

End Times Prophecy

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“How we know the church will NOT GO THROUGH any part of the 7 year tribulation

This is the Time of God's wrath upon the earth. 1Thess 1:10; 5:9;

The comforting truth for the dearly beloved Bride of Christ is the imminent, **pre-tribulation** doctrine of the "Blessed Hope" (Titus 2:13; 1Thessalonians 4:16-18)

1). The word "church" is 30 Times in first 3 chapters of Revelation, no mention again until chapter 19. Chapters 6-19 detail the plagues of the Tribulation.

2). The church is called the "bride" of Christ-Ephesians 5:23-28; Revelation 19:7,8; preposterous to say Christ would beat up His bride before the marriage supper of the Lamb.

3). The church is Christ's body-He is the head; would not beat His body before taking it to heaven.

"Battle of Armageddon" marks the close of the Tribulation. (Revelation 16:14; 19:17)
This event is con-current with the "Second Coming" of Jesus Christ to the earth in Revelation 19.

Reasons why the Rapture and Second Coming are different events:

God distinguishes in Word between church & Israel - O.T. Jews were to evangelize, today - church; Tribulation-the Jews- Revelation 7 Tribulation-Revelation 6-19 - church mentioned 30 Times in first five chapters - zero Times in Revelation 6-19 - church is absent!

Second coming - visible whole earth (Revelation 1:7), Rapture just believers see Him.

Second coming - height of global war, Rapture - anytime

Second coming - touch earth at Mt. Olivet (Zechariah 14:4), Rapture meet Lord in Air.

Second coming - sets up His kingdom (Matthew 25), people saved during Tribulation enter kingdom; Rapture all saints leave.

Contrast:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Rapture

Revelation 19:11-19 - Second Coming