

GREAT TRIBULATION

Tract C6

What does the bible say about the gathering of the elect?

Are Christians supposed to be looking for our blessed Savior's return, or our own personal exit? Isn't it our job to be here?

John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

TRIBULATION

In Indonesia 3 teenage girls were beheaded on their way to their Christian school and their heads left on the steps of a Church. The note left behind reads: "We will murder 100 more Christian teenagers and their heads will be presented as presents."

"Once again, women are the targets. In mid-March, rebels assaulted three women gathering firewood and cut off their ears, lips, and breasts."

"Starting in 2003, Janjaweed Arabs, a Sudan-backed militia, have driven 2 million villagers from their homes in ethnic-cleansing attacks designed to suppress local rebels."

"Eyewitness accounts detailing the militia attacks are horrifying.

"They killed my 3-year-old son right in front of my eyes," one father from West Darfur said.

Since last fall, women have reported more than 500 rapes.

Three women said five militiamen beat and raped them last August.

The women said, 'After they abused us, they told us that now we would have Arab babies. And, if they would find any [more] women, they would rape them again to change the color of their children.'"

I will remain humbly honored to remain my brother John's fellow partaker in THE tribulation and in THE kingdom and endurance of Jesus Christ:

(NASB): Revelation 1:9 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in **the** tribulation and kingdom and perseverance {which are} in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

The following "the"s are definite articles:

(Greek/English Interlinear (**tr**) NT)
Revelation 1:9 I egw <1473> {I} iwannhV <2491> {JOHN,} o <3588> {WHO} kai <2532> {ALSO} adelfoV <80> {BROTHER} umwn <5216> {YOUR} kai <2532> {AND} sugkoinwnoV <4791> {FELLOW PARTAKER} en <1722> {IN} th <3588> {THE} qliyei <2347> {TRIBULATION} kai <2532> {AND} en <1722> {IN} th <3588> {THE} basileia <932>

{KINGDOM} kai <2532> {AND} upomonh <5281> {ENDURANCE} ihsou <2424> {OF JESUS} cristou <5547> {CHRIST,}....

1 Chronicles 15:51-52 Behold, I shew you a mystery; **We** shall not all sleep, but **we** shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and **we** shall be changed.

At the last trump. Not a few trumps before the last but at the last trump, and if there is any **THEY** group I am pretty confident I would not want to be in it.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then **we** which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall **we** ever be with the Lord.

Note the **WE** [again]. Paul was speaking to the Church of which he was part and we have every scriptural reason to believe that we also includes us. You and I and the rest of the church are the **WE**.

The Olivet Discourse again demonstrates the order:

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time.

Matthew 24:29 Immediately **after the tribulation** of those days ... the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

Matthew 24:30 they shall see the **Son of man coming** in the clouds

Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a **great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- (1) Great tribulation.
- (2) After the tribulation.
- (3) Son of man coming
- (3) Great trumpet
- (5) Gather together elect

Clearly the book of Matthew would have to be rewritten to support more than one gathering of the elect.

Look at 1 Thess 4:16 again:

"...the Lord shall descend from heaven..."

Matthew 24:30 And **then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven**: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

"...with the voice of the archangel..."

Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the **voice of the seventh angel**, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:15 And **the seventh angel sounded**; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for

ever and ever.

Rev 16:17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

"... trump of God..."

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Matthew 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet [a great trumpet, NASB], and they shall **gather together his elect** from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

More on this section of the Olivet Discourse can be found on it's own page here.

Additionally, are 7-year future tribulation doctrine holders expected to believe that in the future **yet a different billion and a half people will also be united in antichrist by religion**, and that there will be **yet another - future - "man" AND "beast" AND "false prophet" that some of whom will also identify themselves with the number 666**, that will build yet **another abomination on the temple mount**, (see Tract C5 "The Rebuilt Temple") during some *future* 7-year period of tribulation?

With two million saints killed in the Sudan alone are we to continue to look somewhere over the horizon for a "future" shedding of the blood of the saints and martyrs as hundreds more fall to the knife, around the world, every day?

POP-DOCTRINE

More importantly the Bible instructs:

Job 8:8 For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: 9 (For we [are but of] yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth [are] a shadow:)

But when we look to the fathers of the former age we find only an absence of historical support for the pre-tribulation rapture.

Dr. Harry Ironside of Moody Bible Institute, himself an ardent supporter of the Ribera-Lacunza-Macdonald-Darby-Scofield eschatological scheme, admitted in his *Mysteries of God*, p.50:

"... until brought to the fore through the writings of . . . Mr. J. N. Darby, the doctrine taught by Dr. Scofield [i.e., the Seven-Year Tribulation theory] **is scarcely to be found in a single book throughout a period of 1600 years**. If any doubt this statement, let them search, as the writer has in measure done, the remarks of **the so-called Fathers, both pre- and post-Nicene, the theological treatises of the scholastic divines . . . the literature of the reformation . . . the Puritans. He will find the 'mystery' conspicuous by its absence.**"

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