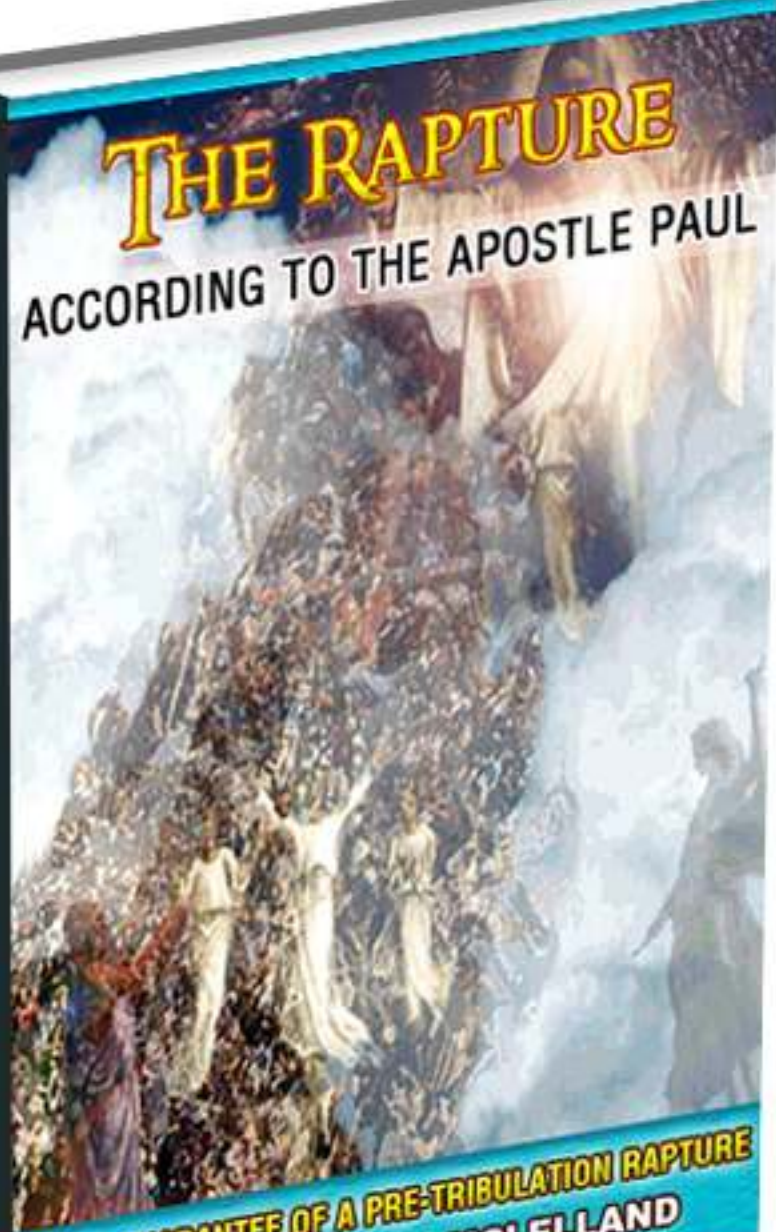


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“...to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.”
(1 Thessalonians. 1:10)

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CHAPTER 1

RISE AND SHINE! YOU'RE GOING HOME!

God's Guarantee That He Will Keep You *Out of* the Tribulation

"Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth."

(Revelation 3:10)

"...Behold, the Lord cometh (to earth) with ten thousands of his saints (us!), to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds, which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches, which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

(Jude 14b-15)

Our Lord Jesus Christ has just given *you* promises that Christians *will not* experience a moment of the tribulation. *"He that hath an ear, let him hear."* Can God's word get any plainer than what He wrote in Revelation 3:10 and Jude 14-15? Do you believe what God's word says? Either you do or you don't. Do you remain uncertain? Read the scriptures again. God is going to keep his Church out of the tribulation!

The key word in God's magnificent promise in Revelation 3: 10 is the word **from**. The original Greek transliteration is *ek*. Its Greek definition translates to English as the words *from, or, from out of*. The reference is found in Strong's Concordance # 1537. *This is the key word that tells you that Jesus will keep you "out of" the tribulation.*

If our Lord Jesus Christ wanted His beloved, blood bought, perfect Bride to go through the tribulation, He would have instructed His angel Gabriel to tell John to use the Greek word *dia* (Strong's Concordance # 1223) which means *through the hour of testing* in the English language. Instead, John used the Greek word *ek* - *from, out of*.

God's unambiguous words referenced above in Jude 14b-15 should make it quite clear that only the ungodly will be judged during the tribulation. Yet the deceivers apparently replace the word "ungodly" and substitute "Godly," in that the Bride of Christ must face the tribulation.

However, be aware that they will try to convince spiritually weak Christians that God's own words are subject to doubt. Don't fall for it.

Knowing how wonderful and loving our Father is, would it not make perfect sense for Him to have at least warned us in His word that the tribulation was definitely in our futures? But nowhere in Scripture is it stated that we must suffer through the tribulation. I defy anyone to locate such a scripture while keeping the scriptures in their proper contexts.

