

"Will Christians Go Through the Tribulation?"

This is one of the toughest questions in all the Bible. Many Bible teachers see the answer differently. Let's explore what the Bible actually says.

Quick Definitions: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

- **The Rapture** – Christ's coming to _____ to be with Him. **John 14:3**
- **The Second Coming/The Return of/the Glorious Appearing** – with the purpose to rescue _____ and destroy the _____.
- **The Tribulation** - the last _____ of earth's history/Antichrist's reign.
- **Pre-Tribulation Rapture** – Christians _____ to Heaven at the beginning of the Tribulation.
- **Mid-Tribulation** – Christians caught up _____.
- **Post-Tribulation** – Christians caught up at the _____.

Things that suggest a Pre-Tribulation Rapture:

1. Jesus' promise: – "I will _____ from the hour of temptation which will come upon the whole earth." **Rev. 3:10**
2. Christians are not appointed to _____. **1 Thess. 1:10, 5:9**
(_____ X's in Scripture) ("born again" – 3 X's)
3. The issue of _____. (whole idea is "_____")
 - a. Jesus' coming for His Church will be _____ and unexpected like a "thief in the night" **1 Thess. 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10**
 - b. The believers in Thessalonica were afraid they _____ His Return. **2 Thess. 2:1-2**
 - c. "He will come in an hour when you do _____ He will" **Mt. 24:44**
 - d. The Rapture comes during a time of _____.
1 Thess. 5:3, Luke 17:26-30, Mt. 24:37-39
 - The Second Coming comes in the midst of terrible _____.
Rev. 19:11-21
 - e. the Rapture comes when one would _____ it. **Mt. 24:36 – "angels don't know"**
The Second Coming only comes after all signs have been fulfilled, and then there is _____ He is right at the door. **Mt. 24:30-33**
 - f. Believers during the Trib. should be able to _____ the days and know the _____ day of his Return/Glorious Appearing.
Daniel 9:26-27, Rev. 13:6
4. When Jesus spoke about His return the examples He used were His loved ones who were _____ away from harm.
Luke 19:26-30 "So it will be ..." Noah, Lot

5. The picture of the Jewish _____.
The Jewish bride was taken to the Father's house where the two were in seclusion for _____.
6. The Church is _____ in Revelation chapters 4-18
 - a. Mentioned _____ times in first three chapters
 - b. Not mentioned again until Ch. 19 when she returns to earth with her _____ at His Glorious Appearing.
7. The Rapture of the Church could be the _____ for the Antichrist's takeover and his new world order.
8. The meaning of the Greek word "aphistemi" in **2 Thess. 2:3** could mean: "the Gathering to Him" (v.1) ... unless the _____ come first. then the Man of Lawless is revealed"

Reasons for a Post-Tribulation Rapture. (next week)