib. (& that Jesus returns immediately after this 7 year trib. has ended) and with the abomination of desolation being committed at the midpoint of this 7 year period. If the time of the start of the Trib. is known **and/or** the time of the Abomination of Desolation is known, wouldn't it be easy to calculate the time of Jesus return by just adding 3.5 years onto the time at which the Abomin.of Desol. is committed or just adding 7 years to the start of the Tribulation?

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Bro. Scott - Even if we know the exact day and hour that Antichrist commits the abomination of desolation, which we may not know, I say it will still be **impossible** to compute the precise day or hour of Christ's return thereafter. Will it be precisely 42 months, a.k.a. 1260 days thereafter, as indicated in Rev. 12:6 & 13:5, or will it be the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11, or the 1335 days of Daniel 12:12; **OR** will the days be shortened as promised by the Lord Jesus in His Olivet Discourse:

Matt 24:22 - **And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

No man knows the day or hour, nor do the angels, including the fallen ones, and **NOR will Satan himself or the Antichrist know the day or hour.** God is sovereign and will come at a time "when ye think not." Satan will know that his time is short - but his time may be even shorter reign than he thinks.

Matt 24:44 - **Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**

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CONCLUSION

All scriptures dealing with the **timing** of the rapture show it to occur **after** the great tribulation, in particular Matthew 24:29-31 (Mark 13:24-27), 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 2

Thessalonians 2:1-8 and Revelation 20:4-5. Not only is the pre-trib rapture position in direct conflict with these scriptures, but **there is no verse or passage anywhere in the Bible that teaches that the Rapture must precede the Tribulation.** The arguments given to support a Pre-trib rapture are indirect and very weak at best, **and involve forced, spiritualized or secretive interpretations to conform the text to the Pre-trib position rather than relying on the plain-sense interpretation of the scripture. The Pre-trib position is not derived from scripture, but is instead a pre-conceived extra-Biblical position forcing secretive and twisted interpretations of all passages it obviously conflicts with.** The Post-Tribulation Rapture position does not have these conflicts **& was the historic position of the Apostles and early church, and because it IS exegetically derived from scripture it easily harmonizes with all passages related to the second coming of Christ.** The great danger of the popular Pre-trib position is that it has produced a generation Christians that are totally unprepared for days ahead, who many times believe they can ignore the warnings of Matthew 24 the book of Revelation and who see no reason to separate themselves from the rising "beast" system of Revelation 13, having been duped into believing those passages do not or will not apply to them. Some pre-trib. Rapture adherents go so far as to actually advocate, support and give money for the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple so as to speed up the return of Jesus Christ so they can be raptured and make a quick exit before things get bad during the 7 year tribulation. A recent article sums up what was just described: The rebuilding of the Temple has played an important part in Christian pre-trib./Messianic expectations. Such an event would for them signify the imminent arrival of the Jesus Christ and the rapture of the Church. Following the Six-Day War in 1967 and the Israeli conquest of the historical parts of Jerusalem, many pre-trib. Christians have expected the Jews to rebuild the Temple and reinstate the sacrifices prescribed in the Old Testament. The rise in the 1970s of Jewish groups that have advocated, and at times made preparations for, the rebuilding of the Temple has encouraged Christian pre-trib. adherents. Evangelical leaders and organizations, which represent millions of conservative Christians, have lent their monetary support for the rebuilding of the temple which they believe prepares the ground for the arrival of the Messiah. **Some Christian pre-trib. adherents have taken steps to help hasten the rebuilding of the Temple and consequently the coming of the Messiah. They have helped finance Jewish groups that have called for the rebuilding of the Temple. They have also searched for the Lost Ark, helped breed red heifers whose ashes are needed in order to enable Jews to enter the Temple Mount, and researched the exact location of the Temple.**

Regarding this subject a listener recently wrote:

*I found out some months ago via research online that both **Chuck Smith-the founder of Calvary Chapel, and Missler as well as other leaders were involved years ago in some of these 'rebuild the Jewish temple' pursuits.** Why on earth would any Christian want to hasten the rebuilding of the Jewish temple in Jerusalem? Many believe this is supposed to be where the antichrist will take over and the abominations of desolation will take place. I have studied for myself even the evidence that the Papal desire for control of Jerusalem is immense, who knows what deceptions are planned?*

Tied to this stuff is many false Pre-trib teachings and teachings about 'Israel' [[read this blog entry for more context](#)]

Concerning [Chuck Smith](#), back in the 1980's, he connected with a man named Stanley Goldfoot who was the contact between [The Temple Mount Faithful](#) [a Jewish group desiring to rebuild the Jewish temple] which Goldfoot helped founded and Christian evangelical leaders. [Stanley Goldfoot was invited to lecture in Chuck Smith's church](#) and collections were taken for Goldfoot's activities. [[see here](#)]

