

Mid to Post Tribulation Rapture in the Scripture

Gospel: Mid to Post Tribulation Rapture

- [Mt 24:3] ..."Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"[4] And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.[5] "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.[6] "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.[7] "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.[8] "All these are the beginning of sorrows.[9] "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.[10] "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.[11] "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.[12] "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.[13] "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.[14] "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.[15] "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),[16] "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.[17] "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.[18] "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.[19] "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days![20] "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.[21] "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.[22] "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.[23] "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.[24] "For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.[25] "See, I have told you beforehand.[26] "Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.[27] "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.[28] "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.[29] "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.[30] "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.[31] "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Comment [RRP1]: Here is evidence that the persecution of the early church was not the Tribulation Period (TP).

Comment [RRP2]: Here again it is clear the TP was not the persecution of the early church since the gospel had not been preached in all the world, (ie. China, the "New World" of the Americas...) "and then the end will come."

Comment [RRP3]: This suggests much or all the TP will occur while "the Elect" are present and in need of saving.

Comment [RRP4]: "Immediately after the tribulation..." Key word "After".

Comment [RRP5]: "Then the sign of the Son of Man..." (remember that phrase for the Revelation 14:14 reference) Once again, "Then" would suggest mid or post TP.

Comment [RRP6]: This is the exact description of Rev 14:14 and the angels announcement after the ascension.

Comment [RRP7]: The only "Last Trumpet" this could refer to is the 7th Trumpet of Revelation which is at least 2/3rds thru the TP.

Comment [RRP8]: "Therefore" here suggest this is one of many comments on what to do to prepare for this or any period.

Epistle Mid/Post Tribulation Rapture

- [1Co 15:51] Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— [52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.[53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.[54] So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." [55] "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"[56] The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.[57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.[58] Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Comment [RRP9]: As Jesus opens the 7th seal seven angels prepare to sound seven trumpets. Between the 1st to the 7th are several chapters with many.

Revelation: Mid Tribulation Rapture

- [Rev 8:1] When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.[2] And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets... [6] So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. [7] The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was

burned up. [8] Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.[9] And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed...

- [Rev 11:15] Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"[16] And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,[17] saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. [18] The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth." [19] Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Comment [RRP10]: Here is the 7th or "Last Trumpet" (see 1 Cor.15:51 above) well into the TP.

Comment [RRP11]: The tone of this suggest a mighty or many mighty happenings are looming.

- [Rev 12:7] And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,[8] but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.[9] So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.[10] Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.[11] "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.[12] "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Comment [RRP12]: Here is the formula for overcoming the Anti-Christ...Martyrdom

- [Rev 13:1] Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.[2] Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.[3] And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.[4] So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"[5] And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.[6] Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.[7] It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.[8] All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.[9] If anyone has an ear, let him hear.[10] He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. [11] Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.[12] And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.[13] He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.[14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.[15] He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.[16] He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,[17] and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.[18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Comment [RRP13]: Here the Anti-Christ is installed

Comment [RRP14]: 3 ½ years pass and still no "Son of Man coming in the clouds".

Comment [RRP15]: The Anti-Christ is given power to overcome the saints. This suggests that rather than getting out of judgment free by a Pre-Tribulation Rapture the saints are, in some manner, "overcome."

Comment [RRP16]: This suggests the manner the saints are overcome.

Comment [RRP17]: It seems the Anti-Christ gives his authority to the False-Prophet.

- [Rev 14:14] Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp

Comment [RRP18]: The "Image" and the "Mark of the Beast" are established.

sickle.[15] And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, **“Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe.”**[16] **So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.**[17] Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.[18] And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe.”[19] So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the **great winepress of the wrath of God.**[20] And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses’ bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Comment [RRP19]: This would clearly appear to be the Rapture. “The Son of Man” is Christ’s title for himself in the Mat.14:30 passage dealing with his return.

Coming on a “white cloud” also fits all descriptions of His return.

Having a sharp sickle with which to “harvest” a “ripe” earth, in this context, would easily fit a Rapture scenario.

A golden crown on his head, combined with the above descriptions also argues for this being the King.

Comment [RRP20]: This being is identified as an angel inferring the “Son of Man” was not. In this context, who else could the “Son of Man” be?

The “another angel” does not identify the “Son of Man” was an angel but rather refers to the being coming from the temple telling the Son of Man to reap the earth.

Comment [RRP21]: Pre-Tribulation adherents quote the verse that the church is “not appointed unto wrath.” Agreed. But who’s wrath? Man’s? The Devil’s? History and the scriptures clearly show otherwise. The true church is not appointed unto “God’s Wrath.” Interestingly enough we see the winepress of God’s wrath filled and overflowed immediately following what seems clearly to be the Rapture.