Pre-tribulation Rapture critics will contort and twist God's word as they toil in their cauldrons of duplicity, concocting their own hellish theories. God's word is final. If it's not in the Bible, it's not God's word. Extra-Biblical theories, Church history, philosophical concepts and new age ideas, are not scripture. Be very careful to that in which you place your faith - and eternal destiny.

God wrote the Bible to give the human race directions to finding and accepting salvation through believing God's words. We are expected to believe the message of the Gospel that He gave His Son to deliver to Paul of Tarsus.

Jesus' Gospel of Grace

What was that “new message?” It was the Gospel of the ascended Jesus Christ that brings salvation and remission of sins through believing in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Any person who accepts Jesus' Gospel of Grace will *never* face the tribulation.

View the tribulation through God's eyes. Let me remind you that there is not one line of scripture in all the Bible that states God's redeemed children will have to face the tribulation. All *true* born again Christians are the Bride of Christ.

Can you ever imagine our Lord, our future Bridegroom, allowing His holy and spotless Bride to enter the horrors of the tribulation? Similarly, will Jesus permit His Bride to have their heads cut off by the antichrist's storm troopers while Jesus watches impassively from His glorious position on the right hand of His Father's throne? The Lamb's Bride? No. We serve a God of love, mercy and perfect justice.

Would Jesus allow His Bride to be vaporized in a nuclear exchange? For what purpose? Many anti-pre-tribulation Rapture deceivers proclaim that the Bride of Christ must go *through* (Greek word “*dia*”) the tribulation to be “purged.” Purged from what? We were already made “perfect” when we received salvation. Jesus tells us in Hebrews 1: 3 about how He gloriously purged us from sin:

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person (God the Father) and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

This verse is yet another guarantee that the Bride of Christ will avoid the tribulation. The pre-tribulation Rapture critics state that the Church must be “purged” of sins, hence the

need for the tribulation to “straighten us out.”

However, when Jesus stated, “he had by Himself purged our sins,” He sat down on His Father’s right side, knowing that His tortured utterance of *Tetelestai*, or, “it is finished” on the cross, took away all our sins past, present and future. Jesus was then finally able to “rest” in heaven upon His resurrection and ascension.

The totality and perfection of Jesus’ finished work on the Cross was observed by His “sitting down” next to His Father’s throne to rest from His sacrifice. Another powerful scripture relating to Jesus’ “finished work,” is found in Genesis 2: 1-2:

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.”

Are you aware that it was Jesus Christ who created the universe and all things in it? Most of Christendom has no idea of this little-known fact found in Colossians 1: 15-16:

“Who (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”

Two additional scriptures describe Jesus as Creator:

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

(Revelation 4: 11)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word (Jesus) was with God, and the Word

*was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him;
and without him was not anything made that was made.”*

(John 1: 1-3)

Knowing that Jesus is the Creator of all, including the human race, is it within His holy “character” to allow satan to torture and kill His redeemed and pure Bride in the tribulation?

Further Proof of No Tribulation for Christians

There are several other clear verses in our Bible that bless us with the promise that Christians will not experience the tribulation. The first is found in Paul’s epistle, Romans 8: 1:

*“There is therefore **no condemnation** to them which are in Jesus Christ, who walk
not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*

How could we face the tribulation knowing that we, who are *not condemned*, must face the horrors of the tribulation alongside those who *are* condemned? Where is the sense in that?

Does it reflect the perfect justice of God? Will God suddenly go back on His word and turn from us when Jesus opens the seals of judgment from His heavenly scroll as described in the book of Revelation? Of course not!

Here are other comforting, reassuring scriptures, which God gives us for our peace:

*“Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be **blameless** in the day
of the Lord Jesus Christ.”(Rapture)*

(1 Corinthians 1:8)

*“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto
His heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever.” (2 Timothy 4: 18)*

Notice the language - *“that ye may be blameless.”* What was that? Blameless? If we have no blame there is no judgment. If there is no judgment, then there is no tribulation for the Bride of Christ. Also, notice how God promises to *“deliver us from every evil work!”*

Do you believe the tribulation qualifies as being included in “every evil work?” Here again is proof positive that the true Church has no place in the seventieth week of Daniel. Looking again at 2 Timothy 4: 18, notice that God guarantees us that Jesus will “preserve me into His heavenly Kingdom.” *How can the deceivers rationalize that away?*

Our Lord Jesus Is Faithful

Consider this; how could Jesus expect our battered soul and Spirit to arrive in heaven burdened with doubt about why He allowed us to go through the tribulation, when He promised in His word that we wouldn’t have to?

Again, can you imagine Jesus watching us suffering and dying from His Father’s heavenly throne and seeing satan reveling in his “victory” over His beloved Bride for whom He shed His precious blood? Can you?

When Saul (Paul) of Tarsus was struck down by Jesus on the road to Damascus in Acts 9: 5b-6a, Jesus asked Saul,

“why persecutest thou me? And he (Paul) said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.”

Jesus made it plain to Saul that if he was persecuting Christians, he was similarly persecuting Jesus Himself. All true Christians compose the Body of Christ. We are truly only one body, with Jesus being the head. The head cannot be separated from the body without death occurring.

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