

- PROBLEM PASSAGES -

THE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES - WHICH
THE PARTIAL RAPTORIST USE - TO SUPPORT
THIS VIEW - NEEDS UNDERSTANDING -

[LUKE 21:36]

WATCH ^{WANT} THEREFORE - AND PRAY ALWAYS
- THAT YE MAY BE ACCOURED ^{WORTHY} - TO
ESCAPE - ALL THOSE THINGS THAT SHALL
COME TO PASS - AND TO STAND BEFORE THE
SON OF MAN"

NOTICE

THE THINGS TO BE ESCAPED ARE THEY
JUDGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH "THAT DAY"
(VS 34) THAT IS - THE DAY OF THE LORD -
DEFINED: (VS 35) AND "FOR IT WILL COME
UPON "ALL" WHO LIVE UPON THE FACE
OF THE ENTIRE WORLD"

THE DAY OF THE LORD - IDENTIFIES
EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE AT THE END
OF HISTORY - [REV 16:16]

FOR THEY ARE THE SPIRITS
OF DEVILS - WORKING MIRACLES - WHICH
GO FORTH UNTO THE KINGS OF THE EARTH
AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD - TO GATHER
THEM - TO THE BATTLE - OF "THAT -
GREAT DAY OF GOD ALMIGHTY"

- AND -

[ACTS 2:20]

"THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD
 - BEFORE THAT GREAT AND NOTABLE
 - 'DAY OF THE LORD' COMES"

- THE PRIMARY REFERENCE IS TO THE NATION OF ISRAEL -

[MATT 24:41-42]

TWO WOMEN SHALL BE GRINDING AT THE MILL - ONE SHALL BE TAKEN AND THE OTHER LEFT. WATCH THEREFORE:
 "YE KNOW NOT THE HOUR YOUR LORD DOETH COME"

AGAIN - THIS PASSAGE IS IN THAT DISCOURSE - IN WHICH THE LORD OUTLINES HIS PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL WHO IS ALREADY IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD.

ONE IS TAKEN TO JUDGEMENT - ONE FOR THE MILLENNIAL BLESSING -

[HEBREWS 9:28]

"UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM - SHALL HE APPEAR THE SECOND TIME"

"WHO ARE THOSE THAT LOOK FOR HIM"
 AS USED HERE - "THOSE THAT BELIEVE"

"THEM" THAT LOOK FOR HIM -- ARE --
 "SYNONYMOUS" WITH BELIEVERS OR
 THE CHURCH --

~~BECAUSE~~ -- BECAUSE --
 THIS ATTITUDE CONSTITUTES THE NORMAL
 ATTITUDE OF GOD'S REDEEMED --
 BELIEVERS ARE THOSE WHO LOOK FOR
 THE SAVIOR (PHIL 3:20) OR AND ANTICIPATE
 THE "BLESSED HOPE" (TITUS 2:13)

THOSE WHO LOOK FOR HIM ARE NOT --
 "CONTRASTED" WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT
 LOOK FOR HIM IN THIS PASSAGE --

IT SIMPLY

TEACHES THAT AS HE APPEARED ONCE
 TO PUT AWAY SIN (VS 26) AND NOW APPEARS
 IN HEAVEN FOR US (VS 24) -- TO THAT SAME
 GROUP HE WILL AGAIN APPEAR (VS 28) --
 TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF "REDEMPTION" --
 THIS CONCLUDES --

THAT THE SAME GROUP TO WHOM HE APPEARED
 -- AND FOR WHOM HE NOW APPEARS -- WILL
 BE THE ONE TO WHOM HE WILL APPEAR --

[2 TIMOTHY 4:8]

"UNTO ALL THEM ALSO -- THAT LOVE
 HIS APPEARING"

THIS IS ANOTHER SCRIPTURE THE
 PARTIAL RAPTORIST USE --

— HOWEVER —

TAKE NOTE -- THE SUBJECT OF THE RAPTURE -- IS NOT THE SUBJECT IN VIEW -- BUT -- RATHER THE QUESTION OF REWARDS --

"HENCEFORTH -- THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME -- "A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS" WHICH THE LORD SHALL GIVE ME -- AT THAT DAY" --