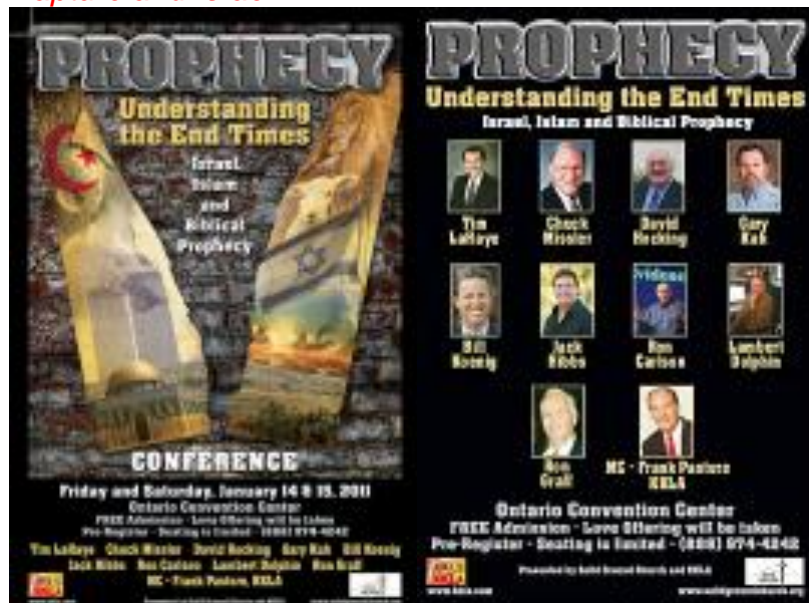
[Chuck Missler](#) co-hosted during the 1990s, the annual International Conference on Temple Mount in Jerusalem while heading tours to Israel. These were co-hosted with [Lambert Dolphin](#), a man who actively supports the rebuilding of the temple. Right from Lambert Dolphin's own [website](#), he spells out this support.

See here for yourself: what [Lambert Dolphin has written](#): [description of letter from his own website]

"I would like to see the Temple rebuilt..."

This month, January 2011, a new conference is being held called [Prophecy: Understanding the End Times: Israel, Islam, and Biblical Prophecy](#) and **Lambert Dolphin** is invited along with **Tim LaHaye, David Hocking, Bill Koenig, Chuck Missler, Gary Kah, Jack Hibbs** who is a Calvary Chapel pastor and others. In the list of speakers, scroll down, [they admit one of Lambert Dolphin's activities](#):

"Another of Lambert's special interests is the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. He helps maintain The Temple Mount site on the Internet." **Many of the topics concern the Rapture and Israel.**



This is all very odd. I've discussed the false teachings before in the evangelical world, but what I don't get, is these pre-trib folks, believe the antichrist is going to take power in this temple, why on earth, would they support hurrying that along or do ANYTHING to hasten it? More and more, the depth of deception here, regarding bible prophecy has

grown. What is even weirder, is that there are other groups out there invested in rebuilding Solomon's temple, [the freemasons and templars are among them](#). **Freemasonry has always planned to gain control of the Temple Mount so they can rebuild Solomon's Temple. As soon as they rebuild this Temple, their Masonic Christ will appear on the earth, claiming to be the Jewish Messiah for whom Israel has long been awaiting. This "Christ" will be the Biblical Antichrist.**

Other 'Christian' pretrib teachers who have gotten excited about the rebuilding of the temple:

The Jewish Temple must be rebuilt before the return of Jesus Christ." - Jack Van Impe.

"The Temple is the last sign that needs to fall into place before events irreversibly speed toward the return of Christ." - Hal Lindsey

"Both the Old and the New Testaments say there is no possibility for Jesus to come except that there is a temple waiting for Him." - Jan Van Der Hoeven, founder, International Christian Embassy.

Even weirder is when you find out Christians are [helping to finance the breeding of spotless red heifers](#). [These heifers are needed for the animal sacrifices in the would be temple.](#)

[In 1996, thanks in part to a cattle-breeding program set up in Israel with the help of Texas ranchers who are fundamentalist Christians, a red heifer was born.](#) **There was immense excitement among messianists of the Israeli religious Right, and their American Christian counterparts.** The world media covered it as a joke, but it wasn't funny to David Landau, columnist for the Israeli daily Haaretz. He called the red heifer "a four-legged bomb" that could "set the entire region on fire."

