

PROOF of the PRE-TRIB RAPTURE

Pre-Trib Rapture Cynics:

- No Rapture, Rapture Deniers!
- Rapture Myth, Thomas Nelson Darby and Tim LaHaye
- Ignorant (Simple, Willful, Systemic, or Propaganda 'Disinformation' Ignorance)

Simple Ignorance: Simple ignorance refers to a lack of knowledge about a particular subject or topic. It can occur due to various reasons such as lack of exposure, limited education, or lack of interest.

Willful Ignorance: Willful ignorance occurs when individuals deliberately choose to ignore or avoid certain information or knowledge. This can be due to discomfort with the topic, ideological bias, or a desire to maintain existing beliefs or worldviews at the expense of truth.

Systemic Ignorance: Systemic ignorance refers to ignorance that is perpetuated or reinforced by social, cultural, political, or institutional structures. It can result from unequal access to education, information, resources, and opportunities.

Propaganda Ignorance: False or misleading information deliberately spread to deceive or manipulate people. Propaganda aims to influence opinions or behavior in favor of a particular agenda by spreading disinformation. Propaganda is used to shape public perceptions, sway opinions, and undermine trust in doctrine or individuals.

Darby and LaHaye

John Nelson Darby (1800–1882) was an influential figure in 19th-century Christian theology, particularly known for his role in popularizing dispensationalism and the concept of the rapture.

Darby did not invent the Rapture doctrine; he simply revived the Rapture doctrine after having been suppressed by the church of Rome for 1500 years.

Tim LaHaye popularized the Pre-Trib Rapture doctrine with his Left Behind series.

Pre-Trib Rapture Key Points

1. God's Wrath.
2. The Gospel (Current, Tribulation).
3. The Restrainer.

1. God's Wrath

Who are the intended recipients of God's wrath?

John 3:36 KJV - "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Romans 1:18 KJV - "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"

Ephesians 5:6 KJV - "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

Colossians 3:6 KJV - "For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:"

The wrath of God comes upon:

1. The ungodly
2. The unrighteous
3. The disobedient
4. Those who hold the truth in unrighteousness (the suppression or distortion of truth by people who live in unrighteousness or sin; immoral behavior or rebellion against God's standards)
5. Those who do not believe in Jesus, the Son of God, as Savior

Proof texts for the Pre-Trib Rapture

Romans 5:9 KJV - "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

1 Thessalonians 1:10 KJV - "And 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 5:9 KJV - "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"

When will the Wrath of God come?

Revelation 6:16-17 KJV - "And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

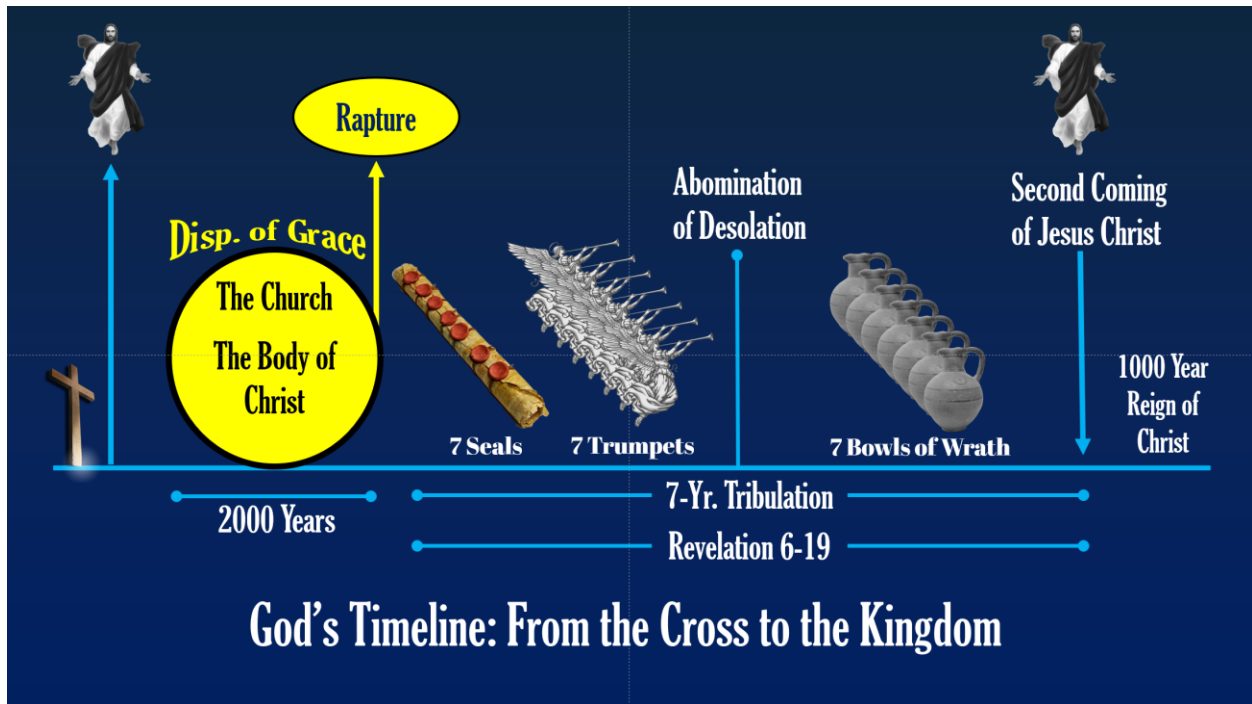
The great day of God's wrath begins with the opening of the 7 sealed scroll in Revelation Ch. 6. The breaking of the first seal begins the 7-year Tribulation. The wrath of God begins with the Wrath of the Lamb as He, Jesus, breaks the first seal.