PAUL WAS LOOKING AHEAD TO THE "JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST" WHERE THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUS -- WILL BE GIVEN -- FOR HIS MINISTRY --

-- AND TAKE NOTICE --

[2 COR 5:10]

"FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR" -- BEFORE -- THE JUDGEMENT SEAT OF -- "CHRIST"

THAT EVERY ONE MAY RECEIVE -- HIS "REWARD" -- ACCORDING TO WHAT EACH "INDIVIDUALLY" HAS DONE -- IN THE BODY -- [IN THIS LIFE] WHETHER GOOD OR EVIL -- CONSIDERING

WHAT HIS PURPOSE AND MOTIVE HAVE BEEN -- AND WHAT HE HAS ACHIEVED" -- AND THUS

ALL BELIEVERS WILL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGEMENT OF CHRIST --

THIS

IS NOT REFERRING TO A ~ PARTIAL RAPTURE

THE POSTTRIBULATION THEORY

- THE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE ON THE EARTH
UNTIL THE SECOND COMING (ADVENT) OF CHRIST -

REESE STATES:

"THE CHURCH OF CHRIST... WILL NOT BE
REMOVED FROM THE EARTH UNTIL THE
ADVENT OF CHRIST... AT THE VERY END OF
THIS PRESENT AGE... THE RAPTURE AND
THE APPEARING - TAKE PLACE AT THE
SAME CRISIS... THE CHRISTIANS OF THAT
GENERATION - WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE
FINAL AFFLICION - UNDER ANTICHRIST -"

- THE REASONS THIS CANNOT BE RIGHT -

① POSTTRIBULATIONISM - MUST BE BASED
ON A DENIAL OF DISPENSATIONALISM -
AND ALL OF ITS DISTINCTIONS - WHY -
BECAUSE THIS IS THE ONLY WAY... THE
CHURCH - CAN BE PLACED IN THAT PERIOD
OF THE "TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE" -
[JER 30:7] WHICH IS THE TRIBULATION -

② THUS - WE SEE THIS POSITION RESTS
ON A DENIAL OF THE DISTINCTIONS
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH -
- WHICH -
CANNOT BE RIGHT -

THE MIDTRIBULATION RAPTURE

ACCORDING TO THIS POSITION - THE CHURCH WILL BE RAPTURED AT THE END OF THE FIRST THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK OF DANIEL -

THIS RAPTURE IS SAID TO OCCUR IN CONNECTION OF THE WRATH OF GOD AT THE LAST HALF OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK - THIS WILL BE AT THE SOUND OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET - AND THE CATCHING UP OF THE "TWO WITNESSES" IN [REV 11] -

LET US NOTICE --

THIS POSITION DENYS THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH - BECAUSE IT PLACES THE CHURCH IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK PERIOD OF DANIEL -

THIS DIVIDES THE TRIBULATION INTO TWO "SEPARATED" - AND "UNRELATED" HALVES - SO THAT THE FIRST HALF CAN RELATE TO THE CHURCH - BUT NOT THE SECOND - AND ALL THE SIGNS OF THE FIRST HALF - "APPLY" TO THE CHURCH - AND MUST "DENY" THE "IMMINENCE" WHICH IS

• THE IMMINENCE OF CHRIST'S RETURN -

WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT DANIEL GAVE NOTICE THAT THE SEVENTIETH WEEK WAS TO BE BROKEN INTO TWO PARTS [DAN 9:27]

"HE SHALL MAKE A STRONG COVENANT WITH MANY FOR ONE WEEK AND FOR HALF OF THE WEEK HE SHALL MAKE SACRIFICE AND OFFERINGS CEASE. AND IN THEIR PLACE SHALL BE AN ABOMINATION THAT DESOLATES UNTIL THE DECREED END IS POURED OUT UPON THE DESOLATOR"

