

## A Careful Study of the End Times:

### The Rapture, Part 3

#### 5 REASONS WHY I NO LONGER BELIEVE IN A PRE-TRIBULATIONAL RAPTURE:

1. THE SCRIPTURES THAT WERE USED TO TEACH ME ABOUT IT WERE USED OUT OF CONTEXT.
2. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE THE RAPTURE IN THE CHURCH IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TAUGHT IT FIRST
3. THE GREEK WORDING DOESN'T ALLOW FOR TWO COMINGS OF CHRIST.
4. IT IS NOT TAUGHT IN CHURCH HISTORY
  
5. IT TELLS THE CHURCH TO PREPARE FOR ESCAPE RATHER THAN ENDURANCE.

*All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.<sup>6</sup> God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you<sup>7</sup> and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels.<sup>8</sup> He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.<sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might<sup>10</sup> on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.*

*2 Thessalonians 1:5-9 (NIV)*

*It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.*

*Revelation 13:7 (NIV)*

*I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people ,the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.*

*Revelation 17:6 (NIV)*

*They triumphed over him  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony;  
they did not love their lives so much  
as to shrink from death.*

*Revelation 12:11 (NIV)*

*For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NIV)*

*But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:8-10 (NIV)*

*Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.*

*John 3:36 (NIV)*

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.*

*Romans 1:18-19 (NIV)*

*They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

*Acts 14:21-22 (NIV)*

*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

*John 16:33 (NIV)*

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning;<sup>[E]</sup> they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

*Hebrews 11:35-38 (NIV)*

*And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.*

*<sup>8</sup> "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."*

*Revelation 21:5-8 (NLT)*