Many are under the delusion that the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation will be life as usual. But such is not the case. The seal judgments are as follows:

- White horse - Antichrist – sent forth to conquer
- Red horse – War – peace taken from the earth
- Black horse – Famine – many die
- Pale horse – Death and hell follows close
- 5th Seal – Martyrs – Slain for their testimony
- 6th Seal – Terror and calamity
- 7th Seal – 7 Trumpet judgments

"And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." - Revelation 6:7-8 KJV

Chart: God's Timeline: From the Cross to the Kingdom



Jesus, the Lamb of Revelation chapter 6, begins the wrath of God by bringing the Antichrist, war, famine, death, martyrdom, terror and calamity to the earth via the breaking of the 6 seals.

That same Jesus, the head of the church, the body of Christ, shall deliver us from the Antichrist, war, famine, death, martyrdom, terror and calamity by the Pre-Trib Rapture!

2. The Current Gospel

During this present Dispensation of Grace, the only operational gospel is found in 1st Corinthians:

1 Corinthians 15:1–4 KJV - "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

The foundation of our gospel of grace is:

1. Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sin.
2. He rose from the dead on the third day.

Our current gospel focuses on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

But what did Jesus say about the gospel of the Tribulation?

The Tribulation Gospel

Matthew 24:13–14 KJV - "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Jesus, in His Olivet discourse to His disciples, clearly stated that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the world during the Tribulation as a witness against humanity and then the end shall come.

Matthew 3:2 KJV - "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17 KJV - "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 9:35 KJV - "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

The 2 Gospels

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- Jesus died on the cross as payment for our sin.
- He rose from the dead on the third day.

The gospel of the kingdom is, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Obviously, these two gospels are not the same. The gospel of grace pertains to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The gospel of the kingdom pertains to the restoration of the kingdom promised to Israel.

For the gospel of the kingdom to be preached once again, the present gospel of grace must be brought to its fulfillment and closed.

The rapture of the church closes the preaching of the gospel of grace as the church, the body of Christ is relocated to heavenly places.

After the rapture, the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached again as God turns His attention back to Israel during the 7-year Tribulation.

The end times preaching of the gospel of the kingdom is proof of a Pre-Trib Rapture!

3. The Restrainer

2 Thessalonians 2:6–7 KJV - "And now ye know what withholdeth that he (the man of sin, the son of perdition v. 3) might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (restrains) will let, until he be taken out of the way."

The revealing of the man of sin, the son of perdition, the Antichrist is presently being restrained by the Holy Spirit working through the body of Christ during the dispensation of Grace.

The Holy Spirit who indwells the church, the body of Christ are both "taken out of the way" at the Rapture. Then God allows the Antichrist to be revealed thus beginning the 7-year Tribulation.

3 Pre-Trib Rapture Proofs!

- 1. The church, the body of Christ, deliverance from God's wrath!**
- 2. The reinstatement of the gospel of the kingdom during the Tribulation!**
- 3. The restraining presence of the church, the body of Christ shall be taken out of the way for the revealing of the Antichrist.**