

Tribulation Central

When the Lord Jesus Shall Be Revealed...2 Thessalonians 1:1-8

Statement of Purpose

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What is the purpose of this web site? Is it used to let you hear what you want to hear? Is it used to cause another division among the body of Christ? Or is it used to rightfully examine one of the most controversial issues in the church today?

The *pre-trib rapture* has been a very popular doctrine since the start of the twentieth century. It is preached behind the pulpits. It has been proclaimed on the airwaves. It is taught in seminaries. There those who are called "prophecy experts." Many believers say the pre-trib rapture is "in the bible." Books based on the rapture have been among the best sellers in Christian bookstores. The most recent, "*Left Behind*," a series of books written by Tim La Haye and Jerry Jenkins, boasts sales in the millions. A movie based on "*Left Behind*" has been released on video. A prominent pre-tribber, Hal Lindsey has been called a "modern day prophet" in various circles of Christianity. The pre-trib position, however has not been accepted by many in the body of Christ.

The purpose of this site is to examine the "pre-trib" doctrine to see if it is true by seeking the scriptures. My purpose is not to attack anyone's character. It's just not biblical. There are sincere believers in Christ on both sides. However, many on both sides have caused unnecessary strife on each other. Instead, we can examine this issue in brotherly Christian love, with an open and contrite heart, let the Holy Spirit guide us, and can be obedient to God's Holy Word.

If the pre-trib rapture is true then we can relax and we won't have to worry about what will happen to us and the church.

If it isn't true, however, *then* we must be prepared for it. What will happen when the tribulation comes? Will pre-tribbers be disillusioned if pre-trib is false? Will they be unprepared for the Anti-christ? Will they fall away from the faith because they listened to men instead of meditating on God's Holy Word? Will they take the mark of the beast? Or will they put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ?

If pre-trib isn't true, does this teaching belong in God's house? Shouldn't we be *fully* prepared for what lies ahead? Should we be ready and on the alert for the most troublesome time that this earth will ever know?

We *may* not be the generation that faces the Great Tribulation, but our children,

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or even our grandchildren will have a better chance of going through it. Is this something we should pass on to other generations if it's false?

On this web site we will examine the pre-trib position:

- There are two second comings: 1. For the Church before the tribulation; 2. When Jesus does battle against the Anti-christ and sets up his kingdom at the end of the tribulation.
- Jesus' "pre-trib" coming will be secret or invisible and will rapture his church into heaven; And his post-trib coming will be visible.
- The Holy Spirit will rapture the church into heaven.
- There are two resurrections for the righteous: 1. The New Testament Christians before the tribulation; 2. The Old Testament Jews and martyred "tribulation saints" after the tribulation.

I invite you to read the articles posted on this site. You are encouraged to respond to my articles and examine the scriptures yourselves, like the church at Berea:

"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.."

Acts 17:11

In this part of Acts, Paul and Silas were sent to the synagogue at Berea. These Jews in Berea were examining scriptures to see if what Paul and Silas were so. Now did they take them at their word? Notice the Bereans were *examining scriptures* to see if what Paul and Silas were teaching were so. Paul had a personal encounter with Christ. Jesus' disciples knew The Lord and were taught by Him. They were examined. There are many today who say they saw Christ in a vision or they received "a word from God." There are so called experts in prophecy who say that the pre-trib rapture is in the bible. If the Bereans examined scriptures daily to what Jesus' own apostles have said, then shouldn't we be examining scriptures daily to see what **all Christians** are saying is so (and not *just* the cultists, the ones with with shirts and ties who knock on your door)?

As Paul Says:

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

I Thessalonians 5:21

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Thank you for visiting my site.

In the name of Jesus Christ,

Jerry Giese

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11