This is a direct affront to the blood of Jesus. Then add to that those who are so deceived in thinking they can push things along for God or in other words make sure prophecies are fulfilled in the Middle East; hastening things along. Supporting false religious rituals means folks have massively lost their way. False beliefs about the Rapture, play into this as well, **why care if one's actions lead to nuclear holocaust, if they are no longer "here" supposedly?...** I believe too, that those who all desire for the temple to be rebuilt, also seem to be going to [bat for the Vatican](#) as their power-brokering for control of Jerusalem is revealed and evangelicals jump on board in support of the Pope's new Middle Eastern "crusades".
These teachers are NOT to be trusted.

The book of Revelation is relevant, and was given not to scare us, but to prepare us.

THEREFORE

What then should Christians do? REJOICE! We are living in the most exciting days of all recorded history. The coming of the Lord is drawing near. However, as the early church taught, **"we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God"** (Acts 14:22). It is this writer's opinion that the necessary mechanisms are all in place for

Satan to attempt to implement the enslavement of all humanity under the rule of the antichrist, from the globally connected electronic banking system and the microchip ID implant which may possibly become the "mark of the beast," to the global government system being set up through the Vatican and UN. Christians must draw near to the Lord, separate themselves from the world, ask for His wisdom, and do all they can to prepare for very difficult days ahead, including preparing spiritually and mentally to suffer great persecution such as the Western church has not seen in centuries. It is this writer's opinion that Christians should begin **NOW** to remove themselves from the economic system known in the Bible as "Babylon" (Rev. 18:4), by withdrawing from the banking and SS ("social security") system (**Comment: Also the 501c3 church system which will be assimilated into the one world religion of the Antichrist, see Dr.**

Johnson's teachings:

[Feds Train 501c3 Clergy To 'Quell Dissent' During Martial Law \(3 Parts\)](#)

August 26th, 2007 |

[The 501c3 Church Being Muzzled](#)

July 8th, 2007 |

[Disturbing 501c3 Corporate Church Report](#)

February 15th, 2009 |

[US Churches Now Part of FEMA & Homeland Security Initiatives](#)

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and **by learning how to function outside those systems.**

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Christians must learn the Biblical function and limitations of civil government and how to resist wickedness in those "high places" (Titus 3:1 vs. **Eph. 6:12, Acts 5:29 & 17:7**).

Comment: See Dr. Johnson's teaching: [Romans 13 & Unlimited Subservience to the Government: Where should a Bible Believing Christian Draw the Line?](#)

Finally, and most importantly, Christians should become aggressive, confrontational soul-winners and do all they can to win the lost to

the Lord, because the hour is late. This writer also believes there will be special protection and provision in the midst of tribulation for those who determine to be soul-winners in the last days (Dan. 12:3)

[Dan 12:1](#) ¶ And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: **and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation [even] to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**

[Dan 12:3](#) **And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.**

[Dan 12:4](#) But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, [even] to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Prov. 11:30 [The fruit of the righteous \[is\] a tree of life; and he that winneth souls \[is\] wise](#)

[Rev 3:7](#) ¶ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, **and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

☐ **Rev 3:10** **Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**

☐ **Rev 3:11** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, **that no man take thy crown.**

☐ **Rev 3:12** Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name.

Chronology of the Pre-Tribulation Rapture Theory from 1825 on by Dave MacPherson author of the "The Incredible Cover-up"

Since the 1970's stunning new data has been surfacing about the pretribulation rapture's long-covered-up beginnings in the 1800's. In recent years several persons associated with Dallas Theological Seminary (which had long been pretribized) have reportedly gone to Britain to check on my research sources and then write books opposing my claims. In 1990 an Ohio pastor told me that Dr. _____, the most qualified DTS prof, traveled there and came back and wrote nothing! The pastor added that he and some others had a good laugh.

1825: British preacher Edward Irving revealed that he had been teaching some of dispensationalism's key aspects as early as late 1825. (John Darby-exalter R. A. Huebner has never even claimed to find any original prophetic idea in Darby before late 1826!)

1827-1830: Darby was still posttrib during these years. His 1827 paper had him waiting for only the posttrib "restitution of all things." After discussing in 1828 the "unity" of the church, he looked for only the Rev. 19 coming in 1829 and 1830.

1830: During the spring a young woman in Scotland, Margaret Macdonald, declared that she had discovered in the Bible what had never been seen by others: a rapture of "church" members described as a "pre-Antichrist" (or pretrib) event. Her words: "one taken and the other left" before "THE WICKED [Antichrist] be revealed." She was a partial rapturist seeing only part of the "church" raptured and the rest of the "church" left on earth. When she wrote that the "trial of the Church is from Antichrist," she meant the part of the church not included in her pretrib rapture. Leading partial rapturists including Pember and Govett have always applied the word "church" to the ones "left behind." Robert Norton, Irvingite historian and on-scene witness of Margaret's utterances, wrote that Margaret was the "first" to privately teach pretrib.