YET

- NOWHERE IN SCRIPTURES IS THIS PERIOD DIVIDED INTO TWO UNRELATED PARTS - EACH WITH A DIFFERENT CHARACTERIZATION

THE

MIDTRIBULATION THEORY ESSENTIALLY DIVIDES THE SEVENTIETH WEEK INTO - TWO DISASSOCIATED PARTS ALL THE WHILE STILL CALLING IT THE 70TH WEEK HOLDING THAT

THE CHURCH WILL GO THROUGH THE FIRST BECAUSE THE FIRST HALF OF THE 70TH WEEK HAS DIFFERENT "CHARACTERIZATION" THAT THE SECOND HALF OF THE 70TH WEEK

THIS IS

IMPOSSIBLE TO DO - FOR IN SCRIPTURE THIS 70TH WEEK IS DEALT WITH AS A UNIT -

-- AS FAR AS ITS CHARACTER IS --
CONCERNED --

— EVEN THOUGH —
IT IS DIVIDED AS TO THE TIME ELEMENTS
AND THE DEGREE OF INTENSITY — OF
THE WRATH POURED OUT —

THE
UNITY — OF THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL
IN THE PROGRAM (PLAN) OF GOD
FOR ISRAEL PREVENTS US FROM
DIVIDING IT INTO —

— TWO SEPARATE PARTS —

ANOTHER THOUGHT — TO HOLD THAT
THE EVENTS — POURED OUT —
UNDER THE SEALS AND TRUMPETS
WILL BE VIEWED
AS — SWEET — TO ANYONE ~~GOING~~
GOING THROUGH — THESE —
— JUDGEMENTS —

THE ONLY WAY THIS VIEW IS —
ACCEPTABLE — OR — COULD BE
ACCEPTED —
— IS BY SPIRITUALIZATION —

AND NOT A LITERAL INTERPRETATION

ALSO — IT CAN BE SEEN —

THAT [REV 7:14] SEEMS TO GIVE -FINAL EVIDENCE - IN THAT PARENTHESIS - BETWEEN THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH SEAL - WHERE THE SCOPE OF THE WHOLE VISION IS GIVEN - THOSE SAVED IN THAT TIME ARE SAID TO HAVE COME OUT OF THE -- "GREAT TRIBULATION" --

- THIS SEEKS -

TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT THE TIME OF THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS IS -- "CONSIDERED"

- A PART OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD -

THE MIDTRIBULATION RAPTURISTS SAY THAT THE RAPTURE IS DESCRIBED IN [REVELATION 11]

TO SUPPORT THIS VIEW - THEY ARGUE THAT THE TWO WITNESSES - ARE SYMBOLIC OF

A LARGER COMPANY OF WITNESSES AND THEY REPRESENT TWO GROUPS -- THE DEAD AND THE LIVING - AT THE RAPTURE -

- THAT THE CLOUD REPRESENTS THE LORD'S PRESENCE - THE GREAT VOICE IS THE SHOUT OF [1THESS 4:16] AND - THE TRUMPET

IS THE ONE MENTIONED IN [1THESS 4:17]

- ALSO - BUT THIS WHO ARGUMENT

IS BY - ANALOGY -- (SIMILARITY) AND NOT

- BY BIBLICAL - "EXEGESIS" -

- TO HELP US UNDERSTAND - AND PUT
TO REST ... THE THEORY - I THINK
AN "EXEGESIS" OF [CH 10] IS A MUST -
WHY

- BECAUSE THIS CHAPTER IS ONE OF THE
MOST DIFFICULT - YET VERY IMPORTANT
CHAPTERS - IN THE REVELATION -
AND

CONCLUSIONS CANNOT BE ARRIVED AT
- HASTILY -

SO - - THE TWO WITNESSES -
WHO THEY SAY ARE SYMBOLIC -

- LET US TAKE NOTICE THAT [VS 14]
MARKS THE END OF A - PARENTHETICAL
PORTION - OF THE VISION BETWEEN
THE 6th AND 7th TRUMPETS -
"THIS PARENTHETICAL"
STARTS IN [CH 10:1 - 11:14]

