

THE MIDTRIBULATION RAPTURE VIEW

- I. Definition. Ch, invisible body, will be raptured from earth in middle of 70th week.
- II. Exponents
N.B. Harrison, The End--Rethinking the Rapture. J.O. Buswell, Geo Peters, Ockenga, Archer. *M. Tenney*.
- III. Points of agreement with pretrib
 1. Rapture is distinct event from 2nd advent.
 2. Restrainer of 2 Thess 2 is HS
 3. Ch will be delivered from wrath
- IV. Points of agreement with posttrib
 1. Ch is promised trib on earth.
 2. Ch needs purging.
 3. Ch is on earth after Rev. 4:1
- V. Arguments for the view
 - A. Scriptures do not teach doctrine of imminency. X can't return in lifetime of Peter nor until missionary program completed.
 - B. Ch is promised tribulation
Matt 24:9-11; John 15:18-19; 16:33. Harrison admits Jn 16:33 non-technical sense, yet covers entire age incl part of trib.
 - C. Programs for Is and ch overlap
True at inception--overlapped from 30-70 A.D. So true at end.
 - D. Nature of seals and trumpets is not that of divine wrath.
Seals and trumpets never called wrath tho bowls are. Not until Rev 11:18.
 - E. Duration of trib is 3½ yrs.
1st half peaceful time for Is under treaty. Wrath not until breaking of it.
 - F. Rapture is in Rev 11
2 witnesses are symbolic of larger company of witnesses and rep 2 groups: dead and living at rapture.
 - G. Last trumpet of 1 Cor 15:52 = 7th trumpet of Rev 11:15

single	one of a series
brief	extended
issues in blessing	issues in judgment
no earthquake	earthquake