A September article in "The Morning Watch" (Irvingite journal) saw the "Philadelphia" church raptured before a "period of great tribulation" and the "Laodicea" church left on earth. Huebner's "Precious Truths" claimed that Philadelphia was seen raptured before only the "seventh vial" and not before "the great tribulation" even though the article writer added twice on following pages that this "period" was indeed "the great tribulation"! In the previous (June) issue the same writer had seen Philadelphia on earth until the final posttrib advent. In between these two issues, TMW writers had visited

Margaret who explained her new "revelation" which was soon reflected on TMW pages without giving her credit!

In December a published article by Darby was still defending the posttrib view!

1833: British lawyer Robert Baxter, an ex-Irvingite, wrote that the pretrib "delusion first appeared in Scotland " before it began to be taught in London the following year.

1834: A Darby letter referred to the new pretrib rapture view, stated that "the thoughts are new," and advocated the subtle introduction of it by writing "it would not be well to have it so clear"! Darby also called it the "new wine." Others who knew that pretrib was then a new view included other Plymouth Brethren, Irvingites, Margaret, and later 19th century historians such as Margaret Oliphant who referred to "a new revelation" in 1830 in western Scotland where Margaret Macdonald lived.

1837: Years after Darby supposedly had derived a distinction (or separation) between the "church" and " Israel ," his 1837 article saw the church "going in with Him to the marriage, to wit, with Jerusalem and the Jews"!

1839: The first year Darby was clearly pretrib. His pretrib basis then (and during the next three decades) was Rev. 12:5's "man child" that is "caught up." But this "new" Darby teaching was actually a plagiarism of Edward Irving who had been using this verse for the same (pretrib) purpose since 1831!

1843: In a letter written from Switzerland , Darby referred to "the dissemination of truth and blessing...thus spreading on the right hand and on the left, without knowing whence it came or how it sprung up all of a sudden...." Here he gloated that others didn't know "whence" pretrib came or that he had advocated the subtle sneaking of the new pretrib view into existing groups (see "1834" above)!

1853: Darby's book "The Irrationalism of Infidelity" recalled his visit to Margaret Macdonald and her brothers in mid-1830. He remembered 23 minor details but carefully omitted the most important one: Margaret's teaching of a coming of Christ that would exempt believers from the great tribulation "judgments"----a detail that all others who visited her and then wrote accounts could easily remember! (It's obvious that Todd Strandberg's mother didn't soap his mouth enough because even though he knows better after the airing of "Open Letter to Todd Strandberg" on the internet, his falsehood-packed "Margaret MacDonald Who?" article on his "Rapture Ready" site continues to pollute minds by stating that I "have never been able to prove that Darby had ever heard of MacDonald or her vision"!)

1855: An article by eminent Brethren scholar S. P. Tregelles tied "Judaisers" to pretrib. But in an 1864 book he tied " Irving 's Church" to pretrib. Both Huebner and Walvoord claimed that Tregelles contradicted himself, and Huebner charged Tregelles with "untruth and slander." But even William Kelly, Darby's editor, saw no contradiction and wrote, concerning "Judaising," that "nowhere is this so patent as in Irvingism"!

1861: Robert Norton, medical doctor and Irvingite, wrote that the "true origin" of pretrib had been "hidden and misrepresented." (This was about the time that Kelly was working towards the goal of elevating Darby and giving the false impression that Darby should be credited with the pretrib view.) Several pages later, in the same book, Norton revealed Margaret as the true originator of pretrib.

1863: In his "Five Letters" leading Brethren scholar Tregelles wrote that some Brethren had been unscrupulously issuing tracts by the thousands in which they changed the "words and doctrines" of "the Reformers and others" to give the impression

that those ancient writers had actually been teaching the novel doctrines that some Darbyist Brethren were then circulating in the 1800's!

1864: Brethren scholar Tregelles charged fellow Brethren with changing even the words in ancient hymns: "Sometimes from a hymn being altered, writers appear to set forth a secret rapture of which they had never heard, or against which they have protested." I should add that in an 1865 letter Darby asked his editor to preserve the newer (pretrib) hymns and "correct the others," that is, the older (posttrib) ones!

