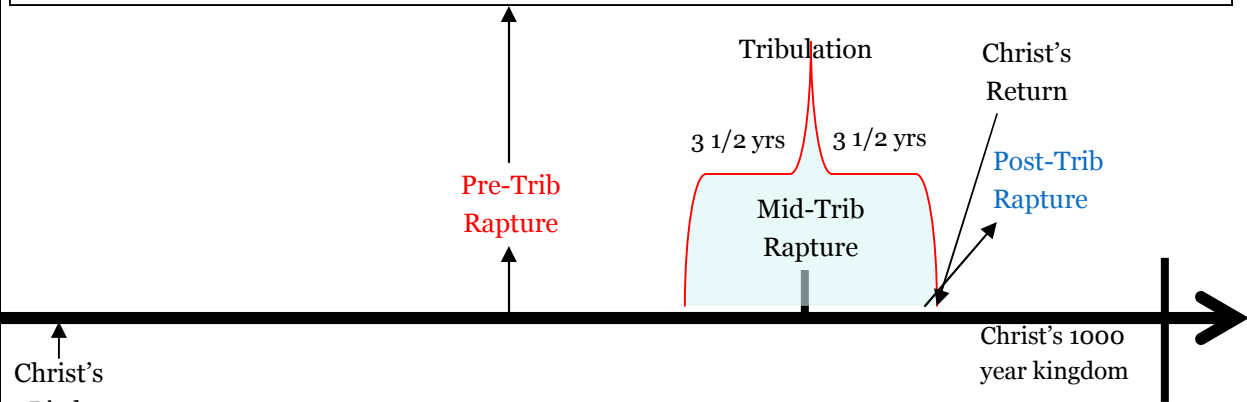


THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

Pre-Trib = Saints are in heaven, rewarded, married to Jesus and enjoying great fellowship with Him.



What is the Rapture of the Saints?

1. Christians will be _____. 1 Thess 4:16-17
2. Christian will be _____. 1 Cor 15:51-53, Phil 3:20-21

When will the Rapture Happen?

- A. Let's first look at the rapture in reference to Christ's return.
1. Pre-trib and the mid-trib say Jesus' return has two aspects separated by a span of years
 - *pre-trib = 7 or more years
 - *mid-trib = 3 1/2 years
 2. Pre-trib says He comes **for** His saints at the rapture and He then comes **with** His saints at the end of the tribulation.
 - *the 1st aspect of His coming **for** His saints is called His **appearing**
 - *the 2nd aspect of His coming **with** His saints is called His **revelation (He comes in great power and glory)**
 3. The question we must ask is "Does the Scripture indeed teach that there are two aspects to Christ's return or is His return one single event?"
- B. There are three words used in the New Testament to speak of Christ's return.
1. **Parousia** = appearing, coming
Pre-trib says Jesus comes in His *parousia* to rapture His church, take them to heaven and reward them
(P1) 1 Thess 4:15-18, **(P2)** 2 Thess 2:8, **(P3)** 1 Thess 3:13, **(P4)** Matt 24:27-31
 2. **Apocalypse** = revelation
The Pre-trib says Jesus comes at the end of the Tribulation at His *apocalypse* to judge the wicked— **(A1)** 1 Cor 1:7-9, **(A2)** 2 Thess 1:6-9, **(A3)** 1 Peter 4:13, **(A4)** 1 Peter 1:7,
 3. **Epiphany** = manifestation
The pre-trib says the *epiphany* of Jesus is after the tribulation and coincides with His revelation.
(E1) 2 Thess 2:8, **(E2)** 1 Tim 6:14, **(E3)** 1 Tim 4:8, **(E4)** Titus 2:13-14

CONCLUSION: THE PAROUSIA, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS ARE ONE EVENT THAT TAKES PLACE AFTER THE TRIBULATION.