

## Strong Evidence or Strong Delusion\*

1 Thess. 4:13-18 reads: "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, **comfort one another with these words.**"

At this late hour, followers of Christ are commanded to believe in and trust Christ's certain promise. Yet, everywhere, scoffers ask, "Where **is** the promise of His coming?" (2 Pet 3:3-9, Hab 2:3, Isa 30:18, Rom 2:4)

Paul assures the eternal Body of Christ, starting with members in Thessalonica, of **seven promises**:

1. Our blessed hope is certain
2. Jesus precedes us in resurrection
3. Jesus Himself speaks this to us
4. The saved in the grave are not left out
5. Jesus will gather His own in the air
6. Then, we are with the Lord forever
7. These are comforting promises

These promises are strong evidence of the faithfulness of God to keep His Word. His character is revealed in this certain **change in body**, promised all believers in Christ, —those in the grave, those here now, and those yet to be born. These promises signify the transitional climax of the glorious, sovereign plan of redemption, willed from eternity past. 216 of 260 NT chapters reference Christ's Coming!

Why would any believer fail to embrace the security these promises affirm? Are they embarrassed to believe? Afraid? Confused? Indifferent? Lacking in knowledge? **The Bible warns against all these.** Actually, **disobedience** is a main reason **some** 'claiming' Christ still refuse to believe and preach these promises. Siding with scoffers, **they choose to believe one of several lies**, allowing the Deceiver to rob them and dilute their witness. **They allow Lucifer's fiction to replace simple truth.** Do you believe any of the following prominently **taught lies**? Flee from these errors and **believe the truth!**

**1.** The Rapture is a myth (calling God a liar.) See Num 23:19, 1 Sam 15:29. **2.** The Rapture is postponed. Christ's Bride will live in fear for three and half years, praying she will be rescued prior to the outpouring of God's wrath. **3.** The Bride barely survives the Tribulation, Jesus having allowed her to be dismembered and diminished. **4.** The Rapture is not an immanent event; it is openly viewed at Jesus' predictably-timed Coming, presenting Christ a ravaged and tortured Bride.

These are the only 'options' one is left with when the clear meaning of scripture is twisted, ignored, incorrectly interpreted or obfuscated by *those who falsely claim God has not revealed in His Word* the gathering of the saints **prior** to the onset of seven years of judgment. Further, lack of biblically accurate preaching on this doctrine NOW contributes to the false explanations that will be offered later by those left behind after the Body is gathered out of the world to meet her Bridegroom.

Non PreTrib teachings are based on a false declaration that varying teachings on end time prophecy are equally plausible. This is not possible. The Law of Non Contradiction **rules out the possibility that ALL believers believe correctly, no matter what they believe.** This is the 'Pan-Trib' position, "everything will pan out..." This position provides us a good laugh, but stands in opposition to the clarity of God's revealed Word. It leads to an indifferent and ignorant walk and even affects those who have not yet heard or responded to the Good News. The Bible is *never unclear*. It is man who lacks wisdom.

Failing to affirm the truth of the Pre-Trib Rapture contributes to the **false believers'** future ability to seamlessly merge into and support the next prophetic event after the Body is removed. These false believers will adversely influence some with error. **This is how:** The next prophecy fulfilled after the Rapture will be the revelation of the Anti-Christ. False believers (tares hidden NOW in the true wheat, **who will not be gathered** by the Bridegroom at the Rapture) **will later claim** they correctly refused to believe "that false rapture teaching" before, and now, in the 'new age,' are even more committed to look for the coming of the 'real Lord' when he arrives. Yet, they will be preparing for Lord Maitreya, the anti-Messiah, NOT the only true Jesus Christ of the Bible.

**Many false answers will be offered to explain the absence of so many bodies after the Rapture.** Pseudo-scientific, mystical, and conspiracy theories are being concocted now, indoctrinating millions who will remain clue less. These theories are not Bible prophecy. They are the work of false teachers who take a little truth (a point here and there from the Bible) and mix with a lot of error. These theories teach **approximately when, how and why huge numbers of people may suddenly be missing from the earth**. Some of the countless theories range from alien abduction to humans possessing the ability to become 'invisible', i.e., astral travel, to slaughter and disposal of bodies by globalists, and even theories that 'Mother Earth' swallowed up those with 'reptilian brains' or who are expendable, not capable or worthy of 'getting with' the NEW 'prophesied paradigm shift'. **After the Body of Christ is snatched from the earth, most left will NOT believe what just happened IS prophesied in the Bible.** False believers will be able to bring those who are now perishing right along into false faith, in the false messiah. Paul identifies the deluded, hopeless ones, lacking faith:

"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception **among those who perish**, because they did not receive the love of the truth, **that they might be saved**. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should **believe the lie**, that **they** all may be condemned who **did not believe the truth** but...unrighteousness." (2 Thess. 2:7-12)

Prevenient delusion & confusion was observed after 9-11 and the recent Tsunami. "Where is my loved one?" was asked, over and over, when it was as plain as day, they were *gone*. After the near (immanent) gathering of the saints, all left will be told, "It's time to look ahead, not back, to embrace the coming prince." The error, spoken NOW, that scripture does not teach the Pre-Trib rapture of the Body of Christ will later reap what it has sown: spiritual death for those taking the mark of the anti-christ's system.

The most frequent criticism leveled against PreTrib teaching is this accusation: "**Those who believe** in a Rapture are **weak**, daily trusting God to provide them an **escape from the wrath they deserve to suffer but hopefully believe they'll be spared.**" Read that again!. Doesn't this describe the Body of Christ (Heb 2:15) and the essence of her hope? **This hope PURIFIES** (1 John 3:3). It is patently wrong to believe lies spoken against God's Pre-Trib Rapture. **False Rapture views tell two lies:** **1.** Divine promises are not to be trusted, therefore giving permission to malign God's character, His perfect, holy, merciful, and just existence and attributes.) **2.** Christ's atoning sacrifice is **insufficient**, meaning the Bride must **add to Christ's perfect atoning sacrifice**. This is a form of works salvation, *not* salvation by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone. *Other Rapture 'options' are damnable lies.*

What is *another reason* some refuse to believe God's promises? **They believe "in vain."** They lack saving faith (2 Cor. 6:1). "Let us examine ourselves, whether we be in the faith" (2 Cor. 13:5). "Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness (Luke 11:35). "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Heb 3:12).

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