1860's: From the 1860's to the 1880's William Kelly, editor of Darby's works, was busy putting together some volumes known as "The Collected Writings of J. N. Darby." Opposition to Darbyism had been increasing and Kelly was determined to fight it and continue to exalt Darby. His goal was to present a Darby that was prophetically "mature" long before he actually matured. He achieved this dishonesty with misleading words in brackets inside sentences in Darby's early works, and with footnotes that he "borrowed" from Darby's much later works when he was obviously more developed! Darby even gave this deviousness his blessing. In an 1865 letter to Kelly he wrote: "I should think that some of the Notes would require some revising....Even the sermons contain things I should not accept...." Kelly even flaunted his shameful manipulation in a footnote to Darby's 1830 article; the note said that "it was not worth while either suppressing or changing it."

Interestingly, since the Irvingites were clear (and clearly first) when it came to public pretrib teaching, they didn't need later "fixers" to dishonestly correct their original statements!

1872: In an article in "The Princeton Review," Thomas Croskery of Ireland listed beliefs of the Plymouth Brethren including these: "That the moral law is of no use at all to believers" and "that believers have nothing to do in the way of keeping themselves from sin for God must look to them if He will...." He said that "Mr. Darby" pursues his opponents "with a virulence that has no parallel in the history of religious controversy."

1877: A medical doctor, James Carson, wrote that "the Darbyites have managed to cloak their opinions by using language in a Jesuitical sense...." He added: "Unless a person makes himself properly acquainted with the opinions" of Darbyites and argues "with the utmost precision on every point...it is impossible to manage such wily and slippery customers."

1879: A later work by Thomas Croskery declared that "Brethrenite doctrine...clearly tends to immorality." He then quoted Darby's editor, William Kelly, who stated: "I am no longer, as a Christian man, having to do with the responsibility that attaches to mortal man, but am passed now into a new state, even while I am in the world." Rev. Frederick Whitfield spoke of "the flagrant immoralities among the Plymouth Brethren" while James Grant commented: "Darbyism is the most selfish religious system with which I am acquainted."

1880: William Reid's work on Brethrenism revealed that "no other sect was, perhaps, ever so fruitful of divisions" and referred to "the novel doctrines propounded by some of its leaders." He quoted Lord Congleton, a leading Brethren member, who asked: "Have you tried these Brethren
---the Darbyites?...They are false in what they say of their brethren, they are false in doctrine, and they are false in their walk."

And Henry Craik, a colleague of George Muller, was also quoted: "The truth is, Brethrenism as such, is broken to pieces. By pretending to be wiser, holier, more spiritual, more enlightened, than all other Christians; by rash and unprofitable intrusions into things not revealed; by making mysticism and eccentricity the test of spiritual life and depth; by preferring a dreamy and imaginative theology to the solid food of the Word of God...." (Leading Brethren scholar Harold Rowdon's 1967 book "The Origins of the Brethren," p. 253, quoted earlier Brethren member Lord Congleton who was "disgusted with...the falseness" of Darby's narratives. Rowdon also quoted a historian of the Brethren, W. B. Neatby, who wrote that "the time-honoured method of single combat" was as good a method as any "to elicit the truth" from Darby!)

1880's: In 1880, a year after his Christian conversion, C. I. Scofield was in the St. Louis jail for forgery because he'd stolen his mother-in-law's life savings in a real estate scam. In 1883 his first wife divorced him (for desertion) and he remarried three months later. Although he had no formal theological training, he began putting a non-conferred "D.D." after his name in the 1890's. In 1899, when he preached D. L. Moody's funeral sermon, he still owed thousands of dollars that he had stolen from acquaintances 20 years earlier. (In 1921 he advised his daughter, who then had financial problems, to pray to an ancient Catholic saint; at the same time his Scofield Bible, p. 1346, was predicting a future reign of "apostate Christendom, headed up under the Papacy"!)

1889: Aware that for 60 years the leading historians----whether Brethren or Irvingite--had been crediting someone in Irving's circle (and not Darby's circle!) with the pretrib rapture, Darby's editor William Kelly embarked on a sinister plan to discredit the Irvingites (and their female inspiration) and belatedly (and falsely) give credit for pretrib to Darby. He achieved this in 1889-1890 in a series of articles in his own British journal while analyzing the Irvingites in a supposedly fair and honest manner. Let's see a few of the many examples of his clever dishonesty:

When quoting early Irvingites like Baxter and Norton, Kelly would consistently skip over their clear pretrib teaching but quote just before and after it! And he was a change artist. When Irvingites would write about their pretrib "rapture," Kelly loved to water it down into only their belief in the "Second Coming"! If the Irvingites expressed their belief in an imminent pretrib catching up, Kelly revised it into their "constantly to be expected Lord"! When Irving's followers hoped to escape, by rapture, the coming "tribulation," their "tribulation" was changed by Kelly into only "corrupt or apostate evils"! My 300-page book "The Rapture Plot" has 16 pages (!) of glaring specimens of short quotes exhibiting Kelly's shameful revisions of Irvingite doctrine!