WE WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERING
VS [3-12] OF REV II

- THE TWO WITNESSES -
WHO THE MIDTRIBULATIONIST SAY
REPRESENT ~~REPRESENT~~ A LARGER
GROUP OF WITNESS - DIVIDED
INTO TWO GROUPS - - THE

DEAD AND THE LIVING - AT THE RAPTURE -
BUT NOTICE

[VS 3] LET IT BE NOTED ... THAT THE TWO
WITNESSES - ARE NOT NAMED - IN
THAT HAD BEEN IMPORTANT - TO THE
TEXT - GOD WOULD PLAINLY HAVE TOLD US -

SUDDENLY

IN THE GREAT CITY - JERUSALEM - HERE
CALLED (VS 8) "SPIRITUALLY" - IS CALLED
- SODOM AND EGYPT - AND ALSO WHERE
OUR LORD WAS CRUCIFIED - "LITERALLY"
A CITY - NOTHING SYMBOLIC ABOUT THE
WITNESSES OR JERUSALEM -
- THESE WITNESSES -

① THE TWO WITNESSES ARE NOT THE LAW
AND THE GOSPEL - OR THE OLD AND THE
NEW TESTAMENT - FOR - THEY SPEAK -
THEY HAVE MOUTHS - THEY ARE HEARDENED
- HANDLED - AND HATED -

BY

NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION CAN
WE REGARD THESE WITNESS AS OTHER
THAT REAL PERSONS -

② THEY ARE PROPHETS - NOTICE THE
LORD CALLS THEM - MY TWO -
— WITNESSES -

THEY PROCLAIM CHRIST AND HIS
MESSAGE -- THEY PREACH TO MEN ON
EARTH -- THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM -

③ THEY ARE POWERFUL -- THEY ARE
GIVEN -- SUPERNATURAL POWER TO
DEFEND THEMSELVES -- UNTIL THEIR
WORK IS DONE -- UNTIL THEN -- THEY
ARE -- "IMMORTAL" -

④ THEY ARE KILLED -- [VS 7]
SO SIGNIFICANT -- WILL BE THE
TESTIMONY OF THE TWO WITNESSES
THAT THEIR DEATH -- AT THE HANDS OF
THE BEAST -- SHALL CAUSE AN
INTERNATIONAL STIR -- [A FEW
YEARS AGO -- WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL
-- THIS WAS A MYSTERY -- HOW COULD
THIS BE SEEN -- LIVE -- BUT NOW WE
KNOW --

THEIR BODIES WILL GO UNBURIED
AND LIE IN THE STREET OF JERUSALEM -
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ DAYS

THESE BODIES OF THE TWO --
WITNESS -- BECOME A SPECTACLE TO
ALL THE WORLD -- [VS 9]

"THE PEOPLE AND
KINREDS AND TONGUES AND NATIONS
-- SHALL SEE THEIR DEAD BODIES"

(5) THEY ARE RAISED - [V57]

THE ENEMIES OF GOD - WITNESS A DEMONSTRATION - OF DIVINE POWER - THAT THE BEAST CANNOT EQUAL -

ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD - WILL ACTUALLY WATCH - IN FEAR - AND IN HORROR - AS THEIR DEAD BODIES - COME BACK -

THEN

THEY WILL ACTUALLY WATCH ~~DEAD BODIES~~
THE TWO WITNESSES - ALIVE AND ASCENDING - INTO HEAVEN - ALIVE -

NEVER

BEFORE - IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD
HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE - WITNESSED -
SUCH A SIGHT -

[V513] "THE REMNANT WERE AFFRIGHTED -
AND GAVE GLORY TO - THE GOD OF HEAVEN"

CERTAINLY - THESE TWO WITNESSES -
ARE NOT "SYMBOLIC" - OF A LARGER
GROUP OF WITNESSES - DIVIDED IN
TWO GROUPS - THE DEAD & THE LIVING
THUS

THE MIDTRIBULATIONIST COULD NOT BE
OR RIGHT -

AN MUST BE REJECTED - -