1918: A prophetic book by E. P. Cachemaille discussed the pretrib origin, tied it to the 1830's, then added: "There has since been much scheming to give the doctrine a reputable origin, scheming by those who did not know the original facts, not being contemporaries of Dr. Tregelles."

1942: Noted prophecy teacher H. A. Ironside, who had a Brethren background, dared to assert, minus evidence, that what early Brethren taught re the rapture was "so contrary" to what the Irvingites had been teaching, adding that no links had existed between the two groups!

1960: After mentioning that the claim that Darby originated pretrib "is certainly open to question," evangelical scholar Clarence Bass wrote: "More probably, however, its

origin can be traced through the Irvingite movement." But he failed to elaborate, evidently aware that he would be opening a can of you-know-what!

1973: Darby worshiper R. A. Huebner wrote that "The Irvingites (1828-1834) never held the pretribulation rapture or any 'any-moment' views." He was aware that many couldn't know how close he had repeatedly come to clear pretrib teaching by Irvingites and then had covered up everything while using the same devious tactics his inspiration William Kelly had used a century earlier while analyzing the same Irvingites!

My "Plot" book has a 31-page chapter of many quotes from the earliest Irvingites showing that they repeatedly and clearly taught pretrib as well as imminence. For example, in 1832 the Irvingite journal said that "some" will be "left in the great tribulation...after the translation of the saints." We've already seen clear pretribism in the Sep., 1830 issue of the Irvingite journal. It's bad enough that Huebner (who never attended seminary, college, or even Bible school) has mind-poisoned his tiny circle of Darby-idolizers, but disastrous that pretrib leaders like Walvoord, Ryrie, LaHaye, and Ice were apparently "too busy" to check Huebner's sources and later on too proud to admit they'd been taken in by him!

The parallels between Huebner and his two inspirations, Darby and Kelly, are astounding. Like them, he easily applies "demon" to opponents and their beliefs. Like them, he exaggerates and even purposely muddies up Darby's earliest pretrib development and Darby's later reminiscences. And like them, he can deftly dance around pretrib "cobras" in Irvingism (and its female inspiration) without getting bitten! In his 1973 book, Huebner had 95 copying errors when quoting others including pretrib leaders! (For more shocks on the internet, type in "Humbug Huebner.")

1989: Thomas Ice, one of the biggest pretrib diehards, doesn't have favorites when he discusses the pretrib origin; he can use deviousness as well as sloppiness. When he reproduced Margaret's short "revelation" account he somehow left out 48 words! As if his carelessness wasn't bad enough, his reproduction also included four distinctive errors that Hal Lindsey had made in his own reproduction of it in 1983----what Ice chose to do instead of going to the original 19th century sources! (See my internet piece "Thomas Ice - Hired Gun" if you are shockproof.)

1990: A year after his "rapture" of 48 words from Margaret's handwritten "revelation" account, Ice was elevated all the way up to Dallas Seminary's journal which published his article on pretrib history. In it he had some copying errors when quoting John Bray, Huebner, and Walvoord. Even worse, when he quoted the same Margaret Macdonald account, he skipped right over what he knew was her main point (a catching up of church members just before the Antichrist is revealed) even though he quoted shortly before and after it! And when quoting present-day Brethren scholar Harold Rowdon, he used an ellipsis to cover up Rowdon's evidence in his 1967 book that Irvingite development preceded Darby's!

1991: After many objective, no-axe-to-grind scholars had publicly endorsed my research (which emphasized Margaret, the Irvingites, and 1830), R. A. Huebner, aware of the same objective scholarship and determined to negate it, came out with a book in which he claimed to find Darby teaching pretrib in 1827----that is, three years before Margaret etc. But halfway through his book (which had more than 250 copying errors!), he admitted that his 1827 "proof" could refer to something completely different! Nevertheless, diehard Thomas Ice, after admitting to me that he was indeed aware of

Huebner's change, continues to declare publicly that Huebner's 1991 book "proves" that Darby was pretrib as early as 1827!

1992: When Tim LaHaye's "No Fear of the Storm" reproduced Margaret's short account, he "left behind" 48 words---the same 48 words that Ice had left out in 1989! In the same book LaHaye made 84 other copying errors when discussing pretrib beginnings! Although he had a whole chapter focusing on my origin research, un-scholar LaHaye didn't list any of my books in footnotes or bibliography which kept readers from being able to find out what I had actually written! And LaHaye based his analysis on inaccurate secondhand sources and also made many copying errors when quoting them.

For many years Tim and Beverly LaHaye's "conservative" organizations have raked in millions of dollars while telling folks to vote for only "moral" political candidates, and while appearing to be very pro-family and anti-gay. What they haven't revealed is that their son Lee LaHaye has long been the Chief Financial Officer of Concerned Women for America and that Lee is openly gay ! Can we be sure that "Left Behind" Tim isn't just as hypocritical with his pro-pretrib stance? (If you're man or woman enough, warm up your computer and type in "Pretrib Hypocrisy," "LaHaye's Temperament," "Tim LaHaye's gay son," "God to Same-Sexers: Hurry Up," and "Thieves' Marketing"----for starters!)

2005: In the August "Pre-Trib Perspectives" Thomas Ice again had the audacity to claim that the late Prof. Paul Alexander saw a "pretribulational translation" in Pseudo-Ephraem's now famous Medieval sermon. But Ice has known since 1995 that Alexander's 1985 book has textual as well as outline summaries of P-E's chronological order of endtime events---both summaries showing only one final coming of Christ that follows the great tribulation and not even a hint of a pretrib coming in either summary! Is it possible that Ice knows more than the professor whose book somehow inspired one of the desperate pretrib diehards? As Eph. 4:14 puts it, Ice knows how to "lie in wait to deceive." And lie and lie! (See my internet paper "Deceiving and Being Deceived" and discover the calculated dishonesty in the Pseudo-Ephraem and Morgan Edwards claims plus other dishonesty including massive plagiarism in some of today's leading pretrib diehards! Type in my name and see all of my internet items. Since Ice and LaHaye are associated with the Pre-Trib Research Center which has its own site, you may feel inspired to write them, ask them some blunt questions, and even send them a copy of this paper.)

PS - You can win \$1000.00 if you can prove that I have ever covered up or watered down any crucial aspect of pretrib rapture history! If you would like to obtain my No. 1 book on pretrib history entitled "The Rapture Plot" which expands the info in this paper and has much other documentation, call 800.643.4645.

The Jesuit Oath of Induction is also recorded in the ***Congressional Record of the U.S.A. (House Bill 1523, Contested election case of Eugene C. Bonniwell, against Thos. S. Butler, Feb. 15, 1913, pp. 3215-3216)*** It can also be found in the book entitled, ***"Subterranean Rome" by Charles Didier translated from the French and published in New York in 1843.***

The article below was taken from the book *Subterranean Rome* by Charles Didier, translated from the French and published in New York in 1843. After reading this, ask yourself the question: Is this REALLY the church of Jesus Christ???

"When a Jesuit of the minor rank is to be elevated to command, he is conducted into the Chapel of the Convent of the Order, where there are only three others present, the principal or Superior standing in front of the altar. On either side stands a monk, one of whom holds a banner of yellow and white, which are the Papal colors, and the other a black banner with a dagger and red cross above a skull and crossbones, with the word INRI, and below them the words IUSTUM, NECAR, REGES, IMPIOUS. The meaning of which is: It is just to exterminate or annihilate impious or heretical Kings, Governments, or Rulers. Upon the floor is a red cross at which the postulant or candidate kneels. The Superior hands him a small black crucifix, which he takes in his left hand and presses to his heart, and the Superior at the same time presents to him a dagger, which he grasps by the blade and holds the point against his heart, the Superior still holding it by the hilt, and thus addresses the postulant:"

Superior speaks:

My son, heretofore you have been taught to act the dissembler: among Roman Catholics to be a Roman Catholic, and to be a spy even among your own brethren; to believe no man, to trust no man. Among the Reformers, to be a reformer; among the Huguenots, to be a Huguenot; among the Calvinists, to be a Calvinist; among other Protestants, generally to be a Protestant, and obtaining their confidence, to seek even to preach from their pulpits, and to denounce with all the vehemence in your nature our Holy Religion and the Pope; and even to descend so low as to become a Jew among Jews, that you might be enabled to gather together all information for the benefit of your Order as a faithful soldier of the Pope.

You have been taught to insidiously plant the seeds of jealousy and hatred between communities, provinces, states that were at peace, and incite them to deeds of blood, involving them in war with each other, and to create revolutions and civil wars in countries that were independent and prosperous, cultivating the arts and the sciences and enjoying the blessings of peace. To take sides with the combatants and to act secretly with your brother Jesuit, who might be engaged on the other side, but openly opposed to that with which you might be connected, only that the Church might be the gainer in the end, in the conditions fixed in the treaties for peace and that the end justifies the means.

You have been taught your duty as a spy, to gather all statistics, facts and information in your power from every source; to ingratiate yourself into the confidence of the family circle of Protestants and heretics of every class and character, as well as that of the merchant, the banker, the lawyer, among the schools and universities, in parliaments and legislatures, and the judiciaries and councils of state, and to be all things to all men, for the Pope's sake, whose servants we are unto death.

You have received all your instructions heretofore as a novice, a neophyte, and have served as co-adjurer, confessor and priest, but you have not yet been invested with all that is necessary to command in the Army of Loyola in the service of the Pope. You must serve the proper time as the instrument and executioner as directed by your superiors; for none can command here who has not consecrated his labors with the blood of the heretic; for "without the shedding of blood no man can be saved."

Therefore, to fit yourself for your work and make your own salvation sure, you will, in addition to your former oath of obedience to your order and allegiance to the Pope, repeat after me---

The Extreme Oath of the Jesuits:

"I, _ now, in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and all the saints and sacred hosts of heaven, and to you, my ghostly father, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in the Pontificate of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do by the womb of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear, that his holiness the Pope is Christ's Vice-regent and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing, given to his Holiness by my Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power I shall and will defend this doctrine of his Holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutheran of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and the now pretended authority and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland and on the Continent of America and elsewhere; and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome. I do now renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state named Protestants or Liberals, or obedience to any of the laws, magistrates or officers. I do further declare that the doctrine of the churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name Protestants or Liberals to be damnable and they themselves damned who will not forsake the same. I do further declare, that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland or America, or in any other Kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my uttermost to extirpate the heretical Protestants or Liberals' doctrines and to destroy all their pretended powers, regal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare, that notwithstanding I am dispensed with, to assume my religion heretical, for the propaganda of the Mother Church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they may entrust me and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstance whatever; but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me, by you, my ghostly father, or any of this sacred covenant. I do further promise and declare, that I will have no opinion or will of my own, or any mental reservation whatever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the Militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ. That I may go to any part of the world withersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever

communicated to me.

I furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity present, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate and exterminate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition; and that I will hang, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics, rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls, in order to annihilate forever their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisoned cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity, or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Faith, of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which, I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all my corporal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name written in my own blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the Militia of the Pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever!

All of which, I, __, do swear by the Blessed Trinity and blessed Sacraments, which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part to keep inviolable; and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness the blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my name written and with the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and sealed in the face of this holy covenant."

(He receives the wafer from the Superior and writes his name with the point of his dagger dipped in his own blood taken from over his heart.)

Superior speaks:

"You will now rise to your feet and I will instruct you in the Catechism necessary to make yourself known to any member of the Society of Jesus belonging to this rank. In the first place, you, as a Brother Jesuit, will with another mutually make the ordinary sign of the cross as any ordinary Roman Catholic would; then one cross his wrists, the palms of his hands open, and the other in answer crosses his feet, one above the other; the first points with forefinger of the right hand to the center of the palm of the left, the other with the forefinger of the left hand points to the center of the palm of the right; the first then with his right hand makes a circle around his head, touching it; the other then with the forefinger of his left hand touches the left side of his body just below his heart; the first then with his right hand draws it across the throat of the other, and the latter then with a dagger down the stomach and abdomen of the first. The first then says *Iustus*; and the other answers *Necius*; the first *Reges*. The other answers *Impius*." (The meaning of which has already been explained.) "The first will then present a small piece of paper folded in a peculiar manner, four times, which the other will cut longitudinally and on opening the name *Jesu* will be found written upon the head and arms of a cross three times. You will then give and receive with him the following questions and answers:

Question —From whither do you come? Answer — The Holy faith.

Q. —Whom do you serve?

A. —The Holy Father at Rome, the Pope, and the Roman Catholic Church Universal throughout the world.

Q. —Who commands you?

A. —The Successor of St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus or the Soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Q. —Who received you? A. —A venerable man in white hair.

Q. —How?

A. —With a naked dagger, I kneeling upon the cross beneath the banners of the Pope and of our sacred order.

Q. —Did you take an oath?

A. —I did, to destroy heretics and their governments and rulers, and to spare neither age, sex nor condition. To be as a corpse without any opinion or will of my own, but to implicitly obey my Superiors in all things without hesitation of murmuring.

Q. —Will you do that? A. —I will.

Q. —How do you travel? A. —In the bark of Peter the fisherman.

Q. —Whither do you travel? A. —To the four quarters of the globe.

Q. —For what purpose?

A. —To obey the orders of my general and Superiors and execute the will of the Pope and faithfully fulfill the conditions of my oaths.

Q. —Go ye, then, into all the world and take possession of all lands in the name of the Pope. He who will not accept him as the Vicar of Jesus and his Vice-regent on

<http://www.remnantofgod.org/jes-oth.htm#oath>